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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
15th April 1875.

Laccadive Islands.

No. 42. Read the following letter from SULTAN ALI RAJAH of Cannanore, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated Cannanore, 1st March 1875 :—

I beg most respectfully to submit, herewith, for your Lordship's information, the duplicate of a letter I have this day addressed to the Collector of Malabar, with reference to his notice of demand of date the 24th instant, and beg your Excellency in Council will deign to pity my deplorable case, and pass an early order on my memorial of the 17th September 1873.

From SULTAN ALI RAJAH of Cannanore, to A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Cannanore, 1st March 1875.

With reference to your notice of demand of date the 24th instant, calling upon me to discharge within seven days from the date thereof the arrears of tribute with interest, amounting in all to Rupees, 60,289 I have the honor to observe that though I am willing to abide by the treaty of 1796, yet the acts of Government have deprived me of the means of meeting the above requisition, since I have not, for these many years, realized a single pie of the revenue of the Laccadive group, owing to Government having withdrawn the protection afforded to my trade for upwards of half a century, threatened me with a felon's doom in case of any disturbance arising from an attempt on my part to secure my interest and maintain my authority in the Islands, collected within the Karar, in direct violation of the above treaty, upwards of Rupees 30,000 in the shape of Municipal tax, despite my reiterated promise of attending to the conservancy of the above land on my being vested with Municipal authority ; under such circumstances I am at a loss how to meet the above demand.

2. If I could convert my blood into coin, or the base metals into gold, I would not have allowed the stipulated tribute to fall into arrears.

3. You are aware that I have suffered losses and indignities which no individual in my position has ever suffered, since one of my horses, which had cost me Rupees 600, was attached and sold for Rupees 410 for realizing the sum of Rupees 60, being the Municipal tax assessed on my property. On the 27th instant two additional horses of the value of Rupees 1,850 were in like manner sold—the one for Rupees 90, and the other *for six Rupees*—for the recovery of Rupees 600 and odd, together with the articles as per margin, and these acts of violence and injustice are, I regret to add, the bitter fruits of the Cannanore Municipality which His Excellency the Governor is of opinion will subserve the interest of my house.

Two pairs of Globe Lamps.	Two Bit Lines.
One Office Table.	Two Wooden Troughs.
One Lamp Ladder.	Two Gram Bags.
One Copper Pot weighing four lbs.	One Curry Comb.
Two Heel Ropes.	One Brush.

4. As I have been deprived of my revenue in Cannanore and left to deplore the predicament in which my Islands are just now left, I beg you will have the goodness to submit this letter for the kind and indulgent consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council ; cause a favorable order to be passed on my memorial of date the 17th September 1873, which has not as yet been disposed of, and at the same time refrain from enforcing the demand conveyed in the above notice pending a decisive order from Government on the subject.

Transferred to the Political Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
6th March 1875.

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt

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No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 15th April 1875, No. 232.

The Collector will explain to Sultan Ali Rajah that the attachment of the Islands for arrears of Peshkush was deliberately ordered by Government, and that they cannot recede from this decision.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright
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To the Board of Revenue &c.

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Govt. of {1875} Madras

POLITICAL.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR,

&c, &c., &c

Dated April, 15th.

Issued May 1st

Read. — 3d —

Encl.

G.O., 15th April 1875, No. 232.

APRIL.
Nos. 42-43.

Laccadive Islands.—Sultan Ali Rajah to be informed that the attachment of the Islands was deliberately ordered by Government, and that they cannot recede from this decision.

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