

Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Receiving ^{and of} ~~order from~~ the Colon of Vizagapatam
submitting copy of letter from H. H. the Maharani
of Vizianagaram reporting her adoption of
a son.

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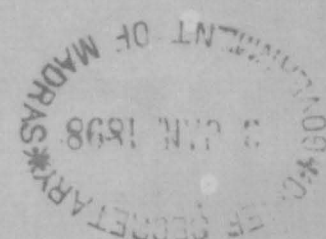
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SUBJECT.

This is a formal
intimation. It is curious
putting in a clause saying
that this is consultation
with under the advice of
the Hon. Mr. R. Narayan
"Neyan"

Submitting copy of letter from
H. N. the Maharani of Visianu-
-garam reporting her adoption
of a son

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Fort Visianagram

To W. O. Horne Esq,
Acting Collector
Visagapatam

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with the permission granted to me by His Highness The Maharajah Sri Vijianama Gajapatriya Maharaj, Maharaj Sultan Bahadur K. G. S. I. of Visianagram, my late revered consort, and with the wishes of my son, the late Maharajah, and in consultation with and under advice of the Honorable Mr. V. Bhaskaram Iyengar I have on the 18th of this month, adopted Satayura Chitti Baboo Vijianama Gajapatriya, the legatee under the will of my son, His Highness the late Maharajah of Visianagram G. G. S. I. & C., as the son of my revered husband. I shall feel thankful by your kindly bringing the fact into the notice of Government.

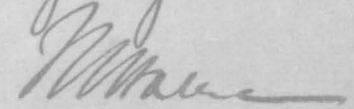
I have to do,

/Signed/ 

Her Highness the Maharajah
of Visianagram.

Dec 4662 /True Copy/

Submitted to the Chief Secretary to Government.



Visagapatam Collectors
Office
21st December 1897

Acting Collector.

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Vijayanagaram

7th December 1897

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FORT VIJEANAGRAM.



My dear Forbes,

I took advantage of Mr. Bhagyam Sengari being at Waltair for the Jaggarow Observatory suit to get him to come in here for a couple of days to advise about the Maharani's wills and other important matters.

The first question put before him was whether the minor could be adopted into the old Virjiana-gram family, and he is of the opinion that the Maharani has had sufficient authority from her late husband, the father of the late Maharajah, to allow of this being done. The exact details as to the authority I do not know as I regarded this as a matter to be settled between the Maharani and her legal adviser without my intervention, but I may say that at the time of his father's death, the late Maharajah had been married for many years and had no issue so that the contingency which has occurred was then very probable.

The adoption besides securing the continuity of the old family will have many advantages as it will make the position of the Manager towards the

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JK
Kyanapan
12 12 57

My dear Forster

The enclosed should
have been sent at the same
time as my letter about the
proposed expedition by the Maori-
vian but by some mistake in the
Post it was held back

Yours truly
Mason

JK
16/1/57

14/1/57

JK

Please see also
do. in closed sealed
over JK
16/1/57

FORT VIJEANAGRAM.

To,

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Honorable Sir,

I beg to inform His Excellency the Governor in Council that I have, in consultation with and under the advice of the Hon'ble Mr. V. Bhashyam Iyengar who was kind enough at my request to pay me a professional visit on the 5th and 6th Instt., resolved upon adopting Chitti Babu Vijaramrao as the son of my husband in pursuance of the oral authority which was given to me by my husband to adopt a son in the event of my natural born son, the late Maharajah dying without a male issue and to whom the late Maharajah by his will bequeathed the Samasthanam I mean to make the adoption shortly and as soon as the day is fixed I shall have the pleasure to communicate the same to His Excellency the Governor in Council, and the draft deed of adoption has been settled in consultation with the Hon'ble Mr. V. Bhashyam Iyengar and it provides that the adoption is to

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be made on the footing of the testa-
mentary dispositions made by the
late Maharajah, my son being in
no way affected or prejudiced by the
adoption.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obed^t serv^t



Her Highness the Maharanee of
Vizianagram.

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To
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Madras Revenue

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32 Word Form.

Madharani Trusts The adoption will
be approved tomorrow council
unless ceremony takes place
Saturday three months delay
unavoidable please wire decision

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MADRAS FORT 13-12-97

B.O. from the barracks

9 Dec 1897

Telg. from ditto ditto

The question is whether it is
sh. give a general approval
of this adoption.

This is asked I presume
under the old doctrine that
the Emperor's assent was
required in such cases.

But assuming that
such assent is not be
refused, is it desirable
to give it without legal
advice as to its full im-
portance.

The Adv. Gen. however
is not here, & apparently
the ceremony cannot
conveniently be delayed
beyond this week without
a postponement for
3 months.

8/7
13/12/97

I see no objection to the
adoption, if it can be
made legally; but it is not
for us either to determine
whether it will be valid
or not, or to express approval
or disapproval. The matter
must simply be
left to the Govt. does not
object.

The Advocate General
is in Madras. (I have
seen him to-day) but
there is nothing to consult
him about.

8/7
13/12/97

Regret I was
misinformed. Yes he is. He came back
last Friday.

I should have thought that the pro-
posed adoption was impossible on being
opposed to the leading idea on which the
necessity of adoption is based, namely, that
there should be a new start of the
nation by the performance of certain rites.
In this case there was a new start
before adoption. I don't quite see therefore
how authority to adopt can have been given.
The Emperor's assent is different. He is
then said to be that he is right and wrong.
I don't think the opposition should
be neglected. This is important in this way: - If
the Government can should be up to the
Privy Council on the hearing of the petition.

appeal, as it quite possible,
the late Maharajah's will in favour
of Chitti Babu will be declared in-
valid. The question will then possibly
arise whether the estate will vest
directly on the death of the late Maha-
rajah's mother & sister. But if fact were as
assumed & Chitti Babu's adoption as
the son of the late Maharajah's father,
it would be barred, I should think, from
setting up a claim to the disavowal of the
estate. I should therefore strongly ad-
vise that we should not approve
the proposed adoption. We should reply
to Mr. Willock & the Maharani that
the matter is not one in regard to which
any order of Govt. are called for. This
will not commit us to anything.

Shankarji's position in the
matter is not satisfactory. He should
not have mixed himself up with the
Maharani's affairs or estate affairs.
Considering the possibility
of the interests thereof being opposed
to the interests of Govt. Possibly this has
not occurred to him, but I should
suggest to him the necessity of his being
most cautious as to the acceptance
of personal or private clients to
Kings & her remains Adv. Genl.

BS
14/12/97

I am of opinion, and I understand that
Hon. Members virtually hold the same
opinion, - that it should be left to the Maha-
rani to decide in this matter for herself. I
consider that Govt. should refrain from
expressing either approval or disapproval.

A. G. H.
14.12.97

* This depends on what relation the
late Maharajah had. Whether there
asked this question before, but never
answered. I think it should be
formally put to Mr. Willock, for we
ought to know the position. I have
several times asked him privately but
could never get a reply.

Desp'd 15/12/97
Telegraph to Mr. Willock:-

Your letter of 7th
7th Telegram 13th

Matter is not one
in regard to which
any orders of Govt are
called for - please inform
Maharani 8th 15th

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