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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording Pro. Political Dept. authorizing the
Collector of Malabar to pay the Municipal taxes
due by the Ali Raja of Cannanore & directing
that the Govt of India be again addressed
regarding the future of the Laccadives.

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12TH AUGUST 1893, No. 548, POLITICAL.

CONFIDENTIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Read again—

G.O., &c., dated 7th November 1892, Nos. 624, 625, Political.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding to the Government of India, Foreign Department, statement showing the arrears of peshkash due by the Raja of Cannanore on the 1st July 1892.

Read—also the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 17th February 1893, Mis. No. 1128.

Read—the following paper:—

From H. BRADLEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Camp, Perintalmanna, 4th February 1893, Ref. on C. No. 19-IsL/93.

I have the honour to enclose a copy of letter, No. 371, dated January 25th, 1893, from the chairman of the municipal council, Cannanore, demanding Rs. 1,040-5-4 on account of the municipal taxes due by Ali Raja on account of the balance of his municipal tax for 1891-92 and his tax for 1892-93. I enclose a statement showing the amounts that have been paid on this account since 1879-80 under the authority of G.O., No. 338, dated August 2nd, 1880. The total amounts to Rs. 9,504-4-1.

2. I do not think the G.O. quoted above contemplates these annual payments from island funds, but as Ali Raja has taken to forwarding municipal bills to me for payment as they are received by him, I have the honour to request instructions.

3. The arrears due by Ali Raja now amount to Rs. 46,002-13-7 and they are increasing steadily. It appears almost impossible that they will ever be liquidated by the proceeds of the management of the islands.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing municipal tax paid to the Cannanore municipality on behalf of Ali Raja of Cannanore from fasli 1289 (1879-80) to fasli 1301.

Year.	Amount.		
	RS.	A.	P.
Fasli 1289 ..	607	1	1
" 1290 ..	Nil		
" 1291 ..	1,479	8	6
" 1292 ..	814	11	0
" 1293 ..	808	3	4
" 1294 ..	808	3	4
" 1295 ..	808	3	4
" 1296 ..	Nil		
" 1297 ..	1,393	5	2
" 1298 ..	772	0	0
" 1299 ..	529	11	8
" 1300 ..	727	2	10
" 1301 ..	756	1	10
Total ..	9,504	4	1

MALABAR COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Calicut, 6th February 1893.

(Signed) T. VARADA RAO,
for Collector.

Resolution—dated 17th February 1893, Mis. No. 1128.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Government being in correspondence with the Government of India and the Secretary of State regarding the future management of the Laccadives (*vide* G.O., dated 12th September 1892, No. 544, Political), the Board considers that, following the practice of the previous years, the municipal bill may be paid for the current year on behalf of the Raja.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. MEYER,
Ag. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with the Collector's letter and enclosures, in original, to be returned.

No. 63, Revenue.

Transferred to the Political Department.

(Signed) R. H. CAMPBELL,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

24th February 1893.

Reference on the above, dated 15th March 1893, No. 500.

It is observed that the annual peshkash payable by Ali Raja on account of the Laccadives is Rs. 10,000 and on the Cannanore lands Rs. 5,000. The Raja receives Rs. 5,250 per annum as compensation for the Canara islands.

The last mentioned sum and any surplus from the islands are apparently applied towards reducing the arrears of peshkash; any deficit being treated as an addition to the arrears.

It is not clear what sum the Raja receives from the island revenues. In the Board's endorsement read in G.O., dated 2nd August 1880, No. 338, it is stated that "Ali Raja is in receipt of a malikana of 20 per cent. on the normal revenue." Mr. Dumergue, however, in paragraph 3 of his letter, dated 9th November 1891, No. 502-P, appears to place the Raja's present interest in the islands at a moiety of the surplus revenue.

The Collector is requested to report fully upon the point. It should also be stated on what account the municipal taxes referred to in the Collector's letter, dated 4th February 1893, Ref. on C. No. 19-Isl./93, are levied and why they differ in amount from year to year.

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

From H. BRADLEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Calicut, 14th June 1893, No. 67 Gl./Isl. 93.

In reply to the memorandum from Government, dated March 15th, 1893, No. 500, I have the honour to report that the Raja at present receives nothing in cash from the island revenues. His peshkash is so much in arrears that the surplus revenue from the islands is not sufficient to pay the annual dues together with the interest on the arrears and the municipal taxes due on the lands within the municipality of Cannanore.

2. I cannot explain the meaning of the phrase "Ali Raja is in receipt of a malikana of 20 per cent. on the normal revenue" used in the Board's endorsement read in G.O., dated August 2nd, 1880, No. 338. It is possible that it refers

to the compensation of Rs. 5,250 received by him on account of the Aminidivi islands, for he receives nothing in the shape of malikana from this district.

3. In paragraph 3 of his letter, dated November 9th, 1891, No. 502-P, Mr. Dumergue, in calculating the present value of the islands, took the Raja's interest to be one-half of the average receipts for 16 years. This calculation was based on the fact that the peshkash payable on account of the islands (Rs. 10,000) was originally taken to be one-half of their net revenue, which was placed at Rs. 20,000.

4. At present the income from the islands including the malikana on account of the Aminidivis is sufficient to pay the peshkash due upon them and the municipal taxes if the Raja would pay the peshkash due upon the Cannanore lands, but this he has not attempted to do for the last 13 years. If he were to pay this portion of his peshkash and his municipal taxes the arrears of peshkash and the interest due upon them could be gradually paid off, but under present circumstances I can see no prospect of anything but a steadily increasing debt due from the Raja.

5. The last time any payment was made from the island funds to the Raja was under G.O., dated September 3rd, 1885, No. 620, and this is the only payment that has been made to him since the islands were sequestered in 1875.

6. The municipal taxes referred to in my letter, dated February 4th, 1893, Ref. on C. No. 19-Isl./1893, are levied upon the Cannanore lands and the houses upon them. The amounts vary from year to year partly owing to revision of the house and land tax and partly owing to collections from Ali Raja's tenants.

ORDER—dated 12th August 1893, No. 548, Political.

The Collector of Malabar will be authorised to pay the municipal taxes due by the Ali Raja up to the end of the current year.

2. The Government of India will be again addressed.

(True Extract.)

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Collector of Malabar.

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