

TRANSLATIONS,
COPIES AND EXTRACTS
OF
THE SEVERAL LETTERS IN WHICH THE SERVICES
OF
THE ANCESTORS
OF
HIS EXCELLENCY THE MAHA RAJAH OF
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COMPILER'S NOTE.

It appears that the illustrious House of Tondiman Rajahs claiming according to old traditions, its origin to a celestial Prince, named Indra, sprung up in Tondamundalem, a place near to Tripadee ; and had founded a settlement in this part of the country, on a certain occasion, when emigration had been resorted to by a member of the house ; but when and by whom it was founded is a thing hardly any man can precisely say without being lost in a round of enquiries leading at its termination to the same fountain-head of doubt.

The first Prince to whom we can trace back in an historical point of view, is called Rajah Nunaha Tondiman, a Prince of great intrepidity and enterprize, having, had absolute power over the people of his country, which was composed of dense jungles and arable lands, and for which there was a large military establishment for both offensive and defensive purposes.

When in the year 1151, Salevagavasaka, A. D. 1229, Srerunga Roiloo, a powerful prince of Vijienagaram, undertook a visit to Southern India, he had to halt in the country of this Prince, and thereby to improve his acquaintance into a friendship. Roiloo quite pleased at the kind attention, and hospitality shown him, during his sojourn in the South, was good enough to honor his host with the title of Roi, and with some other marks of honor which he used in state ; and he allowed the extension of his dominion without prejudice, either

to his former possession, or to the rights or privileges he enjoyed. This cordial tie, originated as it were with principles highly commendable, grew stronger day by day, and with the exchange of good offices, in the succeeding reigns of their descendants.

The Naidoo Rajahs of Trichinopoly, from Wiswunad Naick to Meenachee Ammal and the Nabobs of Arcot, Anverdy Khan, and his successor, who were equally interested in the growth of the Tondiman power took a prominent part, in accelerating it by adhering to the laws of friendship, which of course secured to the house an undisturbed possession of its independence, and the title of Bahadoor which descends down to each succeeding member of the house to the present day.

When the English came into the South of India, this house being satisfied as to the just and equitable rule with which they governed India, allied itself with that power, responding thereby to their wish of opening the same kind of intercourse which the Prince of the Carnatic had maintained with this family, and nobly helped, and defended them in all their battles against the remaining Princes, although many of them were aided by the French Government.

It would be needless to enter into any detail of the special services rendered by this house, as the following letters will prove, as taken from the records of the Palace. Thus far, it will be proper here to mention that house was thoroughly maintained in its independence by the British Government with additional boons of a particular nature, viz., the gift of the title of Excellency, and a Talook in perpetual freehold. It may be hoped that the fidelity and loyalty, that the one owes to the other might still be realized, and that the kindness for the services of a hundred years may be the banner by which more extended indulgence may be shown to this highly loyal house, by so gracious a Government as that of Her Majesty.

No. 1.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

THOMAS SAUNDERS, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

TO VIJIYA RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I had supposed that after the period of Chunda Sahib, the country and the people may enjoy peace and tranquillity, but on my learning that the Mahrattas and Mysoreans, are seeking opportunities of commencing hostilities about Trichinopoly, I intimated their designs to the worthy and respected Captain Dalton, at Trichinopoly, and I hope you will take care of the Fort, it being a thing of much interest to His Majesty.

If you and the Rajah of Tanjore, would act up together and assist Captain Dalton, with men and provisions, I am sure that no attempt will be made upon the Fort.

I request you will daily write to me of the news of that place, and you may at pleasure, desire me, without reserve, to execute any commission for you.

What more?

6th Shawall, }
1165, Hizree. }

No. 2.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
HIS HIGHNESS THE NABOB, SERAJIT DOWLAH
WALLAJAH.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I should necessarily fill up sheets of paper were I (at least briefly) to write to you the favorable light your attachment to us has often been represented in, the numerous instances of your good wishes, and the nature of the assistance you rendered us, the Governor, and other gentlemen.

When I communicated these circumstances to the Governor Bahadoor, and other gentlemen, they heard them with much pleasure, and corroborated the facts by stating in their turn, the many services you rendered also to them, but I would refer you now to the letter of the Governor Bahadoor for further particulars.

I see that the English gentlemen are as much familiar with you as they are with me. Scarcely any man higher in rank would expect the respect and attention, your Vakeel has received at the hands of the Governor Bahadoor.

When, by the grace of God, I approached Madras with my victorious Army, the Governor, and other gentlemen of note in the Presidency came out 4 miles in advance, and received me with much respect and cordiality, and during my stay there, I met with all attention, and respect, and they gave me Nuzzurs in different things—a respect shewn only to the Sovereigns.

On our marching from Madras with our Military Colors flying, the English gentlemen escorted us with a large number of Sepoys, with pieces of cannon, and ammunition to the distance of 7 miles, and having put a list of the same into our hands they took leave, and went away, and I am happy to say that we got by the grace of God, every thing done to our satisfaction.

I am now engaged in collecting the tribute due to me from the Poligars here, which done, I will set out for Trichinopoly, and thence go to Madura and Tinnevely, in company with so brave a friend as you are. Your Vakeel will inform you of the degree of affection I bear to you. As I am your well-wisher, I request you will daily write to me of your health and doings.

What more ?

18th Mohorum, }
1166, Hizree.

No. 3.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
THOMAS SAUNDERS, Esq.

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I was highly pleased to learn that yourself and the Nabob did us important services on many occasions.

As you are already aware that the enemy is watching the opportunity of taking the Fort of Trichinopoly, I need hardly write to you any thing more about it. The Rajah of Mysore being weak of intellect, thinks perhaps, that he will retain possession of the Fort, if he succeeds in capturing it, but I am sure, that it will be wrested out of his hands by any other power if he ever gets it. But I think that his servants intend to rob him of his money as he does not seem to be a clever man.

I hope the Nabob will, thank God, conquer the enemy, and consequently, the enemy's wishes will not be realized.

I request you will send provisions without delay to Trichinopoly, and render aid in point of keeping the Fort safe. I request likewise, that you will please me, by your daily communications about your health, and the success you gain.

What more ?

22nd Shauban, }
1166, Hizree.

No. 4.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
MAJOR LAWRENCE.
TO VIGEYA RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I duly received your pleasing letter and was rejoiced at it, and the contents of it were understood.

As the Almighty is always partial to truth, and as you are a sincere, worthy and invariably confidential friend, you cannot at any time act repugnant to the truth, and we on our part, cannot break through any of our engagements.

Our grand Army quitting Devucotta, has encamped in the vicinity of Mayaveram. If it please God, it will arrive here soon and all affairs will terminate happily.

We rely upon your assurance that you will send provisions to the Fort, as we have not hitherto received the provisions as you promised, I trust that you will in spite of all impediments, supply me with the provisions; and this will strengthen our friendship. I had also spoken about the provisions to your Vakeel who is my best friend, and who I doubt not would have written to you on the subject.

I request you to honor and to please me with giving me account of your health and well being till I shall have the pleasure of an interview with you.

May the time be always happy, and the events prosperous.

What more?

4th Ramazan,
1166 Hizree.

No. 5.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
MAJOR LAWRENCE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your letter, which gladdened my heart. This is not a time to despair, that the enemy has proved victorious. We with impatience wait the arrival of succour from Europe, after its arrival the enemy will be punished.

Our fleet, with full provisions and water, &c. is in search of the enemy, for the purpose of engaging with him, so we are certain that the enemy cannot appear against it.

You will know the rest by the communication of your Vakeel.

We will soon hear, thank God, that our Fleet has come nigh at hand.

I expect to be favoured with an account of your health. May every day bring you new happiness.

What more?

1167 Hizee.

No. 6.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
MAJOR LAWRENCE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I was overjoyed to receive your pleasing letter. I request you would increase my pleasure by writing me an account of your health, which will accord with the relation of the friendship existing between us.

You state that it is not safe to your men to pass by the way of the Fort; as we consider your honor and ours as but one, I do not think it of moment, to have them (enemies) punished so that they could not approach the place.

All the affairs which are in your contemplation, will happily terminate as you wish.

You write that in spite of all troubles and difficulties you will send the provisions to the Fort. That is right. I request you to write me word of your having done so.

What can I write more than I wish to see you.

May God fulfil the wishes of us friends.

9th Ramzan, }
1167 Hizree. }

No. 7.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN AGREEMENT SENT BY
GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Fort St. George.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

Being an Ally to the Honorable Company, you have, since formerly continued to assist them; and wishing prosperity to the Nabob Omdut ul Muluk Serajit Dowlah Bahadur Delawer Jung, you continued to assist him: you still continue to do the same, we therefore enter into an agreement with you, which is as follows:—

Without any distinction between your sons, and daughter's sons, we will afford our best assistance in maintaining them in the position in which you are now, should it be necessary, you should afford us your aid when we shall require it.

The batta of your people will be paid.

Should any one commence hostilities against you, we shall come with all the articles of war and assist you.

A place for your abode shall, either at Madras or Devenapatam, be determined upon, and given to you.

We shall be solicitous to maintain your dignity and country which you have received from the Nabob.

We shall treat you suitably to your rank and honor, though the Nabob be at Arcot or Trichinopoly.

The money for batta and other expenses, shall be paid to your people, in the same manner as they continued to receive from the Nabob.

Should any of your subjects be found guilty, they shall, upon an enquiry into their offence, be sent to you; and then they shall be punished according to their offence.

An agreement of the same purport, shall, from our Sovereign be brought and given to you.

Relying, in every respect upon this writing, you should consider it as a firm agreement.

28th September, 1755.

22nd Jilhage,

1168, Hizree.

No. 8.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LIEUTENANT CLIVE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

Having been desirous to have an interview with you, what I have to inform to your clear mind is that I am much pleased with your letter which promised a relation of your affairs.

As there is not any difference between me and yourself who are a good friend to us, I will evacuate any place which may suit you. after the relation of your affairs has been received here, I will spare no trouble in your affairs. Entertain no doubts of any thing but continue to give us account of every thing with you.

I have written all the tidings of the war on that side both to the Nabob and the Governor Behauder. The answer which will be received, will forthwith be communicated to you.

In case you should give me notice, before you take your journey here, I will come forward to meet and conduct you.

Write me at least, a short account of your health.

May the time be ever happy.

1168 Hizree.

28th Margally month.

No. 9.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSION LETTER FROM

LIEUTENANT J. CLIVE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I have just been informed that in a hot engagement which took place between the French and our Army in the vicinity of Devanapatam, the former were severely punished by the latter. I write this for your information.

What may in future occur will be communicated to you.

I will thank you to write me daily at least two words of your health.

May the time be ever happy.

1168 Hizree.

No. 10.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSION LETTER FROM

LIEUTENANT J. CLIVE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I received your letter stating that four Soldiers of the enemy have been taken by your men and that they will be sent to us if necessary.

If you (my dear friend) would send here those four Soldiers it will be gratifying to me.

I know your mind is very well fortified with courage and goodness.

I will thank you to write me daily at least two words of your health.

May the time be ever happy.

9611 Hizree.

No. 11.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSION LETTER FROM

GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I received your letter, and was gratified to perceive from it, that as an Ally of the Honorable Company, you take a lively interest in our Sirkar affairs, and afford them assistance with much faith. It is joyful news indeed to hear that the enemy discouraged at finding his Fort (Wandewash) seized, and a breach cut through by our Army, surrendered himself to us on the 9th Rabillowel. Eight French Officers, and their followers in the Fort were captured. As our road is cleared, I think our Army will consequently pass by that Road to Seringapatam, and put down the enemy there.

I hope you have ordered your troops to join those of the Nabob by this time. If these two armies will add to, and co-operate with that of the Honorable Company, no doubt the enemy will be duly punished. I hope that on my arrival at Pondicherry, I shall have the pleasure of hearing that the enemy ran away. I request you will be our steady friend, and espouse our cause at all times, which will secure to you a good name, and the friendship of the Honorable Company on an increasing scale.

What more?

18th Rubbilaukhur, }
 1169, Hizree, }
 4th December, 1J56. }

No. 12.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I have received your kind letter, informing me that your troops have been sent with Mahommed Esoof Khan, for the purpose of assisting Mahommed Maphuskhan, in subduing the Poliarars of Tinnevelly.

By your continuing to do so, you will assure me of your friendship and fidelity. I request you will let me know plainly of your wants and requirements.

9th Jammandisany,
1169, Hizree,
11th March, 1756.

What more?

No. 13.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

Having been informed of the troubles, the Poliarars are creating in the Districts of Madura and Tinnevelly, I have sent a detachment of troops with guns and ammunition, and request you and Mahommed Maphuskhan, will bring the insurgents to a just sense of their offensive conduct towards the Honorable Company, and assist Mahommed Maphuskhan in consideration of the friendship that subsists between you, the Nabob, and myself. By doing which you will not only gain a benefit and high name, but also promote the security of the country.

What more?

28th Ruzzub,
1169 Hizree.

No. 14.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have deputed Captain Clive to go with a force, and maintain peace and order in the country by putting down the enemy, and hope that you and other friends of the Honorable Company, will assist him with necessary troops and provision on the subject. I think this will put down the disturbance, and restore ease and tranquillity to the people of the country.

The more you will assist us in the above work, the more you will be recompensed by honors and profits, and the Honorable Company will reward your pains, confer favors, and be friends with you in particular.

What more?

5th Rubbilaukhur,
1170, Hizree,
September, 1756.

No. 15.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I am highly pleased with the receipt of your letter; and have often advised you to get the dispute between you and the Rajah of Tanjore settled. Our foe, the French having commenced hostilities against us, it is indispensably necessary that we all should join together, and drive him off by our mutual attempts. I have written to the Rajah of Tanjore and Manajee Row, on the subject.

I hope the dispute between you both will have been settled before this, and that the Armies will be ready to march. This expedition will put an end to the war, and you will be taken for the best friend of the Honorable Company. I have advised Captain Clive, to assist you in every respect, saying you are a good friend of ours; I request you will be ready to march just as Captain Clive writes to you, and will write to me of your welfare, as I long to hear it.

10th Shewal,

1171, Hizree,

17th June, 1757.

What more?

No. 16.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

My joy finds no bound at hearing that the French were punished near Tanjore by the co-operation of your Trichinopoly and Tanjore troops,—I have written to the Rajah of Tanjore and Managiappa, and Major Clive, to say that the enemy having retreated, through fear, he should be pursued and destroyed completely. If this be done our troubles will end, and peace be restored to the country. I request you will determine, and send your troops against the enemy with those of Major Clive and the Rajah of Tanjore. When these troops will go into Karikal, or the ports near it, our Admiral will arrive there with his force, and join with the men of Major Clive. Colonel Lawrence Bahadoor is to leave this for Pondicherry with the troops of the Nabob Serajit Dowlah Bahadoor and Major Clive, in order to prevent the reaching of assistance to the enemy from Pondicherry. If you go on with courage for which you are distinguished; you will grow illustrious and honorable. Indeed, I take you for the best friend of the Honorable Company.

14th Jilhu

1171 Hizzree,

19th August, 1758.

What can I say more?

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

LIEUTENANT SMITH.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

At my interview with the Governor and the Councilors, after my arrival at Madras, your reputation, your good conduct, and the assistance which was afforded to the English cause, I submitted to them occasionally in the most favorable terms. They gave their best thanks to you for the succour you rendered them and said that you have acted very faithfully to them. I seized this opportunity to enlarge upon the assistances you have afforded both to the Company and the Nabob, which attracted the warmest thanks from them.

After I quitted Madras, I repaired to the camp of Colonel Coote, I expatiated upon your good conduct to him and other Gentlemen there who were very liberal in bestowing their praises upon you.

As your Vakeel Chundrapiah told me that you have distributed sugar at my arrival here I was highly enraptured with joy. This I thought is a mark of a firmer friendship.

May the Almighty preserve you long and well.

We were informed that the people within the Fort of Pondicherry are reduced to such a state of distress that they are likely to become a prey to Vultures and Kites.

The enemy within the Fort, will, God willing, be taken a captive within a few days hence, when the people of the country will be happy.

What can I add more than that I wish to see you.

May the time propitiate.

20th Rabbilowel

1171 Hizree.

No. 18.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

That the enemy held his ground and fought against the fort of Madras, nine weeks consecutively by an unremitted firing of many guns he had brought with him is a piece of news, you might already be informed of. We did the same from within the Fort by which the enemy lost a good number of men on his side. I found out a letter written by M. Lally to Pondicherry, in which it was said, that having been exhausted in strength, he (the enemy) will retreat and burn down the Town of Madras to ashes on his way to Pondicherry. In the meanwhile our ships luckily anchored in, and the designs of the enemy have been frustrated, the enemy took to his heels, having left behind him 45 guns with ammunition and some sick people. Our Army is now landed, and ready to strike the retreating enemy. The Cavalry you sent in charge of the commandant joined our Camp. This gives me a fresh proof of your friendship and disposition. The batta and wages of your people had been disbursed; I intend to send away your people soon, because the enemy might, perhaps, attack you; in case of his doing so, I shall order the Army to your defence. I request you will boldly go on in assisting the Honorable Company in all their important undertakings. Let no consideration whatever deter you, and believe me to be your sincere friend.

What more?

29th Jamaudisane, }
 1172, Hizree. }

No. 19.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

Knowing that our camp is to go against him, the enemy has taken refuge in the Fort, so I have sent away your troops to you, as their presence is not needed, and paid off their wages and batta in full.

What more?

29th Ruzzab, }
1172, Hizree. }

No. 20.

GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have received your letter, and learned the particulars of the dispute that took place between you and the French. As you are well acquainted with their character, you need not be confused at the subtile reasoning in fabricating or raising new claims. Your prompt and fit answers to them discover your unshaken attachment to us. I am happy to inform you that the Fort of Masulipatam belonging to the French, has been captured by the English. I propose to attack and defeat the enemy in the course of three or four days, and shall in the meantime write to you of what passes here. There is nothing particular worth communicating, so I request you will write to me of your health and doings.

What more?

14th Rumzan, }
1172 Hizree. }

No. 21.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your's and understood your sentiments on securing the welfare of the Honorable Company, and your State. Owing to the rainy weather, every thing is going on slow here, yet I am engaged in getting the provisions, &c., ready against the expedition we are to undertake on the lapse of the wet season. To day I have been informed of the arrival of two Men-of-war from England, with a sufficient number of soldiers. Just as they join us, we shall put down the enemy. I pray you will get every thing ready, and send your people to the place where, and when our Nabob's Army will arrive. Mahommed Esoof Khan, and Captain Smith are in the Fort of Trichinopoly, and you may apply to them for such aid as your circumstances will require.

2nd Jilcaud,
1175, Hizree,
19th July, 1758.



What more ?

No. 22.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I have received your letter, and was much gratified to learn from it, that according to the instructions of the Nabob Serajit Dowlah Bahadoor and Captain Smith, you carry on

all the affairs in their camps. The Nabob and Captain Smith have written to me about your attachment towards the Sirkar, and friendly behaviour towards the Honorable Company. I think that there is much good by so doing. Agreeably to your desire, I have written to the Rajah of Tanjore that he may not be against you, his people may not enter into other Provinces, and that if there be any dispute or claims among you both, it should be settled by mutual consent. Should you both be in friendly union, there would be much help to the camps of the said Nabob and the Honorable Company. You will have understood by what I have written that M. Bussey, and some people have fallen into our hands. On the 10th, Jamaudisaunee, the Fort of Saitoopatee of Ramnad has been captured by us, and the enemy and his wounded people about hundred in number have become captives. On the following date, the Fort of Arcot has been besieged by our camp, and I hope it may by the Grace of God be taken into our possession. After the said Fort is taken, we propose to march and defeat the enemies, who are at Sreerungum, and its neighbouring villages. I write this that your people may be ready to march whenever we require them.

What more?

1172, Hizree.

No. 23.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

CAPTAIN CLIVE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

We are here in good health and request you will cause to be written to me frequently the accounts of your well being at that place.

Sinna Annen Servagar, who accompanied Putehapa Moodchar's force to this place, has spoken with me after taking my visit. I was glad to learn that you have been much displeased with Srerung Ayea, for he returned back to you from hence without taking my leave.

You continue to treat me with much kindness and favor. Great re-enforcements have arrived here from Madras and Devanapatam. We shall within a short time make the enemies as not to appear themselves in any quarter. While you are kind towards us, I hope that every thing will be carried on in the best manner.

I have directed Srerung Ayea to follow me with your troops but he said that he would not go as he was not permitted by you to do so. I however believed that you would not have given him such orders, and upon enquiry I discovered the truth of it. Within a few days the enemy shall be punished by us. All other things may, I trust, be known to you by Sinna Annen Servagar's letter.

What more?

1172 Hizree.

No. 24.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

CAPTAIN CLIVE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

We are here in good health, and I request you will direct to write me always the same happy account of your own.

I received your letter and was much pleased with its contents. I am glad to inform you that Sinna Annen Servagar who was sent here has behaved himself to my satisfaction during his stay with me. I have permitted him to go back to you.

It is expected that re-enforcements will within a few days come for us from Devanapatam. I shall inform you as soon as it arrives here. I request you will then do me the favor of sending the said Servagar to me.

I desire you to write me frequently the account of your good health, as well as about any thing which you may require from hence.

What more?

1172 Hizree.

No. 25.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

MAJOR LAWRENCE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

As I wish to depart to Europe within a few days hence, I will not forget the friendship which you have contracted with the English people wherever I may be.

I will lay before His Majesty and the Court of Directors in the most favorable manner all the pains and trouble which you took for us and the assistance which you afforded us to which we owe our victory.

The friendship which you sincerely and manifestly avowed to me in every point I will not forget at all.

I would not have left your obliging presence to proceed to a remote country, but old as I am, I cannot enjoy good health here, but the air and the waters of Europe will amend it. It is therefore that I propose taking a voyage thither.

Although I may appear to be gone to a distant country, the assistances and the benevolences which my friend has bestowed, will always remain uppermost in my recollection.

I beg you would continue the same friendship to me even after I am at a distance, as you did when I was in this country. Be healthy and victorious.

What more?

1172 Hizree.

No. 26.

TRANSLATION OF A GENTOO LETTER FROM
CAPTAIN CLIVE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

We are happy here. Write me often of your weal there.

The Persian letter which you sent me lately was received, and I have learnt all the particulars from it, and was much rejoiced.

We, having taken the Fort of Madura, arrived safe here.

You make no distinction between your country and ours, and treat us in the same invariable manner from the beginning.

What need have I to write more about the assistance which has lately been afforded to us.

If you have any thing to commission me here, let me know it, and write me often of your health.

May you love me.

1173 Hizree.

No. 27.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
CAPTAIN SMITH.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

Advices which have been received dated Negapatam the 16th Mohurrun, from the Admiral announce that a French fleet consisting of eleven sail had touched the port in their passage to Pondicherry, and that in a fight in which our Admiral engaged with the French one, the former poured such a brisk fire upon the latter so that he being unable to resist it any longer gave way and ran to the South.

As you are a brave and good friend and as you are a sharer of the happiness of the Honorable Company ; I write to you this happy tidings, and the success which attended British Arms in the enterprise.

The English fleet literally appear to lord over the sea. Our enemy waited the arrival of the fleet with impatience, but that which actually arrived, baffled all his hopes, and he was obliged to make a retreat in a disgraceful manner. This is a state of the French people. What hopes can they form?

I request you to favor me with an account of your health. May the happy time come agreeably to our wish.

What more?

1173; Hizree.

No. 28.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
CAPTAIN SMITH.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your letter enclosed with one to the address of the Rajah Pretaup Sing, stating that you received an answer dated the 7th Mausee from the Governor to your letter which conveyed to him the most happy information of your victory and highly transported him with joy. The said letter to the Rajah has been forwarded.

I was exceedingly rejoiced to learn that the Fort of Arcot has been taken, that two Officers of great note and twelve subordinate ones, and two hundred Soldiers, have been made captives, and that some Guns, Muskets, Balls, and Powder were the booty found by the English.

The news of our happy conquest, I communicated to you as it will afford a great satisfaction to your good mind.

Chundrapiah communicated to me that it is your desire that your Army here should be sent to that place. By genteel words I have detained the Army here for four days longer.

As I have received instructions from the Governor to march with the forces of our Ally, yourself, and that of the

Rajah of Tanjore, I must follow them—so I request you would write to the Sirdars of your Army to accompany us ; and it is also my request that you would send a further re-enforcement of some Troops and Infantry.

As it is necessary that some re-enforcement should be sent to the Corps already detached on duty, we must do it accordingly.

What can I write more than that I am anxious to see you.

May the time be propitious to us.

1173 Hizree.

No. 29.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM CAPTAIN J. CLIVE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

As I wish much to have a personal interview with you, what I have to inform you is that as you are a friend to Marooven and NALOOCOTTAYAN, you would desire them to afford every necessary assistance to the Tassildar who has been left at Tinnevely by Mahomed Esoofkhan Behauder, who has arrived here and who will return back to Tinnevely after some time hence ; we have also written to the said two persons.

Your labours and painful services which you continue to perform thus bravely for the Company are manifestly known to the Governor and the Nabob.

As you thus courageously labour in the affairs of the Company, you are requested to desire the Marooven and Nalocottayan by letter that they may also afford their assistance in the Company's affairs day and night.

As the said Khansaheb also writes a letter to your address you will learn every thing from it.

Coopamootoo will inform you of the rest.

What more ?

1174 Hizree.

No. 30.

TRANSLATION OF A GENTOO LETTER FROM

CAPTAIN CLIVE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

We are happy here. Write me word of your happiness. The oral message which you sent through Chundrapiah was fully known.

If Mafooskhan is anxious to be a friend to the Company they will treat him according to his wish, in case he should retire from the service of Pooliteiven and take up his residence in the Fort of Madura. In case the Khan has any objection to remain at Madura he may reside at Puducottah; after his arrival here, the Company will treat him as he wishes. As you are useful to us you may write to Mafooskhan as you think fit, By the communications of your Vakeel Chundrapiah you will know the rest. By the information of your Vakeel, I have been apprized that Lakee Naig makes depredations upon the road; I have sent orders to the Naig about it. If we would again find him acting thus predatorily, he will be hanged. Be this known to you.

Write us often of your health and happiness.

What more?

1174 Hizree.

No. 31.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

CAPTAIN CLIVE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I am in good health here, and desire you to cause to be written to me the happy accounts of your own; you would have already heard about the affairs of the enemy in Tanjore,

and I hear that the enemy is to come here. We are engaged in preparing every thing necessary for the war. I request you will, as I have already written to you, send here 500 matchlock men of tried ability with Sinna Annen Servagar; and besides this, if you will send 500 able Pioneers or Labourers who may be retained in the service, I shall take them into the service and continue to pay them proper wages. If the enemy would come here we intend to punish him that the case may not be so as it was in Tanjore. We shall punish them also for their having marched against Tanjore. If the enemy shall come, and if an engagement shall take place, I request you will in that case be so good as to take care that Beetles, Fuel and other trifling things may be brought as usual from your country and sold here, since formerly you continue to do the business of the Honorable Company thinking it as a very important one. I request you will without loss of time send here 500 matchlock men and 500 Labourers; we wish to punish the enemy properly, and request you will also do the same. We propose making the enemy by the present instance, to disappear for ever, and in consequence desire you to send immediately those matchlock men and Pioneers here. All other things you will know by the communication of your Vakeel Chundrapiah.

I was informed by your Vakeel that Lakee Naig gives trouble to you; I have sent him an order that he may not do so hereafter; if he will do so again, he shall be punished.

You are requested to write me frequently the accounts of your health and happiness.

1174 Hizree.

What more?

No. 32.

TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM

RAJAH VIGIA RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

Dated 24th September 1799, received 29th in the morning.

I before despatched a letter to you intimating that I had

stationed guards in different places to seize Cataboma Naig, &c.; on every occasion I am ready with my life to serve the Company, their service is the essence of my existence. On every side in the mountains and on the hills, I had placed people to find out the hiding place of that enemy, Cataboma Naig; by the blessing of God, the prosperity of the Company, and my own good fortune, he with his dumb brother, two mothers-in-law (should be brothers-in-law) and three other people, altogether seven persons having been discovered in the jungle of the village of Kaliapoor, in the Shevagunga Talook, which jungle is to the Westward of Tiracullumpoor in my country, I last night sent my troops thither and after having surrounded him, with much caution and exertion the whole party were taken. Cataboma Naig at the time he was seized wished to have slain himself, but my people having bound his hands kept him in confinement; the particulars of this Poligar are well known to you, to keep him in safety one day is extremely difficult. He is without hope of his life. Whatever may be written by you shall be executed. I am waiting for an answer.

May your friendship for me increase.

A true translation from the original Persian.

(Signed) S. LUSHINGTON, Collector.

No. 33.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM GOVERNMENT.

Dated 5th October, 1799.

"We have also particular satisfaction to remark that Cataboma Naig, his brother, two brothers-in-law and three principal Sherogars (the whole party who escaped the pursuit of the Ettiapoor Poligar) are secured by Tondiman on whose zeal and exertions Mr. Lushington has bestowed the

highest commendation: and we recommend to your Lordship's favorable attention his suggestions that he may be permitted to, present him in the Company's name with such mark of your Lordship's approbation, as the important service he has performed may be considered to have deserved."

No. 34.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

LORD WILLIAM BENTINCK,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have received your letter congratulating me on the occasion of my arrival in India, and have been much gratified by its contents. I am fully convinced that your disposition and conduct have been much approved and praised, you as well as your ancestors have since long time manifested sincere attachment and good wishes to the interests of the Honorable Company, and you are distinguished among your equals on account of your good disposition. As I bear much affection towards you, the congratulations which your letter contains, have been highly gratifying to me.

Lord Clive has, previous to his Lordship's departure for Europe, particularly informed me of your unshaken fidelity and the promptitude with which you served the Honorable Company as well as of your ancestors' bravery. I was much pleased with his Lordship's representation. I shall always be inclined to support you and your just rights by which you may derive benefits.

What more ?

1st November, 1803.

15th Rujjub.

1218, Hizree.

No. 35.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

LORD WILLIAM BENTINCK,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

Agreeably to what was mentioned by Lord Clive in his Lordship's letter to you under date the 17th Rabbilowel 1218 Hizree, about giving you two Golden Sticks suitably to your dignity, the Sticks had been ordered to be made. Now the Sticks being prepared I have directed them to be given to your Vakeel that they may be sent to you.

29th Rumjau. }
1218, Hizree. }

What more?

No. 36.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

LORD WILLIAM BENTINCK,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have received your letter of the 23rd September last, giving cover to one addressed by you to the Most Honorable the Marquis of Cornwallis. I would with much pleasure have forwarded it to His Lordship, were it not for His Lordship's deeply lamentable death of which I hope, you are, by this time informed. I have therefore returned it to you, deeming it advisable to do so.

Fort St. George,
19th November 1805.
26th, Shabaun.
1220, Hizree.

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What more?

No. 37.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LORD WILLIAM BENTINCK,

The Governor of Madras.

TO RAJAH VIGIA RAGOONATH RIE TONDIMAN.
BEHAUDER.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have received your letter of the 3d Instant informing me of the death of your Father, an event which I much regret.

In expressing to you my congratulations on your succession to your late Father, I have at the same time great pleasure in stating my full assurance that you will continue in the same course of fidelity and attachment to the interests of the British Government, for which your ancestors have been distinguished during a long period of years.

What more?

Fort St. George.
19th February, 1807.
10th Jilhu.
1221 Hizree.

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No. 38.

TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM
SIR G. H. BARLOW,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have received your letter of the 20th Ultimo transmitted to me by Major Blackburne.

I have been fully apprized of the fidelity and attachment to the interests of the Honorable Company, for which your

family has been signalized during a long period of years. I accordingly accept with pleasure the congratulations conveyed in your letter, and shall continue to feel particular interest in your happiness and welfare.

Fort St. George,
20th April, 1808.
23d Saphur.
1223 Hizree.

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What more?

No. 39.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LORD MINTO,
THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have been much gratified to know your strong attachment from your letter stating that according to what Captain Butler the acting Resident at Tanjore had written to you in conformity with the instructions from the Government; you have caused your troops to be held in readiness, and that whilst expecting further orders, as you have had another letter from that Gentleman, expressing that there was no necessity for your troops, you have premitted them to return back to their respective places.

Although your troops are not at present required, yet as you have assembled them for the assistance of the Company at their requisition through Captain Bulter, I am glad to consider you as a well wisher of the Company. This alone is the cause to make known the good conduct which you have observed on the present occasion, I feel much pleased at it.

If you would without failure in your words, always behave yourself faithfully towards the Company, you shall obtain their great kindness and favor.

22nd Shawal.
1224 Hizree.
1st December, 1809.

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What more.

No. 40.

TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM

THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

Para. 1. I have received your letter of the _____ and I had before received your address under date the 15th February 1821.

2. You represent your grateful sense of Lieut.-Colonel Blackburne's kind attention to your affairs, and to the education of yourself and of your brother, during the period of your minority as also of his exertions for the improvement of your country, and of its institutions; and mindful of his continued solicitude for your welfare, you now express the regret, which you had experienced on being made acquainted with his intention to return Europe.

3. The reports, which I have received from Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne, of your acquirements, of your disposition, and of the regularity with which you apply yourself to the business of your Samestaunum, are exceedingly satisfactory to me; and it has afforded me a further pleasure to learn that his endeavours to qualify you for the station, to which you were destined, have been correctly estimated, and are thankfully acknowledged by you. The prosperous state of your country attests their success, and justifies the confidence with which Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne had, at an early period charged you with the administration of its affairs; your proceedings and conduct in the discharge of that trust are stated to afford a promise of much happiness to your people, and honor to yourself. Go on and prosper.

4. I am also informed by Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne of the perfect harmony and union, which subsist in your

family. I trust that you will continue to set an example to your people of that brotherly concord, which is so delightful in the relations of life and cannot fail to be productive of beneficial consequences to your State.

5. Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne having now embarked for England, I have appointed Colonel Robert Scot, C. B., to succeed that Officer as Resident in Tanjore. As my Agent with your Samestaunum, it will be his aim to follow in all respects the steps of his predecessor, giving the same attention to your affairs, whenever they demand it, and conducting his communications with the public Officers of the neighbouring Zillahs according to the usage which has been established by Lieutenant Colonel Blackburne. I am persuaded that you will find in Colonel Scot the same anxious desire to consult your happiness, and to promote the welfare of yourself and of your people.

What more ?

(Signed) THOMAS MUNRO.

(A true copy.)

(Signed) E. WOOD,

Chief Secretary.

(A true copy.)

(Signed) WM. HARDY,

Captain in Charge of the

Residency of Tanjore.

Fort St. George, 2
7th March, 1823. 3

No. 41.

TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM
THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor of Madras.

TO RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN BEHAUDER.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have received with deep affliction the account of the decease of your brother Rajah Vijeya Ragoonath Roy Tondiman Behauder. The mutual esteem and affection which had invariably subsisted between your brother and you, and which has been the source of so much satisfaction to the Government, and has contributed so essentially to the welfare of your country, must have added to the poignancy of your grief on this melancholy occasion; you will however feel it to be incumbent upon you to submit with resignation to the will of Heaven, by which he has been taken from this world at so early a period, and with the same alacrity and propriety with which you always acquitted yourself of your obligations to an affectionate and beloved brother while living, you will now enter upon the discharge of those important duties, which, in consequence of his lamented death have devolved upon you.

I offer you my cordial congratulations on your succession to your late brother, and feel assured from the excellence of your character and your experience in public business, that you will make it the study of your life to promote the happiness of your people and to preserve the friendly disposition which the British Government have ever shown to your family.

What more?

(Signed) THOMAS MUNRO.

(A true copy.)

(Signed) D. HILL,

Chief Secretary.

(A true copy.)

(Signed) J. FYFE,

Resident.

Fort St. George, 2
1st July, 1825. 3

No. 42.

A Letter from The Right Honorable
The Governor.

BAGAPOLLI, 23rd June, 1827.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN BEHAUDER.

SIR,

I have had great pleasure in receiving your Excellency's letter of the 26th of May, and as I consider it rather as a complimentary letter to myself than as an official one to the Government, I beg leave to answer it privately as a friend though a separate answer will be sent from Madras in the usual form.

It is long since I know the fatherly care which Colonel Blackburne bestowed on your own education, and that of your lamented brother, and how well his care had been rewarded by the proficiency which you both made in your studies. None of the descendants of Tondiman has ever failed in attachment to the Company, and it is not therefore possible that your Excellency who is so much better informed than any of them was, can ever fail in this respect. The excellent education you have received will, I trust render you not only a firm friend of the Company but a father to your people by leading you to govern them with kindness and justice.

Your Excellency may be assured that every Governor who comes to Madras will always protect the descendants of Tondiman, the early and faithful friend of the Company, and I am confident that Captain Fyfe will like Colonel Blackburne feel a warm interest at all times in assisting with his advice to promote the prosperity of your affairs.

What can I say more?

(Signed) THOMAS MUNRO.

No. 43.

Translation of a Letter from

THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have received your letter of the 30th May last, congratulating me on my arrival at Madras, and stating that you had solemnized the marriage of your daughter, and that the Resident at Tanjore had presented to you a Khilut in my name on that joyful occasion.

Your letter has given me much satisfaction, and I have had great pleasure in learning from the Resident at Tanjore that you continue to pursue the course of fidelity and attachment to the interests of the British Government, for which your ancestors were distinguished during a long period of years.

What more ?

(Signed) S. R. LUSHINGTON.

(A true copy.)

(Signed) R. CLIVE,

Chief Secretary.

(A true copy.)

(Signed) J. FYFE,

Resident.

Fort St. George,
11th November, 1828.

No. 44.

A Letter from The Right Honorable

The Governor.

RAJAH TONDIMAN BEHAUDER.

The accompanying volumes afford evidence of the exertions made by learned men in England to facilitate the acquisition of the literature of your Bahaudership's native country, and other countries of the East, and are specimens of the perfection to which the art of printing in the Oriental languages has been carried. I request your Bahaudership's acceptance of them as a mark of my friendship.

What more ?

(Signed) S. B. LUSHINGTON.

Government House;
15th November, 1828.

No. 45.

A Letter from the Right Honorable

The Governor of Madras-

I have received and given an attentive consideration to the letter which you were pleased to address to me, on the subject of the intention formed by the Honorable the Court of Directors that the Residency at Tanjore should be abolished. I certainly had not anticipated, and the Honorable the Court of Directors probably did not conceive that this arrangement would be so repugnant to your wishes and feelings; and it would give me in particular great pain to carry into effect any measure obnoxious to the family of Tondiman, who, from the earliest dawn of the Company's power have proved a faithful, obedient and useful ally. I

can never forget, when any question comes before me, which I am told involves either the comfort or honor of that family, that during my own administration of the Southern countries, your Father gave a proof of fidelity to the Company that has never been surpassed, in seizing and delivering up upon my requisition, rebels who had fled to his Jungles for protection; and the Company have been ever since reaping the benefit of the tranquillity which immediately ensued.

Anxious therefore, at all times to gratify your inclination and to promote perfect harmony between your family and this Government, I have resolved that the office of Resident at Tanjore shall not be discontinued until the powerful appeal which you have made to the Honorable Company's protection and liberality shall have received the full consideration of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

As you are well acquainted with the English language, I have written this letter to you in English, and if agreeable to you, I shall be happy to correspond with you in that language as future occasion may require.

I shall always be your sincere friend and well-wisher.

(Signed) S. R. LUSHINGTON.

Fort St. George, }
25th August, 1829. }

No. 46.

An Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Tondiman is as his ancestors have been from the earliest dawn of the Company's power, a faithful, obedient and useful ally, and I can never forget when any question comes before me which I am told involves either the comfort or honor of that family that during my own administration of the southern countries, the father of the present Tondiman

gave a proof of fidelity to the Company (as detailed in the annexed Correspondence) that has never been surpassed, in seizing and delivering up upon my requisition, rebels who had fled towards his jungles for protection, and the Company have been ever since reaping the benefit of the tranquillity which immediately ensued.

His country is peopled by castes (Colleris and Marowas) that require all the vigour of his Government to restrain them in due obedience, and from making predatory incursions into other districts; and as we know from experience of many years that his intercourse through the Resident of Tanjore has accomplished every purpose of order and good government in his own country as well as in the Provinces of the Company which every where surround it, I think it is upon the whole better that the existing arrangement should be continued until these powerful appeals to the Company's protection and liberality shall have received the full consideration of the Honorable Court of Directors.

COPY OF AN ENDORSEMENT.

Petition from Pynee of Culmavoor in the district of Colattoor, dependant of Tondiman. The Petitioner is informed that the Tondiman holds his country independent of our interference and the application for relief must be made to him.

(Signed) JRP,'S.

Government House, }
12th October, 1829. }

No. 47.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
GEORGE PIGOT, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

On the 3d Instant, our Army under the command of Colonel Coote gained a victory over that of the enemy under the command of M. Lally. The battle between the

two Armies continued since morning till two o'clock in the afternoon. The Army of the enemy having (by the Grace of God) been beaten and disabled ran away, and twenty-one Guns of the enemy fell into our hands. M. Lally, the commander, and twenty other officers have become captives. It is said that M. Lally is wounded. I have written this for your information. I will write to you particularly about what takes place hereafter. What more?

1175, Hizree.

No. 48.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

MAJOR LAWRENCE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I have my dear friend, been exceedingly gratified to receive in due time your pleasing letter; as much as I am able, I will by no means make delay in affording my assistance to you who are very kind to me.

As our victorious Army is to arrive here with all necessary articles of war, I have from hence sent a detachment to Tanjore for the purpose of conducting the expected Army safely to this place. I therefore beg you will kindly excuse the delay which occurred in sending my Army to your succour. You may be assured that as soon as the Army arrives here, I will not fail to send a great force to your assistance.

I shall from hence send men to bring here the paddy which you were so obliging as to purchase for ready money for our use. Herewith I send two good pictures and beg your acceptance of them as a mark of my friendship to you.

Nabob Saheb has desired me to afford assistance to you. He knows the cause of the delay which has at present occurred.

I, who am your friend shall always be ready in destroying all the enemies whose conduct is bad, and in ensuring success to you, you may depend upon the truth of this point.

What more?

1175 Hizree.

No. 49.

CHARLES BOUCHIER, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I am overjoyed by the receipt of your letter containing particulars about strengthening our position, and sending your Army to join with ours, in order to check the Mysore people, who are in league with the French, and this discovers your real friendship and strong tie to me.

I have kept my force ready to beat the enemy just as he comes out, and wish for your seasonable assistance on the occasion. I think the enemy will pass Pondicherry on his way to Arcot, and intercept the provisions that may be brought from the villages. God grant that our enemy should run away to the country discouraged and disgraced.

I was pleased to hear that two of His Majesty's ships have arrived in the vicinity of Negapatam, and from some letters received from England, I learn that 4 of His Majesty's ships, and eighteen of the Honorable Company's are under sail to India, with two thousand brave soldiers. We expect to see them here in a few days. If it please God, I am sure the Fort of Pondicherry will be stormed by our brave men without opposition on the part of the enemy, and the people of the country will enjoy ease and happiness praying for the extension of our power and dominion. Consequently the French will become exiles by their own misconduct.

I am proud to say, that God gave us victory both in Europe and in the Carnatic, and put us in possession of the greater part of the enemy's country. In a battle that took place between our fleet and that of the enemy, eleven vessels belonging to our foe were drowned in the sea, and I am sure, thank God, the enemy will fall a victim to the British arms without exception. As you are our best friend, I hope you will take this victory as your own. God grant you and your sons health and happiness.

What more ?

1181, Hizree.

No. 50:

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

COLONEL J. WOOD.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

It is a long time since I received your friendly letter, such a letter came when it will strengthen the long friendship between you and me and afford me great satisfaction.

From one of my Officers at the Camp, I have received a letter intimating that Hyder Naik has addressed a letter to you desiring your friendship.

Being confident that you are an unchangeable Ally to the victorious English nation, I write to request that you will let me know the contents of the letter of Hyder Naik. This is a proper time to know the mind of an Ally, so I hope that you will not hesitate to let me know the sense of the said letter. I again request you to do me the pleasure of letting me into the secrets of the letter.

By giving me a daily account of your health, you will I request gladden my heart. What can I add more than that I wish you health.

May the time be propitious to us.

17th Rubbilowel. }
 1181 Hizree. }

No. 51.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

CAPTAIN SMITH

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I received your friendly letter which gave me much satisfaction.

Advices which have been received yesterday from Madras, announced that a Ship has arrived at Bombay from Europe, that 1,500 Soldiers are expected in four other Ships which are to follow it, that six other Ships are also to come over and that the French territories were taken by the victorious English.

We have no enemies left here at present. Those who are shut up within the Fort of Pondicherry have been greatly straightened for want of the supply of provisions and subsist only upon the kites, crows, asses and snakes. This we ascribe to Divine Goodness—we anticipate that if it pleases God in a few days, they will be taken captives.

As we are assured that you are a confident and brave friend, I write this news, at which you will be rejoiced.

What can I write more than that I wish to see you.

May every day be prosperous ?

5th Jamaadilowel
1185 Hizree. }

No. 52.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

LORD PIGOT,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have received your letters and understood their contents. The Honorable Company is aware of the many important services you long since afford at the risk of life without being caught hold of or entrapped by the alluring phrases used by Tippoo, the son of our enemy, in his letter to you. Perhaps you are informed of the battle of Pulicat, of the troubles and loss caused by our defeated enemy, but you need not fear for any

of these things. In case of your being in troubles, or under the necessity of declaring war against the enemy, you may rest assured of the Honorable Company's affording you their full aid and support. I am sure that Mr. Sullivan, has informed you (as he will do henceforth) of the particular kindness of the Honorable Company towards you. Thank God, the English are victorious in all quarters, and so every thing will go on right.

What more ?

1st Rabilowad,
1190, Hizree,
9th May, 1776. }

No. 53.

TO RAJAH VIGIA RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

You will doubtless have heard of the determination of the Right Honorable the Governor General to inflict that punishment upon the Poligar of Pandalumcoorchy which his crimes and disobedience have long merited. In pursuance of the resolution, Major Bannerman was assembling the Troops necessary for this purpose ; but before they could all join him, Cataboma Naig evacuated the Fort of Pandalumcoorchy with Soobremony Pillay and others of his followers and professes to be flying towards your country. As it is highly desirable to secure his person as soon as possible, I have no doubt that you will exert yourself for this purpose, and it will afford me much pleasure to report to his Lordship that you have performed this acceptable service.

The Poligar of Naglepore is also represented to have fled towards your boundaries, and in such case, the seizure of his person may be easily accomplished by you.

Your immediate exertions on this occasion, will be considered the most satisfactory proof of your obedience and attachment to the Company's Government.

(Signed) S. LUSHINGTON.

Collector

Ramnad,
8th September, 1799. }

No. 54.

To WILLIAM PETRIE, Esq.,

PRESIDENT,

and the Members of the Board of Revenue.

GENTLEMEN,

I have singular satisfaction in submitting to you the enclosed correspondence with Rajah Vigia Ragoonath Tondiman. The moment I heard of Cataboma Naig's evacuation of his Fort, I despatched my letter of the 8th September to Tondiman, and having on every former instance, wherein I had thought it for the good of the public service to address him, received every token of his attachment to the Company's Government, I looked with confidence to his zealous exertions on this occasion. The result proves that confidence to have been well placed, and the seizure of Cataboma Naig, his brothers, two brothers-in-law, and three principal Sherogars (the whole party who escaped the pursuit of the Etiapare Poligar) entitles Tondiman to the highest commendation.

The beneficial consequences of this event will not be confined to the Panjalamcoorchy district ; where all my arrangements are proceeding undisturbed ; but the other Poligars seeing that there is no safety for them even in flight, will be the more inclined to a due obedience. Indeed, in whatever point of view it be considered, the service which Tondiman has performed is of the highest importance ; and I therefore take the liberty to suggest that I may be permitted to present him in the Company's name with such mark of his Lordship's approbation as he may be considered to have deserved.

Having consulted with Major Bannerman upon the receipt of Tondiman's letter, we determined that in whatever way Cataboma Naig and his adherents may be hereafter disposed of, it is expedient that he should first return here; and I have therefore desired Tondiman to send him with all practicable despatch to Madura where a party will be in readiness to receive and conduct him to the detachment.

I think it proper to remind your Board that two years have elapsed since the Pearl Banks of Tuticorin were examined, and that the season of the year most proper for the examination is nearly at hand; I shall therefore, unless I receive different orders from you depute my Head Assistant Mr. Graeme on this service, under such instructions as may seem proper. I have obtained a very good map of the different Banks of Pearls, and this of course will be Mr. Graeme's principal guide in the examination.

The Chank of Tuticorin is indispensable on account of the Pearl Fishery to retain under amani, and it was so profitable by this mode of management last year that I feel no inclination to recommend a change.

(Signed) S. LUSHINGTON,

Collector.

Kytar

29th September, 1799.

No. 55.

TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM
RAJAH VIGIA RAGOONATH TONDIMAN
BEHAUDER.

Dated 14th September, received 19th, 1799.
To MR. LUSHINGTON,
Collector of Poligar Peshcush.

AFTER COMPLIMENTS.

Your favourable letter informing me that Cataboma Naig, and the Poligar of Naglepore having rebelled against the Honorable Company a detachment had marched against their Pollams from whence they had fled, and desiring that

in case they came towards my boundary, I would secure them, arrived in happy season. This mark of your remembrance of my attachment in the Company's affairs has given me more pleasure than I can express. What is there to me so good as the Service of the Company ; it is fit for me by zeal and diligence to obtain their favor. From the beginning I have been attached to the Company, my allegiance towards them, is the primary object of my life—Heretofore, I sent 5000 sheep to Colonel Brown for the purposes of the war against Tippoo ; and two thousand peons with confidential leaders, were appointed to conduct them with Colonel Brown to Seringapatam ; the fidelity with which they acted will doubtless have been made known to you.

The moment I received your agreeable letter, I despatched different parties to the boundaries of my country—they are as vigilant as possible—by the blessing of God, if those Poligars approach my limits, my attachment and fidelity will be made known.

In the temple of the Almighty it is my first prayer that in whatever affair the Company may be pleased to employ me, I may (if it be necessary) make an offering of my life, and establish a good name.

what more can be written.

May your friendship for me increase.

A true translation,

(Signed) S. LUSHINGTON, Collector.

No. 56.

TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM

RAJAH VIGIA RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

Dated 16th September, received 26th.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I before despatched a letter in answer to your agreeable favor, desiring me to place guards upon my boundaries to seize Cataboma Naig ; from that letter and the bearer of it the particulars will have become known to you. To this

time the different parties are posted on the boundaries, but intelligence has been received that the Poligars have fled by a different route. Whether to keep the guards stationed some time longer or to withdraw them you will be pleased to write to me, and accordingly I shall do. In every respect I am the well wisher of the Company, their business and service are to me the primary objects. Considering me one of your own people, you will favor me with friendship from the heart. What more can be written. May your kindness towards me ever increase.

A true translation,
(Signed) S. LUSHINGTON,
Collector.

No. 57.

TO RAJAH VIGIA RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

Your letter of the 16th September requesting to know whether the Guards that had been stationed by you on your own boundaries to seize Cataboma Naig, and the Poligar of Caudulgoody, should be continued or withdrawn having arrived, has given me much satisfaction.

The exertion of your zeal in this affair will be particularly acceptable to Government and to me. Those Poligars have fled to Anioor; therefore it is not necessary any longer to keep guards on your Southern limits but on the Western and Northern boundary it will be proper to continue them so that they may not escape by those routes.

May your prosperity and happiness increase.

(A true copy.)
(Signed) S. LUSHINGTON,
Collector.

Kytar,
26th September, 1799.

No. 58.

TRANSLATION OF A LETTER FROM

RAJAH VIGIA RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

Dated 24th September 1799; received 29th in the morning.

I before despatched a letter to you intimating that I had stationed guards in different places to seize Cataboma Naig, &c. ; on every occasion I am ready with my life to serve the Company, their service is the essence of my existence. On every side in the mountains and on the hills, I had placed people to find out the hiding place of that enemy, Cataboma Naig ; by the blessing of God, the prosperity of the Company, and my own good fortune, he with his dumb brother, two mothers-in-law (should be brothers-in-law) and three other people, altogether seven persons, having been discovered in the jungle of the village of Kaliapoor, in the Shevagunga Talook, which jungle is to the Westward of Tiracullumpoor in my country, I last night sent my troops thither and after having surrounded him, with much caution and exertion the whole party were taken. Cataboma Naig at the time he was seized wished to have slain himself, but my people having bound his hands kept him in confinement ; the particulars of this Poligar are well known to you, to keep him in safety one day is extremely difficult, He is without hope of his life. Whatever may be written by you shall be executed. I am waiting for an answer.

May your friendship for me increase.

A true translation from the original Persian.

(Signed) S. LUSHINGTON, Collector.

No. 59.

TO RAJAH VIGIA RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

Dated 26th September 1799.

AFTER COMPLIMENTS.

Your letter of the 24th September informing me of the seizure of the rebel Cataboma Naig, his dumb brother, his two brothers-in-law and three other persons arrived at

the very moment when I expected this mark of your fidelity; the satisfaction which it has given me cannot be expressed. Certainly this event has proceeded "from the blessing of God and the prosperity of the Company," but it is at the same time an acceptable proof of your zeal and good understanding, and will be a foundation for continuing the Company's protection to you. I shall have great satisfaction in reporting this circumstance to his Lordship in Council, so that you may receive the benefit of it.

It is proper for you my friend on the instant of receiving this letter to send Cataboma Naig with the six persons taken with him effectually secured to Lieutenant Smith Commandant of Madura. where Major Bannerman will have a party to take charge of them

The Peons whom you before stationed in your country may now be withdrawn.

What more can be written.

(Signed) S. LUSHINGTON.

Collector.

No. 60.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
CHARLES SMITH, Esq.,

The Governor of Madras:

TO RIE RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

The Honorable Company and the Nabob are highly pleased with you for your wishing them prosperity. We are satisfied at the aid you granted us at the time we were in distress, and you may expect ease and happiness as you bore a hand in putting down the enemy, and restoring peace and tranquillity to the country. Pray take the same degree of interest in all the affairs belonging to the Sirkar, and write to me often of the state of your country on a belief that I am your well-wisher in every respect.

What more?

1194, Hizree.

No. 61.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
GENERAL E. COOTE.
TO RIE RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your letter, ascribing your long silence to your, having engaged in making merry upon the enemy being vanquished who was so very wicked.

It is possible that it may be so.

The enemy was conquered in a village Motapalum in the vicinity of Mahomed Bunder on the 9th Rujjub, since that period, his horses did not hover about our successful Army.

The corps of Bengal have joined with ours.

Our successful Army has encamped near Madras for the purpose of procuring a supply of warlike things.

God grant that we burn the enemy to ashes and blow it off by the wind.

We request that respectable and sincere as you are, you would co-operate with the English in driving off the creatures of the enemy from that country. This conduct on your part will secure the firm friendship of the Company to you.

As I wish you well, I request you to please us with an account of your health.

What more ?

1195 Hizree.

No. 62.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
GENERAL E. COOTE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received both of your letters on the 17th Jamaudilowel, when I was impatient for them and was exceedingly satisfied.

We had heard that you had conquered the horses of the enemies, but we now having learned the news particularly from your letters, were much satisfied.

It is my prayer that God grant that every day may give you a new victory over our enemies.

May every day be prosperous. As you have taken incredible pains, the English gentlemen and the Court of Directors were perfectly satisfied that you are a firm and confident Ally to them and wishing their happiness—your zeal has been proved beyond doubt—so I am upon peaceable and amicable terms with you.

The message which the Rajah of Tanjore sent to you intimating that the Fort of Keelanelly which is now occupied by the enemies belongs to you a long time since, and that you may take it from him has been fully known. That you should take the Fort is highly agreeable to us. That your property should be restored to you and that your power should be strengthened from the restoration is highly pleasing to us.

The Colleries of Sevagunga named Poochy Naick and Lingum Naick had been represented as fomenting disturbances and seditions—but after it has pleased God to quell the enemies, I will take it upon myself to have the fomenters adequately punished.

Whatever else has been lost by you, will certainly be restored to you who are a true friend to us.

As I wish your well being, write me word of it.

What more?

Jamandilowel,
1195 Hizree.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

COL. J. WRIGHT PEARS.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your letter dated the 13th Rujjub.

Our reasons in desiring you to supply us with your armed men to withstand with Hyder Naik in the engagement, were that you have without deceit done every thing to serve the Nabob and the Company.

If I, who am a friend should be so fortunate as to wipe off even an idea of an enemy, you and others will then be happy and undisturbed.

Considering you who are bestowen of kindness as an unknown person, I have not requested you to send your men here merely to receive batta, but I believe that you are a principal sharer in this affair.

You, our Ally having in view the happiness and interest of yours and others, will, I know, not hesitate to send your Army.

That the Company alone should pay the batta to the Army in this time of war, a measure which you recommend is just: I, your friend do not contradict it.

But in case you would, beforehand, supply the necessary provisions to the Army and pay the batta, and send an account of the charges, I will attach my signature to it first, and afterwards pay off the amount.

The English camp has incurred charges almost intolerable. I write this for your information.

Considering you as my kind friend, I gave you this trouble.

What more?

15th Rujjub. }
1155 Hizree. }

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

COLONEL WOOD.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your confidential letter stating that Hyder Naik sent a verbal message through the people of Oodaya-teiven to Poodocottah and was much rejoiced. I will communicate the message alluded to, to the Government and also forward them your letter to me. Now your Army has been stationed at Manargoody with Colonel Knox. All our enemies who had run away from the Pagoda at Manargoody have been taken by your people.

The creatures of the enemy at Puttoocottah are not able to afford their assistance, so as to take the Pagoda.

The enemy occupies three Forts, Ardangy, Keellanelly, and Puttoocottah—what makes us to give trouble to our kind friend is, that, confidential as you are, you will with your Militia march and take the Forts of Puttoocottah and Ardangy, and that upon notice being given to us, we will have them forthwith garrisoned with English Troops—you are requested that you may take the Fort of Keellanelly, have it garrisoned with your own people, and you may possess yourself of the Fort with its district.

This will prove your zealous and laborious services to the Nabob and the Company.

The wound which I have received, gradually cures by the mercy of God and your well wishes.

After you have marched against the said Forts, have the goodness to favor me with daily account of the engagement.

May every day bring new joy to you.

19th Ramzan. §

1195 Hizree. §

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

GENERAL E. COOTE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS;

I received your letter imputing my long silence to the multiplicity of business on my hands and to the enemies having retired, and I was much pleased at it.

As you are in friendship invariable, and as you are frank you saw into the real cause of my silence.

After the enemy has retired into Motopalum; on the 9th Rujjub, the press of business did not leave me time to write to you, but as we have your health uppermost in our mind, you are requested to give me daily account of yours.

After the French enemy, despicable as he was, has retreated, his horses do not appear to come round our victorious Army. The brave gentleman of the Army do not find the enemy able enough to oppose them in whatever direction they may follow him. That a great part of the Army of Bengal has joined with our camp, in this critical moment, appears to have arisen from Divine Mercy. God grant that the enemy be wholly destroyed within a short time.

What we require of you as a good friend, is, that you jointly with the English gentlemen in that part of the country, should have the enemies there punished and driven off.

We are assured that your obliging disposition and bravery will keep pace with your friendship to me.

What more ?

1195 Hizree;

No. 66.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

GENERAL E. COOTE

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your letter, and the contents gave me satisfaction. Not contented with your having sincerely taken pains for the good of the Company, you still indefatigably do seek the same, which I ascribe to Divine Mercy.

As you have fulfilled something agreeably to my desire, it gave me much satisfaction and also served to promulgate that you, who are brave and warlike, are always ready to seek the happiness of the Company.

What I have to request of you is, that on the receipt of this letter, you with your force would afford every assistance to Mr. Anthony who has been already directed to come with his force; in every enterprise wherein it may be necessary as a brave and well-wishing friend, you can see the necessity of doing it. If you follow the course, it will afford much satisfaction to the Company and myself, and will add to your reputation and happiness, and above all will prove an instrument to your further good.

Our brave Soldiers took much pains to punish the enemies by fighting with them face to face, but that (the enemy) act so cowardly and unfeelingly in setting the houses on fire, harassing and torturing the poor and depredating the country that they shew no fortitude in personal engagement.

The Army of Bengal may have arrived in the vicinity of Masulipatam, which will within a few days, join with ours when the enemies of such improper conduct should totally be exterminated.

As I always wish you health, write me word of it.

What more?

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

GENERAL COOTE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your letter stating that you laboured much in the affairs of the Nabob, and of the Honorable Company, and that you are disposed to do the same, at which I have been exceedingly gratified.

I am fully persuaded that you have taken much more labour, than you wrote me of in the affairs of the Nabob and of the Honorable Company. These your labours are as evident and plain as the light of broad day.

Your abilities and goodness of disposition were fully appreciated by the Nabob and the Gentlemen at Madras.

If you jointly with the Army of Tanjore and Trichinopoly as well as with the victorious Armies of the English, should be so successful as to drive off the horses from that country whom the enemies have left there only with a view to harrass and torture the poor; inform me of your having achieved the same, as I am anxiously impatient to hear it.

The Honorable Company, Nabob, and myself will not only be exceedingly gratified at it but also will feel highly obliged to you; and which will also pave the way to your happiness.

As we wish your health constantly, write me word of it.

What more?

I have just received accounts apprizing that the Army from Bengal is to come here both Overland and by Sea, and that a large Army is expected here from Europe. God grant it may be so.

I write this news to you as it would serve to your satisfaction.—You are brave.

1195. Huzee.

No. 68.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
GENERAL COOTE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

The happy information of your success which we have been able to collect from all quarters is that you have bravely and gallantly routed, punished, and made some of the enemies' horses your captives which had infested your country. This has gratified us beyond measure. Had you given us the particulars of the action, it would have afforded us greater pleasure. We have however been fully persuaded that you can easily achieve more glorious actions. If you should show yourself disposed to take all possible pains in the affairs of the Company, you can easily and fully anticipate the greatness and the happiness which you will come at.

The Armies from Bengal and Europe have approached. We have already written to you that if it pleases God, the enemy will properly be chastised and banished from the Carnatic, the same I must repeat even in this letter.

As instructions have been despatched to Colonel Heron to afford you every assistance in our letter to him, he will on application do the same to you.

Knowing that I wish you health, you are requested to write me word of it.

What more;

1195 Hizrec.

No. 69.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
GENERAL E. COOTE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

When we were storming the Fort of Tripasoor on the 4th Rumjan, the enemy who ran away with all his Artillery and Army has encamped in a place in the vicinity of Tagaval Gunjee, where he engaged Colonel Fullerton, thinking that the place will procure him success as it did before.

Although we opposed the enemy outside the said Fort of Tripasoor, he being unable to maintain a contest with us fled to the said Gunjee, which is situated at seven miles distance.

Our warlike Army followed the enemy until evening in the same manner as an exasperated Tiger will do. If it please God, the enemy will completely be destroyed within four or five days.

That you, who are a brave warrior and others may be pleased, I have stated this happy news of our conquest.

What the friendly relation which I bear to you makes me repeatedly write to you is that you, in conjunction with the gentlemen of that country would discover, punish and drive off, the creatures of the enemy there.

As I anxiously wish your happiness, give me satisfaction by writing of your health.

What more?

1195 Hizree.

No. 70.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

COL. J. WRIGHT PEARS.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your letter on the 9th 1195 Hizree, giving cover to one to the address of General Munro, and I derived much satisfaction therefrom.

On my recommending your zealous assistance afforded to us, to the consideration of General Munro Behauder, he was highly gratified with you. I had written him that two guns should be presented to you. It has been accordingly directed that two guns, 300 balls, and the requisite quantity of powder, should be granted to you from the Fort of Trichinopoly.

The said General has informed you that the Rajah of Tanjore being the friend of the Honorable Company, the people of the latter should not be upon any account liable to any trouble and harrassings from you; and the same I had the honor to repeat in my letters to you. It is therefore requested that orders should be issued to all your people that no trouble whatever be given to the people of the said Rajah. In the event of any disturbances being fomented by the said Rajah's people, you may write a particular letter upon the subject, give it to an able Ambassador, and send him to deliver it to the said General.

You are also to state in it that agreeably to the desire of the Colonel, you have sent your Army from your country, for the purpose of combating the enemy.

As we cannot afford to defray the charges of your Army, you are authorized to enjoy the three Forts of Puttoocottah, Ardangy, and Keelanelly so long as the valuation of them shall have refunded the expenses already incurred. To this effect I addressed a letter to the said General yesterday, that you would give an explanatory intimation of the case, appears proper.

General Coote has taken the Fort of Chittoor, and a large quantity of Paddy and 1,500 men belonging to the enemy who were taken with the Fort, have been made captives. I have been just informed that you have taken and made Mauppillayteiven your captive who was a fomenter of sedition. This will prove your conspicuous abilities and gallantry to the Nabob.

May your abilities, gallantry and your happiness always increase, is my earnest prayer.

Sad Jiluj. }
1195 Hizree. }

No. 71.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
COLONEL FULLERTON.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have deputed your Vakeel Koottiachary and the Commandant with the Battalion to you, and I have the pleasure to inform you that they have with the whole of their heart been very careful and diligent in the late war.

I testified my thanks to the Commandant before your Battalion for his able services.

I request you would treat Koottiachary and the Commandant with great favor and not abate what may be due to them.

What more?

14th Rujjub. ۲
1196 Hizree. ۵

No. 72.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LORD MACARTNEY,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your letter of the 9th Sapher, and beg to assure you, that the Honorable Company are ever ready to fulfil their promises, and to return favor and friendship to those that are subject to them.

The time of difficulty having now arrived, I hope you will afford your friendly counsel, and Military aid to the Honorable Company, and drive away the enemy's forces from within the country, I shall write to you on my hearing from Soobbiyah, your Vakeel, of your having done so.

What more ?

28th Rubbisanee, }
1197, Hizree. }

No. 73.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

SIR ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, K. B.

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

Your account of the enemy's intentions of vengeance on the country assures me of your attachment to the cause of the Nabob and the Honorable Company, and I beg to assure you that we shall always be kind and faithful to those who are friendly to us, and to the Nabob Wallajah Bahadoor. General Heron, at Trichinopoly, will assist you in all your difficulties on your applying to him for it.

What more ?

24th Shuwall, }
1202, Hizree. }

No. 74.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

COLONEL STUART.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

As the Corps of Captain Knox will in its march towards the south, come into your country within three days, I request you will furnish him with necessary assistance and provisions and show him by-ways for his march.

As the Captain is a very good natured gentleman, no force or violence will be offered to the shopkeepers.

What I request of you is that after the Captain has departed from your country, you will let me know the nature of the assistance which may have been afforded to him.

As you long since reposed unchangeable and real confidence and friendship in the Honorable Company as well as in myself, I was induced to give you this trouble.

As I have been promoted to the situation of a General in this Southern Division, I will thank you to let me know in what I may be serviceable to you.

25th Jamaudilowel. §
1203 Hizree. §

What more?

No. 75.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

COLONEL STUART.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

This Tuesday I arrived at Narungee Kawoony with my corps; upon receiving the necessary provisions for the Army I was highly gratified: your Tassildar of the name Oomaniah paid me a visit, who brought straw and other articles. He acquitted himself of his duties, as if he were our own servant; upon the Tassildar's informing me that your Army has been kept ready at Trimyem, I was exceedingly satisfied.

I request you would direct your men to march so that they may arrive on Tuesday at Tripatoor. I will have them well inculcated in the articles of war, after their arrival at the place, above said.

You are requested that you will issue orders to the inhabitants and the shopkeepers directing that they may bring and sell all the things which may be necessary for the camp. It will rest with us to see proper assistance afforded them, the payment made for the things purchased of them; and that no violence be offered to them.

I request you would send in conformity with my former letter, with the said corps to Trippatoor, about 300 spades, pick-axes and other instruments. They are much required there.

What more?

1st Rujjub. }
1203 Hizree }

No. 76.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
COLONEL STUART.

Commanding the Southern Division.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I duly received your letter, intimating that in compliance with the desire of the Nabob, you have been very careful in having Maruduppen well punished, that you have placed your Vakeel Koottiachary there for the purpose of supplying the corps with necessary provisions, notwithstanding the hard times now existing; and of acceding, when necessary, to your other desires. In an interview which I have received this day the 18th, from the said Vakeel, he said that the Army is in readiness to serve when called, at which I was much pleased.

If it pleases God, I propose to be in your country on Monday after quitting Trichinopoly on Saturday.

If you would be good enough to send forward an able and confidential person to meet me, I will first enquire about your health of him, and then privately let him know what I may be in need of in the present undertaking.

I will thank you to send with the said confidential person, some spades, and Koondaulums as they are much wanted here.

As I am your intimate friend, you are requested to gladden me with an account of your health and welfare.

What more?

18th Rujjub. }
1203 Hizree. }

No. 77.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

COLONEL STUART.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

The business to which I had been appointed by the Company, has been happily closed ; which I owe to your assistance and the Divine Mercy.

I have resolved to pass to Tanjore through your country with some soldiers.

Oomaniah who was with me in the late war with your force, was very careful in all respects ; nor was he wanting in his carefulness in the affairs of the Company, at which I am perfectly satisfied with Oomaniah.

Having known the bias of the Officers of the Nabob and the Company, he accommodated his conduct to it. He was intelligent and discerning ; whenever occasion required his services, he was very ready with his force to hazard his life, and his actions were not blameworthy. It is therefore requested that you would forward his rank and shew him particular honor.

I have not only hitherto submitted to the notice of the Nabob and the Company your having supplied us with requisite provisions and cattle on the present occasion, and your brave services, but will still do the same.

If your dignities and honors be promoted, I will consider as if mine were promoted.

What can I add more than that I wish to see you.

1st Shaubaun. }
1203 Hizree. }

No. 78.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

COLONEL STUART.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

The desire which I feel to see you who are kind to me, is beyond the power of writing; what I am to inform to your friendly and clear mind is that I have been much pleased to hear that the provisions and sheep which you have sent to Trippatoor have arrived there.

As there is a great delay in the affairs of this place, the provisions and sheep are absolutely required for the use of the soldiers in the Army. Provisions and sheep cannot be had in this place, I am therefore obliged to give you the trouble of supplying them, though with much difficulty, and of sending them here in large quantities. If you would do so, your assistance and obligation would be greater to the Honorable Company than those which you have hitherto done to them, and it will be the cause also to strengthen my friendship to you.

As some companies of Infantry are expected here from Tanjore through your country, I request you will, upon their arrival there be so good as to furnish them with provisions which they may require and send them here.

I desire you to be particularly kind towards me.

What more?

24th Shaubaum }
1203 Hizree. }

No. 79.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

G. A. RAM, Esq.

Resident at Tanjore.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

General Meadows the Governor of Fort Saint George has with a large Army in his march against Seringapatam, encamped in those parts of the country, and he will soon make his movements from that quarter; and the provisions, &c. have been directed to be sent to the camp from all quarters. Some were already received and some were not, and ten thousand calums of rice is ready at Sevagunga, which it is difficult to be transported for want of draught bullocks. What we have through friendship, to request of you is that you would furnish the Hircarrah who brings this letter, with one thousand bullocks.

After the rice has been transported, the hire, &c. will be paid at the camp and the bullocks will again be returned. This timely assistance will highly gratify the Governor and the other Gentlemen, and this will prove your service to the Governor. As this is a very critical opportunity, all Princes can fully see the necessity of cheerfully affording assistance to the camp, in different ways.

As you are a respectable personage, you pursue long since a good conduct to the English, which is as plain as the day. We are assured that you cannot at any time abandon the cause of the English East India Company.

I will thank you to gladden my heart with a daily account of your health.

What more?

Whether the bullocks belong to yourself or to the Merchants—it is however requested that they be sent to us.

27th Ramzan. }
1204 Hizree: }

No. 80.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
G. A. RAM, Esq.

Resident at Tanjore.

TO VIJEYA RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

How can I be able to describe the pleasing emotions roused in me at being informed by persons of other countries that you who have honorably filled the throne of your father, rule and treat your subjects and servants with kindness—who are faithful in affording assistance in the affairs of the English East India Company, and carry on the Civil and Military business very regularly.

I always pray God that you with your own people may be happy and powerful.

I will thank you to write me a daily account of your health to gladden my heart.

What more?

27th Ramzan. }
1204 Hizree. }

No. 81.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

SIR CHARLES OAKELY, K. B.,

The Governor of Madras.

TO RIE RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I am informed that your people were committing violence and have robbed the villagers of Shanaraputty of their cattle. But what I chiefly advise you to do is, that you will issue orders for the apprehension and punishment of

the offenders, and to restore the stolen property to the owners, and I pray you will prevent a recurrence of the same by awarding punishments to those found guilty in future. If your subjects have any thing to complain of those of Tanjore, Mr. Ram, the Government Agent there will do them ample justice on their representing their grievances to him in person.

What more?

12th Jilhuji, }
1205, Hizree }

No. 82.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
COLONEL BAIRD.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

The anxious desire of having a personal interview with you, who are so intrepid, cannot be described.

The Merchants and Chetties will come down to your country for purchasing things thereabout, in order to dispose of them in the Camp, which has made its halt in Wallajabad outside the Fort, As I have been informed that intrepid as you are, you continue long since to afford your assistance to the Company, that you seek their happiness; and that you are favorably disposed to them, what I have at present to request you is, that you would direct your men to suffer to pass the Merchants and the Chetties, duty free, who may have been furnished with passes attested by my signature and the seal of the Camp Cutwal; and thereby assist the conduct of the Company's affairs.

Knowing that I a friend of you who are a brave man, am anxious to see you, you are requested to gratify me by often writing me word of your health.

May you love me?

27th Jilkaud. }
1206 Hizree. }

No. 83.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
SIR CHARLES OAKELY, K. B.,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

Mr. Strange, the Collector of Tanjore informs me that some of your subjects committed a murder at Puttoocottah in Tanjore, and that your Vakeel was not pleased to comply with his request in making over to him some persons that were named by one of the offenders apprehended.

But I think that you, our best Ally, will not suffer the criminals to be any longer in your country, but cause them to be delivered over to him (the Collector), and undergo the punishment they deserve for their inhuman conduct.

What more?

Fort St. George }
1st Shaupaun, }
1207, Hizree. }

No. 84.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
G. A. RAM, Esq.

Resident at Tanjore.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

What I have to inform you with a desire to have an interview with you is that I have sent from Tanjore for the English Camp at Trippatoor, 200 bullocks load of rice, under the care of my Hircarrah Coopiah, which are to pass by your Country. They will arrive at Trivapoorum within two days. As you long since are kind enough to continue to afford your assistance in the affairs of the Company, I request you to send a requisite number of your men to guard the provision to the said Trippatoor, and the bullocks on their return back to Trivapoorum, and from thence our people will bring the bullocks to Tanjore.

What can I write more than that I wish to see you.

Sth Rubbisany. }
8208 Hizree. }

No. 85.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

Mr. AGNEW.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I am exceedingly desirous to have the pleasure of seeing you. As you continue to assist in the affairs of the Honorable Company with fidelity and willingness, I request you will consider me as your sincere friend.

I send to you with Mohiddin Saheb the Commandant, 2 Europe Pistols, 1 Chest, 1 Europe double barrell'd Firelock, some quantity of Europe Gunpowder and some Balls as a present. Though they are not fit to be sent to you, I beg the favour of you to accept them.

I request you will permit to write me the accounts of your good health until I shall have the pleasure of seeing you.

I have nothing more to write than that I wish to see you.
17th Ramzan.
1209 Hizree

No. 86.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

G. A. RAM, Esq.

Resident at Tanjore.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have received your friendly letter and was very sorry to learn from it, that some persons who carry provisions have, whilst I remain so near to you, committed outrages in the country belonging to yourself, who are an Ally to the Nabob and who are seeking the interest of the Honorable Company, and my best friend. I have given so strict an order to the people of the Army as well as to those who carry provisions that I am sure no one will hereafter do so.

If any one should sometime dare to do so, I desire you to cause him to be apprehended, bound with ropes and sent to me in charge of your peon. He shall then be properly punished to the terror of others who will hereafter dare to do so.

Until I should have an interview with you who are very brave, I request you will continue to write me the accounts of your good health and happiness, such is the way of friendship.

What more?

27th Ramzan. }
1210 Hizree. }

No. 87.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

HESAMUN MOOLOOK

BEHAUDER.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

From the writing of Sied Vagah Ally Khan, I learnt that your men have laboured much at Odhiarpaleum.

This has added much to your reputation, glory and honor.

As you who are so brave; have taken much trouble in our affairs, you will grow the more endearing to the Nabob.

What more?

12th Shanben. }
1211 Hizree. }

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

CHARLES HARRIS, Esq.

Collector of Tanjore.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received a letter of the 2d Ramzan, apprizing that Sinnamarooden, his sons, and family, &c. were apprehended and made captives by Divine Mercy, by the exercise of the Company's authority, by the good counsels of the Military Gentlemen of the Camp, and by the assistance which you afforded to the victorious Army of the English. At the sight of that letter my kind friend, I was so enraptured with joy that I cannot express it. The intention of the Honorable Company, that the powers of the Company should continue to flourish, that the rightful owners should be put in the possession of their legal property, that the loyal servants should be protected, that those who follow an improper conduct should be punished, and made captives is as obvious as the Sun. The party of the said Sinnamarooden who were altogether blind to their own interest were but fully repaid for their pernicious conduct.

From the letters of Captain Blackburn and Colonel Agnew, I have fully learnt what great assistance you have afforded to the English Army, and doubt not but that the Governor and the Counsellors may have been well aware of the same from the communication of the said Gentlemen.

I firmly believe that all the inhabitants of your country will, in future, cheerfully give themselves to cultivating their lands, and be happy in their commodious habitations which they may erect. Your Vakeel will inform you the rest.

What more?

1212 Hizree.

No. 89.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

LORD CLIVE,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

Some late occurrences having suggested to me the expediency of assembling promptly a large army, I pray you will provide us with provisions and sheep for their use. Please let me know, without loss of time, the quantity and number of what you could possibly supply our camp with.

What more?

10th Ruzzub,
1213, Hizree.

 No. 90.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

LORD CLIVE,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I am highly rejoiced at receiving your letter of the 23rd Rubbisanee, announcing the apprehension and confinement of the Rebel Poliar of Punchalumcoorchy with his followers.

To the best of my recollection, I can presume that your ancestors have long since evinced a considerable degree of perseverance and presence of mind in assisting the Honorable

Company in times of distress and difficulty, and I have now received a fresh proof of attachment and fidelity from one so eminently representing an illustrious family of the Tondiman. By this you have not only rendered yourself conspicuous among the Allies of the Honorable Company, but far extended the good name your ancestors have secured to you, I will strongly recommend your meritorious conduct to the favorable notice of the Home Authorities, and have herewith sent to you a Khilut and horse in consideration of the high obligation I received at your hands.

The Collector at Rannad will disburse the amount of reward promised by Major Bannerman on your ordering the Poliagar Cutbun Naick to be delivered over into his Cutcherry in custody of your men.

What more?

5th Jamadiowel. }
1214, Hizree. }

No. 91.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

COLONEL BROWN.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

The desire which I feel of seeing you cannot be completed either by writing to you or by expressing it in letter, and I hope that you will by a friendly letter inform me of your health and that of the family.

It has in these days pleased God to give the English Arms victory over Tippoo Sultan their avowed enemy.

The said Sultan being unable to resist the English intrepidity and gallantry has fled to some jungles, and a reprieve has now taken place. I have also informed the Government as I did to yourself that your men have according to my directions acted day and night most cordially and assiduously in the affairs of the English, at which the Governor has been much gratified.

The friendship which subsists between you and the Company from four generations, will in future be improved.

As your men have nothing to do here, I have directed them to proceed to Poodocottah on Tuesday the 10th July next.

We have granted rice to your men who had been garrisoned at Karoor at four PADDIES each for three days, until they may arrive at Poodocottah from the said place, from the 16th to the 19th July.

We have granted rice to your men at Erood at six PADDIES each from the 16th to 21st July.

We have granted rice to your men with Ayahsawmy at Coimbatore at 8 PADDIES each from the 16th to the 23rd July.

As Ayahsawmy the bearer of this letter is a very worthy man, I recommend him to your favor. The payment which I made to your men after they arrived at Cootalum Talook, by permission, which I applied for and obtained from Government is as follows,

10 Pagodas paid to the first Sirdar,

14 Pagodas paid to 2 Sirdars of the next rank,

7 Pagodas paid to a Peshcar,

to 22 Servagars at 2 Pagodas 6 Fanams each,

to 34 Dubbaydars at 1 Pagoda 3 Fanams each,

to 2 Carzums at 1 Pagoda 18 Fanams each

at this rate they have been paid in full up to the 23rd July.

The payment for the men who had been stationed at Erood, and Karoor was made to Ayahsawmy up to the 23rd July, which he will distribute to them. As we wish you and your friends happiness, write us often the account of it. What more?

Your letter of the 25th Moharum has been received as I expected and gave much satisfaction. Ayahsawmy will bring you my answer.

12th Saphur. }

1214 Hizree. }

No. 92.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

D. CRAFTORD, Esq.

Judge at Tanjore.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I who am your friend understand that some dishonest fellows have infused the idea in your mind that all the assistance which has been long afforded by you to the Company has been altogether forgotten by them and that by establishing some novel customs in your country, they have it in their intention to bring a disgrace upon you and your people; what I have to write on the present occasion to avert all uneasiness from you is that, the Government will distinguish you by a particular treatment from your equals, so that your honors and dignities may continue to prosper.

The Governor Behauder has been pleased to appoint me to be a Judge in the Tanjore Province; and I will apply to you to send any of the public offenders and debtors of this Province who may have taken their asylum in your country.

If either the Court Peon or my own private servant should be found to have committed any violence in your country, you may apprehend and send them here to me, and I will have them punished in an exemplary manner that would prevent its recurrence there.

May you love me.

28th Rubillowel

1214 Hizree. §

No. 93.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

LUSHINGTON, Esq.

The Collector.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your of the 23rd Ramzan 1214 Hizree on the 18th of the same month, informing me that one Kuttabomma Naick, Oomayen his brother, two of his brothers in-

law, and three other persons, in all seven persons, were by your people apprehended. I was impatient to know the good news. The perusal of the letter filled me with a joy beyond expression either through letter or by mouth. It is evident that the apprehension was effected chiefly by the propitiousness of Heaven, by the force of the Company's good fortune, by your labours and prudent counsels. The Company were highly gratified, you were much applauded and were fully established in their favor; you will be able to judge, by the favor which you will experience from the Company in what warm terms, your laborious services have been submitted to the favorable notice of the Company.

What is required of you is that you would, at the sight of this letter, deliver the said Kuttabomma Naick, &c., seven prisoners under close custody, over to the charge of Mr. Smith, Commanding at Madura. Major Bannerman will under a close guard of the Company, carry them to him, you may recall all your men stationed at different places for the purposes of watching the motions of, and apprehending the said Kuttabomma Naick &c.

You are requested to be particularly careful in having the said seven prisoners sent to Madura with their hands and feet ironed.

28th Rubbisany.

1214 Hizree.

No. 94.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LUSHINGTON, Esq.

The Collector.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your friendly letter wishing to know whether you would recall the men who had been stationed in different places for the purpose of apprehending Kuttabomma Naick and the Poligar of Karulgoody, or not; and was pleased with it. Besides the pleasure which these your services in the affairs of the Company have awakened in the minds of the English Officers, I feel a sincere satisfaction at them.

As it is discovered that those two Poligars who took to their heels have taken asylum in Anneornaud. It does not appear necessary that any men should be stationed towards the South, but it may be proper to station them, so that they may not make their escape in the Northern part of the country.

May every day produce new joys.

28th Rabbisany. }

1214 Hizree. }

No. 95.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

LIEUTENANT A SMITH,

Commanding Madura.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your kind letter which accompanied Poligar Kuttabomma Naick, his younger brother, and brothers-in-law, &c., seven persons whom you sent under close custody to Madura, who arrived here on the night of the 2d Jamaudilowel. As you have been kind enough to post your men in woods and mountains in order to watch the motions of the said Kuttabomma Naick and to apprehend and to send him, who is a man of improper conduct, the Honorable Company and other Gentlemen were fully acquainted with your unequalled faithfulness and intrepidity. To-morrow I will send from Madura that wicked wretch to Kytar, under the guard of two companies.

I will write to Mr. Lushington the Collector and Major Bannerman to pay your men, who escorted the said Kuttabomma Naick here, for their expense.

I request you would continue to write me account of your health until I see you in person, you are my friend.

What can I add more than that I wish much to see you.

6th Jamaudilowel. }

1214, Hizree. }

No. 96.

TRANSLATION OF A MALABAR LETTER FROM
CAPTAIN SMITH,

Commanding at the Fort of Madura.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I shall happy here until the 17th Instant and beg to direct an account to be written to me of your happiness, &c. Kuttabonima Naick, his younger brother, three of his relatives, and two of his servants, in all seven persons, have arrived here with four daggers, five swords, one nut breaker, and one knife. All the said things were delivered to me by Annaviah and I received them.

Be it known to your mind.

6th Jamaudilowel-}

1214 Hizree. }

No. 97.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
COLONEL BROWN.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

The desire which I feel of seeing you is beyond measure irresistible. Considering the long proved friendship which subsists between you and myself, I have addressed a letter to the Government, that you are a well wisher to the power and authorities of the Honorable Company, that you are steady and unchangeable in your faith to them, that you can afford the most sincere and hearty assistance to the Company; I have also sent your letter to them.

The Gentlemen on reading the letter said as follows, that Rajah Vijeya Ragoonath Rie Tondiman is their confidential Ally, that he is a well wisher of the English nation, that he can safely be depended upon in all respects that he can afford his sincere and cordial assistance to the English; and they would send a letter to your address to testify their gratification at your conduct.

The despatch which has been yesterday night received from Madras, announced the above hinted news. I write this news to you as it will afford you great satisfaction.

Knowing me to be a well wisher of your authority and happiness, and knowing me also extremely desirous of a personal visit with you, you are requested to gladden my heart by writing always an account of your health.

May every day give you fresh health and prosperity.

15th Jamaudilowel. }
1214 Hizree. }

No. 98.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
MAJOR CANNY.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

The receipt of your friendly letter gave me exceeding satisfaction.

The Company's Officers, thank God, were not only long since gratified with you, but they and myself were still more gratified with the assistance which was afforded by you, and are confident that your future conduct will also prove satisfactory to us.

I will thank you to give me a daily account of your health as I am your friend eagerly anxious to know it.

What more?

15th Jamaudilowel. }
1214 Hizree. }

No. 99.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
MR. LUSHINGTON,
The Collector.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I received your letter when I was impatient to receive it, intimating that you have in reference to my letter to you delivered Kuttabomma Naick, &c. to the Commanding Officer at Madura under close custody on the 6th Jamaudilowel, and that some say that you have in vain taken the pains to have him apprehended; and I was overjoyed at it: you have done right in having the said Kuttabomma Naick delivered to the said Commanding Officer at Madura.

You hinted in your letter that some say that you have in vain taken pains in the affairs of the Company.

But those who have taken pains in the affairs of the Company have not hitherto gone unrewarded.

You may rest assured that the particular labours and pains which you have taken in the affairs will soon be adequately rewarded.

The ill talking of the senseless can prove of no avail at all.

Knowing that I am your friend always anxious about your health, you are requested to write me word of it.

What more?

19th Jamaudilowel. }

1214 Hizree. }

No. 100.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

Mr. CHARLES HARRIS,

Collector of Tanjore.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I have been much rejoiced to receive your kind letter accompanied with a Khilut which you have been pleased to send to me through your Vakeel.

I am without doubt, fully convinced that since a long period of years, you, who are kind to me, continue to assist and do good to the Honorable Company. I was much pleased with several messages which your Vakeel has delivered to me.

Your subjects do not any violence to the inhabitants of this country. If any one would prefer a complaint against them, I shall cause him to be sent to you.

It is in the way of friendship that you should continue to please me by writing about your unabated friendship.

What more

19th Shauban. }

1214 Hizree. }

No. 101.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
MR. LUSHINGTON,
The Collector.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I received your letter through your Vakeel, informing me that you have been honoured with a Horse, a Khilut and a letter to your address from the Governor for the labours you have taken in apprehending Kuttabomma Naick, and that the letter mentions that according to the public letter addressed by Major Bannerman, the prize money should be received in my Cutcherry; and I was much satisfied with it.

The assistance which you afforded to the Company proved an instrument to forward your honors and dignities, and I, who am your sincere friend, was overjoyed with it.

Agreeable to the instructions from the Governor which were sent in compliance with the public letter of Major Bannerman, I have remitted two thousand Caily Chuckrams through your Vakeel, and I have also sent a Khilut to you as a mark of my friendship to you.

I request you to gladden my heart with writing me an account of your health—I who am your devoted friend.

What more?

3d Jilhuji. }
1214 Hizree. }

No. 102.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
COLONEL BROWN.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

The fond desire of paying my personal compliments to you is immeasurable.

What I have to write to you who bear good will towards me is, that as we stand in need of your men, I request you would, at the sight of this letter, dispatch to me 1500 men without loss of time.

I will thank you to send a list of their names, I request that no delays be used in sending the men.

May every day bring new joys.

19th March, 1799. }

1214 Hizree. }

No. 103.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

MR. LUSHINGTON,

The Collector.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have been highly pleased to receive on the 23d Shauban, your friendly letter enquiring after my Son's state of health. I am glad to inform you that my Son is by the grace of God restored to health and is now playing.

Being your friend I am very anxiously desirous to have an interview with you who are very kind towards me. If it pleases God, I shall within a few days come to that part of the country and pay a visit to you, which will afford me much gratification.

Your Hircarrahs have been here and communicated to me all things which you have permitted them to do. To which I have given my answer, which I trust you will know by them.

What more?

1214 Hizree.

No. 104.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

MAJOR W. BLACKBURNE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I am anxious to introduce myself to your personal visit who are a brave man.

What I have to inform your good mind is that upon Runga Row's explaining to me that the Poligar of Maroongapoory creates much trouble in the boundary affairs of yours, who continue to afford a great assistance to the Honorable Company, who observe an invariable conduct and who are good and well-disposed, and upon your sending the instruments which can vouch for your claim to the boundaries, and upon the said Runga Row's particularly dwelling on all your good qualities which are indeed universally known,—I was fully persuaded that your said claims are well grounded and just : and I always put up my prayers to Heaven that all your future proceedings, should also be just and that your powers and dignities may increase.

I received the Gold Cloth which you sent me as a mark of your friendship, I have also sent one the acceptance of which will highly gratify me.

What more ?

1803. 1213 Hizree.

No. 105.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
COLONEL BROWN.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

The desire which I feel of paying my personal compliments to you, who are a brave man is immeasurable. What I have to inform to your clear mind is that, I with pleasure received your letter dated the 15th Shauban, stating that while orders have been received from the Honorable Company to give presents to all the other Armies which were with the victorious English Behauder, it will certainly mortify you that your men who were with the English camp should be made an exception.

As upon my recommendation, I have now got a payment settled upon your Sirdars, Duffadars, and Servagars, &c., I feel satisfied.

I have also written that some particular presents may be granted to your men who accompanied the corps of Colonel Long, when he went to the capture of Karoor and Darapoorum, and who accompanied the corps of Colonel Fullerton, when he marched towards Palayacot, and who are now with me; and I will be happy if I should receive orders to make the present accordingly; and the delays in sending the orders, would be highly mortifying to me.

As I wish your visit and health, you will greatly gratify me by ordering to write me word of your health and prosperity.

What more?

20th Shauban. }
1215 Hizree. }

No. 106.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LORD CLIVE,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I stated in my letter to you dated 20th Mohorrum, that if you should write to General Bridges and Lieutenant Colonel Agnew about any thing which concerns that part of the Country, they will suggest to you how carefully you ought to conduct yourself in the Company's affairs.

Colonel Agnew being engaged in the affairs of the Army I thought that there would be delay in receiving any message from him, and therefore wrote to Captain Blackburne that he should go and remain with you, and keep correspondence between you and the Colonel by communicating to him your messages if you have any.

As Captain Blackburne is very able and well acquainted with business, I desire that you would consult with him upon the affairs, either of your own country or that of the Company, and follow his advice.

What more?

Sapher, 1216, Hizree.

No. 107.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LORD CLIVE,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I received your letters dated the 13th, 15th and 23rd ultimo, and I am highly pleased with the care and attention you have shown in keeping the Rebels in awe. I have likewise been gratified by learning from Captain Blackburne's letter that you are, with all your heart, assisting the Honorable Company in putting out the fire set up by the disaffected, and dismissed Shairvagars of Shevagunga, and I offer you my best thanks for the display of your and zeal attachment to the cause of the Honorable Company.

I have at the same time been informed that you have openly aided us in expelling the traitors. This will indeed be made public to your credit, I beg to say that it is your interest and honor that you should go on in giving fresh proofs of your friendship, and cordiality to the Honorable Company as you have done up to this. I desire you to afford your support to Padamatoor Oodayateiven a person appointed to the Zemindary of Shevagunga, and be assured of experiencing the full support and kindness of the Honorable Company on every occasion and at all times.

What more?

27th Sapher. §
1216, Hizree. §

No. 108.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LORD CLIVE,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have been informed by Captain Blackburne's letter of the nature of the conference held between you and him on the

24th Rabisane, and understood the plans proposed to you by him on matters of securing the interest of the Honorable Company's Sirkar. I have much pleasure in acknowledging the seasonable arrival of your troops and provision at our camp, and to express my thankfulness for the deep interest you have taken in our welfare. I am sure our wished-for object will be gained, and by the grace of God, the wicked people will be checked in the course of a few days. I have to speak highly of the good will, care, and attention, shown by your people, and assure you that they will be promulgated to their high credit, and advantage.

Jamadilowel. }
1216, Hizree. }

What more?

No. 109.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LORD CLIVE,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I am highly rejoiced at the receipt of your letter of the 25th Rabisane, congratulating me on the victory gained over the rebellious people of Shevagunga, and likewise to learn from Captain Blackburne that the people you sent in aid to the Honorable Company stood firm, and vigorously opposed the enemy during the battle. I have permitted your men to return back to you, their services being no longer required.

I am happy to observe that the disturbances are over through your kind aid and advice and that when I bring to mind the innumerable instances of your solicitude, and anxiety to further the interest and prosperity of the Honorable Company, I (as your good friend) cannot but express my sense of the worth and excellence so vividly shining in your good conduct towards them, and hope that God will render the long existing friendship between you and the Honorable Company to last for years to come.

24th Rujjub, }
1216, Hizree, }

What more?

No. 110.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

CHARLES HARRIS, Esq.

The Collector.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

As I have deputed Ayacootty Ayah, the Tassildar of Teroomayum for the purpose of supplying the victorious Army with sheep and provisions, you are requested to choose and prepare some good places for the camp to halt in and to assist him in procuring things, we may wish to have, the payment for which should be paid down in cash.

If you be kind enough to procure things, which may be necessary for the camp, previously, so as to prevent the camp going without them, the Honorable Company will look upon it as very seasonable and good assistance.

May you who are so brave, be ever kind to me.

What more?

1217 Hizree.

No. 111.

TRANSLATION OF A MALABAR LETTER FROM

LIEUT.-COL. AGNEW,

Commanding Ramnad, Sevagunga

and Trichinopoly.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

When Captain Blackburne was with you, he used to write me always of your good health, and you intimated to me through him, that your having raised your arms against the enemy of yourself and that of the Company, is a thing very desirable to me, so I had no reason to write personally to yourself, but as he has now been removed, I have taken the liberty to address this direct to yourself.

As the justice of the Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort St. George, is supreme, you may have before this heard that Padamattoor Odeateiven has been put upon the throne of Sevagunga, but now I know that he is in unity with you.

That the English Government having directed the said personage to proceed and to remain under your protection furnishes a proof of your having, by long faithful conduct, deserved and obtained their confidence and favor.

As we have assembled a great part of our Army, we will shortly give our orders that it should march against Marooduppen who has proved insolent and is committing encroachments—After we have arrived near your country, I will write you that the Odeateiven of Sevagunga may come down to me and as soon as the public road be cleared, I will receive him.

Audy Month.
Doormaty Year.
1217 Hizree.



No. 112.

TRANSLATION OF A MALABAR LETTER FROM

COLONEL AGNEW,

Commanding Ramnad &c

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

A corps of Colonel Innes is to repair to that place, for the purpose of bringing the provisions to Trumayem to the camp, I have sent your men with the corps that you may take a review of them and that they may see their families, since you manifest an eager solicitude for the good of the Company, the conduct of your men served to furnish us an example of yours in faithfulness and steadiness during the campaign.

Colonel Innes is to bring a large supply of provisions, and you are also requested to afford your assistance to the Merchants with his corps to have a further supply of provisions from your country, and get your men ready to follow the Colonel without loss of time when he would start to join with the camp, and to see the provisions conveyed to the camp every day.

I have nothing more to write to you, who are so faithful in the affairs of the Company.

I, on my part, wish you well.

22nd August, 1801. }
Seroovayel. }
1217 Hizree. }

No. 113.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

LORD WILLIAM BENTINCK,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have received your letter congratulating me on the occasion of my arrival in India, and have been much gratified by its contents. I am fully convinced that your disposition and conduct have been much approved and praised, you as well as your ancestors have since long time manifested sincere attachment and good wishes to the interests of the Honorable Company, and you are distinguished among your equals on account of your good disposition. As I bear much affection towards you, the congratulations which your letter contains, have been highly gratifying to me.

Lord Clive has, previous to his Lordship's departure for Europe, particularly informed me of your unshaken fidelity and the promptitude with which you served the Honorable Company as well as of your ancestors' bravery. I was much pleased with his Lordship's representations I shall always be inclined to support you and your just rights by which you may derive benefits.

What more ?

Ist November, 1803. }
15th Rujjub. }
1218, Hizree. }

No. 114.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LORD WILLIAM BENTINCK,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

Agreeably to what was mentioned by Lord Clive in his Lordship's letter to you under date the 17th Rubbilowel 1218 Hizree, about giving you two Golden Sticks suitable to your dignity, the Sticks had been ordered to be made. Now the Sticks being prepared I have directed them to be given to your Vakeel that they may be sent to you.

What more ?

29th Rumjan. }
1218, Hizree. }

No. 115.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
COLONEL GOWDY,

Commanding Trichinopoly.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

The fond desire of having a personal interview with you is immeasurable.

Your Fouzdar named Kanniah came here and paid me a visit. We showed him great respect.

I was highly pleased with his commendable demeanour, prudence, and the affability of his expressions.

I am happy to conclude that all your Officers may be as well disposed, and that you will have your power and dominions extended by them.

The said Kanniah introduced your new Vakeel to me, at which I am much more pleased.

I have not hitherto hesitated to do you assistance either by writing or by speaking to the utmost of my power, nor could I hesitate to do the same even in future.

I am anxious to see you, until that can be done, you will gladden my heart by directing to write me accounts of your health.

God grant that every day may bring good health and new satisfaction to you.

29th Rubbi-annce. }

1219 Hizree. }

No. 116.

TRANSLATION OF A MALABAR LETTER FROM
MAJOR BLACKBURNE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I am happy here, cause to write to me about your welfare.

In a letter which this day I received from Mr. Parish, the Collector of Ramnad, he has enclosed a copy of a letter which has been sent to him from the Government about the former disputes of the Poliput boundary of Poochy Naick, a Tamil translation of which has been transmitted to you, by the perusal of which, you will perceive that no troubles will ever be created as from the said Poochy Naicken. The Collector also writes in his letter that he has written both to you and Poochy Naicken for the purpose of informing you both of the subject.

Mr. Harris has written me to inform you that he has received full orders from the Government that Keelanelly should be delivered over to your enjoyment, with which I was much satisfied.

As the Honorable Company have great consideration and favour for you, I hope that your prosperity, happiness and reputation will still increase.

Write me of your health, and if you have any thing to commission here, let me know of it. Salam.

What more ?

29th February, 1804.

No. 117.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LORD WILLIAM BENTINCK,

The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I have received your letter of the 23rd September last, giving cover to one addressed by you to the Most Honorable the Marquis of Cornwallis. I would with much pleasure have forwarded it to His Lordship, were it not for His Lordship's deeply lamentable death of which I hope, you are, by this time informed. I have therefore returned it to you, deeming it advisable to do so.

Fort St. George,
19th November 1803.
26th, Shabaun.
1220, Hizree,

} What more ?

No. 118.

TRANSLATION OF A MALABAR LETTER TO THE
Address of the Collector at Ramnad.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

Your letter of the 7th December to the address of the Board, was received.

You have stated in your letter that the forefathers of Tondiman have wrested some villages from the forefathers of Poochy Naicken, the Poligar of Maroongapoory Poliput, and that these villages still remain with Tondiman.

By the declarations of the witnesses, &c., which Mr. Watts furnished us with on the subject, we were given to understand that the villages in question, do actually belong to Poochy Naick, and yet as they are long since enjoyed by Tondiman, the Governor in Council has decided that they must now be considered as the property of Tondiman, as it would be justified even by a lesser period of enjoyment, consistently with the rules of the English law, although the said forefathers of Tondiman have but usurped them and that no other power should interfere with the villages.

(Signed) WILLIAM ELLIS,
Secretary.

Fort Saint George, }
18th February 1804 }

No. 119.

CHARLES BOUCHIER, Esq.,
The Governor of Madras.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

I am overjoyed by the receipt of your letter containing particulars about strengthening our position, and sending your Army to join with ours, in order to check the Mysore people, who are in league with the French, and this discovers your real friendship and strong tie to me.

I have kept my force ready to beat the enemy just as he comes out, and wish for your seasonable assistance on the occasion. I think the enemy will pass Pondicherry on his way to Arcot, and intercept the provisions that may be brought from the villages. God grant that our enemy should run away to the country discouraged and disgraced.

I was pleased to hear that two of His Majesty's ships have arrived in the vicinity of Negapatam, and from some

letters received from England, I learn that 4 of His Majesty's ships, and eighteen of the Honorable Company's are under sail to India, with two thousand brave soldiers. We expect to see them here in a few days. If it please God, I am sure the Fort of Pondicherry will be stormed by our brave men without opposition on the part of the enemy, and the people of the country will enjoy ease and happiness praying for the extension of our power and dominion. Consequently the French will become exiles by their own misconduct.

I am proud to say, that God gave us victory both in Europe and in the Carnatic, and put us in possession of the greater part of the enemy's country. In a battle that took place between our fleet and that of the enemy, eleven vessels belonging to our foe were drowned in the sea, and I am sure, thank God, the enemy will fall a victim to the British arms without exception. As you are our best friend, I hope you will take this victory as your own. God grant you and your sons health and happiness.

What more ?

1181, Hizree.

No. 120.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
CHARLES SMITH, Esq.,

The Governor of Madrs.

TO RIE RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS,

The Honorable Company and the Nabob are highly pleased with you for your wishing them prosperity. We are satisfied at the aid you granted us at the time we were in distress, and you may expect ease and happiness as you bore a hand in putting down the enemy. and restoring peace and tranquillity to the country. Pray take the same degree of interest in all the affairs belonging to the Sirkar, and write to me often of the state of your country with a belief that I am your well-wisher in every respect.

What more ?

1194, Hizree.

No. 121.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE
The Governor of Madras.
TO RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN
BEHAUDER.

I have received your letter of the 21st of November last, conveying the satisfactory information of your having been made happy by the birth of a son.

Feeling great interest in any event conducive to your happiness, the intelligence which you have communicated to me has given me the greatest pleasure—and I take this opportunity of expressing to you my cordial congratulations on the occasion.

I shall always be your sincere friend and well wisher.

(Signed) S. R. LUSHINGTON.

Fort St. George, }
12th January, 1830. }

No. 122.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE
The Governor General.
TO RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN
BEHAUDER.

Dated 11th December, 1829.

I have duly received your letter, stating your regret at the orders which have been issued for withdrawing the Resident from Tanjore, and transferring his duties to the Collector of the District, and soliciting that the measure may be reconsidered.

I beg to assure you, that the expressions of fidelity and attachment, conveyed in your letter, have afforded me much satisfaction, and that you rightly suppose, that as an old friend, I have deeply at heart, the welfare and happiness of yourself and family.

The particular arrangement objected to by you, was enjoined by the Court of Directors, as a measure of economy, and was not considered by the Honorable Court as calculated to affect your interests in any way injuriously. Since however, it appears that the enforcement of the Court's orders would prove distressing to your feelings, and be otherwise productive of inconvenience, I have concurred with the Right Honorable the Governor of Fort St. George, as you will doubtless have been already apprized, in the propriety of suspending the execution of the above measure, pending a reference to the Authorities in England.

Requesting you to accept the expression of my esteem and consideration.

I remain,

Your sincere Friend,

(Signed) W. BENTINCK.

No. 123.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor.

RAJAH TONDIMAN BEHAUDER.

I have been much gratified by the receipt of your friendly letter and you may be assured that it would have given me sincere pleasure to have visited you in your Capital, and there to have congratulated you on your accession to the Throne of your Father, the ancient and tried Ally of the Honorable Company and my own personal friend.

But the excessive heat of the weather, and the long tour which I have before me, prevent my undertaking the journey to Poodoocottah. I shall however send my Secretary Mr. R. Olive, and my son, who is my Private Secretary, towards the end of next week, to convey to you the expressions of my regard, and if you can accomplish the journey without inconvenience to yourself, I shall be very happy to receive a visit from you at Trichinopoly, where I shall remain till about the beginning of the week after next.

What more can I say ?

(Signed) S. R. LUSHINGTON.

Tanjore Residency, }
16th March, 1830. }

No. 124.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN

BEHAUDER.

It is a great disappointment to me to be so near the country of the son of my old friend, and not to be able to visit him. But the extreme heat of the weather, whilst I was travelling in tent, has oppressed me so much that I am compelled to hasten to a cooler climate.

My grateful remembrance of your Father's services to the Company, thirty-one years ago, is as fresh and strong as on the day they were performed; and as your good education enables you to read and understand English, I enclose copies of the correspondence which passed on that occasion, that they may be deposited among the archives of a family distinguished in the history of British India for its fidelity and loyalty to the Honorable Company.

As a proof of my own sense of such excellent conduct, and of the virtuous disposition of your Excellency, which have been fully related to me by Captain Fyfe, I have great gratification in thus addressing you, and shall be at all times rejoiced to hear of your health, happiness and honor.

I have the honor to be with great regard.

Your Excellency's obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) S. R. LUSHINGTON.

Tanjore Residency, }
25th March, 1830. }

No. 125.

Extract from a Letter from Government.

Dated 12th October, 1799.

"Our approbation of his conduct in apprehending the Poligar of Ponjalumcoorchy has already been conveyed to Tondiman by the Right Honorable the Governor".

(True copies and Extracts.)

(Signed) D. ELIOTT,
Secretary.(Signed) S. R. LUSHINGTON,
Governor.

26th March, 1830.

No. 126.

A Letter from the Right Honorable

The Governor of Madras.

TO RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN,

BEHAUDER.

AFTER COMPLIMENTS,

I have received your letter of the 23rd May 1831, expressing your gratification at the appointment of Mr. J. Blackburne as Resident at your Court and informing me of your intention to solemnize the marriage of your second daughter on the 22nd June.

Your letter has afforded me great satisfaction ; and I have much pleasure in repeating on this occasion the assurance of the lively interest which I take in all events which are calculated to promote your happiness and comfort.

What more ?

(Signed) S. R. LUSHINGTON.

Fort St. George, }
21st June, 1831. }

No. 127.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor of Madras.

TO RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN

BEHAUDER.

AFTER COMPLIMENTS,

Para. 1. It has afforded me much satisfaction at the close of my Government to learn by your letter of the 24th Ultimo, that my endeavours to promote that good understanding which has long existed between your family and the Honorable Company have not been unsuccessful.

2. You have only to continue in the path which you have hitherto pursued to ensure a continuance of the confidence and esteem of the British Government. As an individual, I shall at all times take a lively interest in your welfare, and it will afford me in my native country sincere pleasure to hear of your increased prosperity.

What more ?

(Signed) S. R. LUSHINGTON.

Fort St. George, }
21st September, 1832. }

No. 128.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor.

TO RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN

BEHAUDER.

AFTER COMPLIMENTS,

Para. 1. Your kind letter of the 16th December 1832, congratulating me on the occasion of my arrival at Madras and accession to the Government of this Presidency, has been duly forwarded to me by the Resident and has gratified me in a high degree.

2. I am well acquainted with the faithful services and firm attachment of your respected father and ancestors to the British Government, and I shall have great satisfaction in promoting the welfare and happiness of one who pursues the same honorable course by which they have been so highly distinguished.

Captain Douglas, in whom you may place every reliance, will make me acquainted with every thing in which your interests are concerned; accept the assurance of my sincere esteem and regard.

What more?

(Signed) FREDERICK ADAM.

Fort St. George, }
4th January, 1833. }

No. 129.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY,

RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN.

BEHAUDER.

I have great gratification in informing your Excellency that the Honorable the Court of Directors, ever anxious to meet the wishes and promote the happiness of their faithful friends and allies, have been pleased to recall their instructions directing the abolition of the Office of Resident at your Court, and I feel assured that this intelligence will prove highly acceptable to your Excellency.

I request that your Excellency will favor me from time to time with accounts of your health and welfare.

What more?

(Signed) FREDERICK ADAM.

Fort St. George, }
12th November, 1833. }



No. 130.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor General.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY,

RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN

BEHAUDER.

MY ESTEEMED FRIEND,

You have probably heard of my intended visit to Madras, and I have now much pleasure in informing you that I arrived at this Presidency on the 15th instant.

I am always anxious to receive accounts of your health and welfare, and I shall therefore hope to be favoured occasionally with your friendly letters.

I remain,

With much consideration,

Your sincere Friend,

(Signed) W. BENTINCK.

Fort St. George, }
17th February 1834. }

No. 131.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN

BEHAUDER.

&c. &c. &c.

Poodocottah.

I have heard from Lieutenant Colonel Maclean the Resident, of the birth of your Grandson, and I sincerely congratulate your Excellency on the joyful event.

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I have also been favored with your Excellency's friendly letter dated the 5th Instant. I have derived much gratification from being informed by you, that the lately established regulations regarding your Jurisdiction are entirely satisfactory to you. I assure myself from your Excellency's well known character that justice will be duly administered in your Courts towards all persons who may be brought before them.

I should have had much pleasure in becoming acquainted with your Excellency; but it is my intention to go to Madras by the way of Salem, and as I propose to return to Europe early in next year I regret there is no prospect of my having an opportunity of meeting you.

Your Excellency's friendly expressions are very acceptable to me, and I beg you will receive my best wishes for your health, and happiness.

Believe me to be your faithful Friend,

(Signed) FREDERICK ADAM.

Ootacamund,
21st June, 1836. }

No. 132.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN

BEHAUDER.

Madras 4th March, 1837.

Your Excellency and my very much respected Friend.

I have not sooner acknowledged and thanked your Excellency for your kind and acceptable Letters, because I

wished that one of my last acts before leaving this country, should be also one of the most agreeable to my feelings, that of expressing to your Excellency the sincere esteem and respect in which I hold your person and character.

Colonel Maclean has very recently mentioned to me a fresh proof of those kind and beneficent principles which regulate your Excellency's conduct in the paternal care you are evincing by providing for the wants of your people who are suffering from the effects of that drought with which it has pleased Providence to afflict a part of your Territory.

I embark in a few hours for Europe ; and one of the last impressions on my mind in quitting India will be the goodness and benevolence of the Rajah Tondiman.

I hope to hear of your Welfare and Prosperity after I reach my native country, and I shall always feel it as one of the regrets which have beset me that I have not had an opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with your Excellency.

Farewell, and may Prosperity and Happiness attend you is the sincere wish of your Excellency's.

Sincere and faithful Friend,

(Signed) FREDERICK ADAM.

No. 133.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN,

BEHAUDER.

His Excellency Lieutenant General the Right Honorable Sir Frederick Adam, K. C. B, having resigned the Office of

Governor of Fort St. George and its dependencis, and embarked for Europe, I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that the charge of this Government has devolved upon me.

I avail myself of this occasion to assure your Excellency of my earnest desire to maintain the intimate relations of alliance and Friendship which happily subsist between your Excellency and the British Government.

Fort St. George, }
4th March, 1837. }

What more?

(Signed) G. E. RUSSELL.

No. 134.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN

BEHAUDER.

The Honorable the Court of Directors having appointed me Governor of Fort St. George, and its dependencies, I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that I have taken upon myself the duty of that station.

I avail myself of this occasion to assure your Excellency of my earnest desire to maintain the intimate relations of alliance and Friendship which happily subsist between your Excellency and the British Government.

What more?

(Signed) ELPHINSTONE.

Fth St. George, }
6st March, 1837. }

No. 135.

A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE

The Governor.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN

BEHAUDER.

SIR,

I am honored with your Excellency's letter of the 26th August, and I hasten to thank you for it, and to assure you of the sincere gratification which it has afforded me.

To form a personal acquaintance with a Prince, whose character both public and private is so generally esteemed as your Excellency's would under any circumstances be a matter of congratulation to me, but when I consider the honorable and faithful friendship which has so long subsisted between your Excellency's Family and the British Government, I am doubly anxious to do so, and to contribute to the utmost of my power to the maintenance of a connection, which has been mutually beneficial to both parties concerned.

Earnestly desirous as I am to effect this object, I should have been most happy to have accepted your Excellency's kind invitation to pay you a visit at your Capital on my return to Madras from the Neilgherries. I fear however that my arrangements and the approach of the monsoon, will not allow me to do so on this occasion, I trust that others will not be wanting, and your Excellency may rest assured that I shall most gladly avail myself of them.

I have the honor to be,

With the highest esteem,

Your Excellency's affectionate

Friend and Servant,

(Signed) ELPHINSTONE.

Sivasamoodrum, 2
5th September 1837. 3

No. 136.

TRANSLATION OF A GENTOO LETTER FROM
COLONEL PRESTON,

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

After having a personal interview with you in your country, I arrived here with my corps and yours. In two hot battles in which we engaged the enemy to this time, there was on both sides a great loss of men. Your force afforded us also much assistance.

When we reflect upon the strength of the enemy, it appears expedient that we should still recruit our Army, and to bring the enemy to subjection appears to depend partly upon the strength of our Army, and partly upon the adoption of prudent measures.

I have therefore to request that if you would come here, once more as you had promised in person, it would be of great avail to every thing. Being confident that you would do so I write this to you.

By the assistance which you now afford to us, all our English Gentlemen will be fully gratified and pleased, and they cannot forget this your obligation, as long as their powers shall last.

Write me often the news of your health who are our confidential Ally.

What more?

1177 Hizree.

No. 137.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM
LIEUTENANT J. CLIVE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

As the French people now act hostilely in all quarters, and as you are long since our particular friend, I request you will send under care of Sinna Annen Servagar 500 men of tried ability with muskets here without delay.

You will know the rest by the communication of Chundrapiah.

Write me at least two words of your health which will cheer our hearts.

What more?

1172 Hizree.

No. 138.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

MAJOR LAWRENCE.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

I have my dear friend, been exceedingly gratified to receive in due time your pleasing letter ; as much as I am able, I will by no means make delay in affording my assistance to you who are very kind to me.

As our victorious Army is to arrive here with all necessary articles of war, I have from hence sent a detachment to Tanjore for the purpose of conducting the expected Army safely to this place. I therefore beg you will kindly excuse the delay which occurred in sending my Army to your succour. You may be assured that as soon as the Army arrives here, I will not fail to send a great force to your assistance.

I shall from hence send men to bring here the paddy which you were so obliging as to purchase for ready money for our use. Herewith I send two good pictures and beg your acceptance of them as a mark of my friendship to you.

Nabob Saheb has desired me to afford assistance to you. He knows the cause of the delay which has at present occurred.

I, who am your friend shall always be ready in destroying all the enemies whose conduct is bad and in ensuring success to you, you may depend upon the truth of this point.

What more ?

1175 Hizree.

No. 139.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

COLONEL J. WOOD.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

It is a long time since I received your friendly letter, such a letter come when it will, will strengthen the long friendship between you and me and afford me great satisfaction.

From one of my Officers at the Camp, I have received a letter intimating that Hyder Naik has addressed a letter to you desiring your friendship.

Being confident that you are an unchangeable Ally to the victorious English nation, I write to request that you will let me know the contents of the letter of Hyder Naik.

This is a proper time to know the mind of an Ally, so I hope that you will not hesitate to let me know the sense of the said letter. I again request you to do me the pleasure of letting me into the secrets of the letter.

By giving me a daily account of your health, you will I request gladden my heart. What can I add more than that I wish you health.

May the time be propitious to us.

17th Rabbilowel. §

1121 Hizree. §

No. 140.

TRANSLATION OF A PERSIAN LETTER FROM

GENERAL HARON.

AFTER USUAL COMPLIMENTS.

By the letter which you sent by your Vakeel, and by the personal message which he delivered to me I made myself acquainted with all the particulars and am pleased with it.

Having seen the assistance which you have very magnanimously afforded to the English Behaudeer, and the confidence which you have long placed in them, I who am your friend, was much rejoiced.

I beg you to consider me with greater kindness.

14th March, 1806. §

1220 Hizree. §

No. 141.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

Dated Camp near Ardangy, 29th October, 1801.
 TO RAJAH VIJEYA RAGOONATH RIE
 TONDIMAN BEHAUDER.

I have ordered your troops who were sent by me to Trippa-toor and Cunnacoody to be relieved to return to you immediately. I am much pleased with the spirit and alacrity, with which they performed the service on which I detached them.

The rebellion being now entirely extinguished, I offer you my thanks for the promptitude and cheerfulness with which you have complied with all my wishes. By this you have displayed your hereditary attachment and fidelity to the Company, and you may surely depend upon your reward in the increasing favor of the Company, who are always ready to distinguish and recompense the loyalty and good conduct of their dependants.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. BLACKBURNE.

No. 142.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

The Right Honorable the Governor has received your letter, representing your uniform fidelity to the Honorable Company, and referring "for the particulars of your situation" to the Officer Commanding the Southern Division of the Army.

In consequence I have received the commands of his Lordship in Council, to ascertain the nature of your claim, and to report it to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with my opinion of the degree of consideration which it may

deserve, in consequence of your general attachment to the interests of the Company, and of your particular exertions during the late rebellion in the Southern Provinces. In order to enable me to execute the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, I request you will state to me without reserve, the nature of any claims expectations or wishes which you may have formed, and that you will furnish me with authentic copies of all the authorities or documents, which you may possess in support of such claims, and every other information that you may think necessary to illustrate or explain your particular exertions during the late rebellion, or your general attachment to the interests of the Company.

What can I write more?

(Signed) WM. BLACKBURNE,
Resident.

Tanjore,
13th April, 1803. }

No. 143.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT
TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit to you the result of my enquiries into the claims of Tondiman.

On the 12th ultimo I wrote to Tondiman explaining the nature of the orders which I had received, and invited him to state to me without reserve, the claims, expectations or wishes that he had formed, and to furnish me with authentic copies of all the authorities or documents which he possessed, in support of his claims, and every other information which he might think of importance to illustrate or explain his particular exertions during the late rebellion, or his general attachment to the interests of the Company.

On the 17th an answer was brought to me from Tondiman by his Persian Moonshee, acknowledging the receipt of my letter, and requesting that I would meet him at a Village on the frontier of Tanjore, where he would explain his sentiments fully. Tondiman's messenger strongly urged my compliance with his master's request and informed me that his desire for an interview arose from some uncertainty which he suffered, regarding the real objects of the enquiry which I had been directed to make.

I consented in consequence to meet him, and our interview took place on the 21st ultimo.

Tondiman expressed some anxiety in regard to the impression under which the Right Honorable the Governor in Council had directed these enquiries to be made. He said that this arose from his having received a letter on the same subject from the Officer Commanding the Division, and he was a little apprehensive that his Lordship might be displeased with him for presuming to call his attention to his fidelity and attachment to the Company.

I ventured to assure Tondiman that the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council originated in sentiments of consideration and kindness for him and that the enquiries which were separately made by the Commanding Officer of the Division and by me, were obviously calculated to obtain for his Lordship the most complete and authentic information, and must be received as an additional proof of his Lordship's disposition to consider with attention and favor the well founded claims, or reasonable expectations of Tondiman.

I had some difficulty in dispelling the apprehensions which Tondiman entertained, and it was not until I promised distinctly that if he should derive no advantage from the unreserved communication of his sentiments, he should certainly receive no injury from it, that he was encouraged to open himself freely on the subject.

Tondiman began by making a very solemn declaration of his attachment to the Company, and of his fidelity and zeal in their service. He proposed and was prepared to confirm this declaration by an oath, but I objected to it. He then entered into a long detail of the services of his ancestors to the Company, commencing with the first appearance of their Officers at Trichinopoly—he pointed out the particular importance of these services on various occasions, and expatiated on the uniform and unimpeached zeal, fidelity and attachment, which had distinguished them.

The affections and the policy of his ancestors, he said, had descended unchanged and unweakened to him. His affections were naturally engaged to the friends and protectors of his family, and united with the principles of honor and fidelity which had always distinguished that family, they had inspired him early in life, with a resolution to attach himself entirely to the interests of the Company, and to distinguish himself, if possible, by his zeal and fidelity in their service. He acknowledged that he had not been without hopes, at the same time, that if his fortune favored him, he might become, in some degree, identified with the prosperity of the Company and receive some advantages from their increasing wealth and power.

Tondiman then mentioned a claim which he possessed to the Fort and district of Kelanelly situated on the Southern part of Tanjore, and bordering on his own country. This claim originated in a grant from Pretaup Sing, and in engagements which were afterwards entered into with Tondiman by Colonel Braithwaite, General Coote, and Lord Macartney, on the faith of which, he had attacked the Fort and retaken it from Hyder Ally.

I requested Tondiman to give me a memorandum, in writing, of this claim, and to permit me to inspect and copy the original instruments on which it was founded.

Tondiman then said that near two hundred letters from the principal Sirdars of the Company were in his possession.

they had been sent to his ancestors and contained the most unequivocal proofs of their fidelity and attachment to the Company, and of the satisfaction with which their services had been received.

These letters were written by the following Gentlemen, Captain Clive, Major Lawrence, Captains Smith and Wood, Mr. Saunders, Lord Pigot, Mr. Charles Smith, General Coote, Lord Macartney, and successive Commandants of Trichinopoly.

Tondiman promised to send to me some of these letters for the inspection of his Lordship.

These letters, Tondiman said, afforded sufficient proofs of the steady loyalty of his ancestors, and in regard to his own principles and conduct he could refer with confidence to recent facts within the recollection of his Lordship. He referred particularly to the arrest of the rebel Poligars of Panjalamcourchy who had fled for refuge to the Jungle that surrounded his capital, and to his conduct during the late rebellion in Sevagungah. He should leave it to me to represent his conduct in the latter instance, and in regard to the arrest of the Panjalumcourchy Chiefs, he should only observe, that it must have proved to a demonstration, that he permitted no personal feelings or consideration whatever to have the slightest effect upon him in opposition to his sense of duty to the Company.

Tondiman then expressed some degree of solicitude for the success of his claims on Keelanelly, but said that he should submit with cheerfulness to the judgment of his Lordship.

There was yet another point which he proposed to state, not as a claim in any respect, but merely as a suggestion for the favorable consideration of his Lordship. The Emperor or other great and powerful Princes were accustomed to bestow particular titles and ensigns of distinction on the most deserving of their dependants. The ensigns of distinction which he was authorized to use, had been granted to his ancestors by the ancient Kings of the Carnatic, and in

one instance by the Nabob Mahomed Ally Khaun, who had authorized him to add Rajah Behauder to his name. Any additions to these titles or ensigns of distinction which his Lordship might do him the honor to confer upon him, he should receive with the highest respect and gratitude.

At my request, Tondiman particularly instanced the title of Maha Rajah, and permission to have a White Umbrella, and Gold Chubdar Sticks carried before him.

Having thus ascertained the full extent of Tondiman's claims and wishes I returned to Tanjore.

I cannot, I believe more effectually execute the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, regarding Tondiman's particular merit during the late rebellion to the Southward than by giving a concise statment of his actual situation and conduct on that occasion.

Tondiman had every thing to dread from the hatred and revenge of the surviving Chief of Panjalamcourchy, whom he had formerly arrested, and delivered in fetters into the hands of his enemies, and whose brother he had conducted to the scaffold. This Chief, who stood high in the confidence and favor of the rebellious Servagars of Sevagungah, sent frequent messages to Tondiman, threatening him with speedy and exemplary punishment unless he joined the cause of the Servagars with all his heart and strength. The Servagars on their part, exhausted all the insidious arts and plausible arguments, which they had employed so successively with many other Chiefs of less note, to seduce Tondiman from his allegiance. Despairing at length, of inducing him to become a party in their rebellion, they sent him word that he must be sensible that his country was entirely at their mercy, that if he would not join them, they required from him at the least, a strict neutrality, and they insisted that he should neither send succours nor provisions to the Company's troops nor allow them a passage through his country. If Tondiman failed in any one of these points the Servagars declared that they had bound themselves by a solemn oath to send the Panjalamcourchy Chief and his

followers and five thousand of their own troops to overrun his country and to plunder and burn every house in it.

On the 16th June, 1801, I had an interview with Tondiman, and demanded the immediate and active co-operation of all his force against the rebels. I found him under the influence of Murdoo's threats, and under a conviction of the facility with which they might be executed, for Lieutenant Colonel Agnew had just made an ineffectual attempt to penetrate into the Sevagungah country and had retired to Ramnad where his distance from Tondiman and the rebellious Province between them precluded the possibility of relief if the threatened invasion should be made.

Tondiman's preparations for his marriage with the only daughter of his predecessor commenced before my arrival and were to be completed in ten days. Tondiman earnestly requested a delay for this period. I objected, and he submitted. He ordered an immediate stop to be put to the preparations for his marriage, and his troops to be assembled. The day following at my request, the marriage ceremonies recommenced, but the assembling of the troops continued, and in four days three thousand marched to join Lieutenant Colonel Innes at Nattum.

At the first suggestion, Tondiman gave up Trinium, the only strong hold in his dominions for a depôt for the use of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew's Army.

Tondiman received the Zemindar of Sevagunga with distinction, and afforded him protection, although he was well aware that this step would excite the most rancorous hatred in the rebels.

Tondiman was requested to send five hundred men to escort the Zemindar to Lieutenant Colonel Agnew's camp. He sent nine hundred, who escorted the Zemindar, and remained with him as a body guard and behaved so well as to gain the approbation of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew.

A great number of the families of Murdoo's principal adherents, had concealed themselves in the jungles upon or near the frontiers of Tondiman. A list of these families

was sent to Tondiman, and he apprehended the whole in one night, and secured them, some in the Fort of Trinium, others in the villages in the interior. They were treated with the utmost respect, and within ten days every male attached to them deserted from the service of the rebels. The men remained with their families under an easy restraint until the end of the war, when they were all permitted to depart and go where they pleased.

In order to enable me to execute a plan of operations proposed by Lieutenant Colonel Agnew, I requested Tondiman to send a body of troops through a part of Sevagunga by a route which I described, with orders to join me at a particular time and place; my request was immediately complied with, and the movement executed with the most pointed exactness and precision.

During the whole of the campaign Tondiman's troops alone escorted all the supplies of grain, &c. which were sent by the Collector of Tanjore to the depôt at Trinium, and the stores and ammunition, which were sent from Trichinopoly, were met by Tondiman's guard at the frontier and conducted with speed and safety to the depôt.

Frequent and important intelligence was sent to me by Tondiman, with many sensible opinions on the peculiar nature of the war, which received the approbation of Lieutenant Colonel Agnew.

Under the impression of these facts, I take the liberty of stating my opinion in obedience to the commands of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that Tondiman's conduct during the late rebellion was highly meritorious, and that he is, therefore deserving of any mark of favor or distinction which his Lordship may think proper to confer upon him.

I have much pleasure in declaring that I believe Tondiman's public administration and his private character to be unstained with any crime or blemish that can make him an improper object of his Lordship's favor. I have formed this opinion partly from my own observations and partly from the information of others.

It may not be improper to state to his Lordship, the advantages which Tondiman now enjoys under the sole protection of the Company. Security, independence in the internal Government of his country, and a complete exemption from oppression and extortion of every kind.

Until the late treaty of the Carnatic the Nabobs contrived under various pretences, to extort considerable sums from Tondiman, although he was nominally exempted from the payment of tribute. At his accession to the Government he was obliged to pay fifty thousand Pagodas to the Nabob Mahomed Ally Khan, who not only refused to confirm his succession until the money was sent, but threatened to find a competitor, with a better title. Since that period Tondiman has paid at different times fifty thousand Rupees to the two late Nabobs. This information I received from Tondiman himself.

I have the honor to enclose two packets containing translations of papers received from Tondiman.

A, contains a statement of his claim to the Fort and District of Keelanelly and translations of letters, from No. 1 to 4, on which it is founded.

B, contains translations of letters received by Tondiman's ancestors from persons of distinction in the Company's service, from No. 19 inclusive.

The whole of these translations were made by me from the original letter, which I first carefully examined, and of the authenticity of which I have not the smallest doubt. I then sent back the originals to Tondiman, with an intimation, that he must be prepared to send them to Madras, if the Right Honorable the Governor in Council should desire to see them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,
(Signed) WILLIAM BLACKBURNE,
(A true Copy.)

Tanjore,
10th May, 1803. §

Resident.

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM

SIR THOMAS STRANGE,

TO RAJAH VIJEYA RAGOONATH RIETONDIMAN
BEHAUDER.

It is now above six months since Lady Strange and myself had the honor of being presented to you by your and our most excellent friend Major Blackburne, the Honorable Company's Resident at Tanjore. To visit and to know you, was a principal object with us in our tour we were then commencing through the Southern Provinces of the Peninsula. To have been prevented by the badness of the season from approaching your country in 1802 (your honored father then living) was a sensible disappointment to me. One of the best Allies that the Company ever had he could not but be an object of respect with all the King's subjects. Representing him in his power and in his connections you have succeeded to the place that he filled in every British breast. It was upon this consideration that, to visit the country and Court of Tondiman entered so particularly into the plan of my latest excursion. Lady Strange and myself will never forget the kind and flattering manner in which we were met and received by you, your entertainment of us afforded an early proof that in succeeding to his possessions you inherit, with reference to the English, devoted sentiments of your late respected parent. Accept I beg of you our united thanks for your attention to us, not merely while at Poodoocottah but during the whole of our passage through your country.

(Signed) THOMAS STRANGE.

Madras, }
8th May, 1811. }

No. 145.

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

In considering how your reputation and happiness may be the most effectually promoted and secured, I reflect, with much satisfaction, on the ancient and often tried fidelity and eminent services of your ancestors, on the distinguished merit of your father, and on the excellent disposition to improve in knowledge and virtue, which you have shewn in early youth. The former of these circumstances entitle you to the highest and kindest consideration of the British Government, the latter is a pledge to me and to that Government, that your conduct will be worthy of the highest favor that can be extended to you, that you will be the benevolent father of your people, consulting like a tender parent, the welfare and comfort of the children rather than your own gratification.

(Signed) WILLIAM BLACKBURNE,

Resident at Tanjore.

Tanjore,
2d December, 1811.

No. 146.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

I have much pleasure in informing you that I have received a letter from the Honorable the Governor in Council expressing great satisfaction at the general state of your affairs, consenting to your marriage and your brother's, and to your visit to the Sea side ; praising you highly for your attention to the administration of justice, and declaring entire approbation of your humanity and liberality in resolving to rebuild the Town of Poodoocottah.

As the approbation and praise of the British Government guarantee your future happiness and prosperity, I rejoice sincerely in making this communication to you, your attention to your studies, your kindness and liberality, (so truly becoming in a Prince) to your subjects, and above all, your love of justice and impartial administration of it, without which a King is a tyrant, and unworthy to reign, have raised your character very high at a very early period of life, and excited the most confident expectations of future excellence.

In this letter from the Government you are styled for the first time by the Government at Madras, in an English letter, The Rajah Behauder.

I have the honor to be,

Your affectionate Friend,

(Signed) WILLIAM BLACKBURNE.

Tanjore.

15th January, 1813.

No. 147.

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

I know that you have this at heart as much as I have, and shall not therefore dwell upon the subject.

I have the highest pleasure in assuring you that your conduct, since you have had the independent management of your affairs, has deserved my cordial approbation, and that I have entire confidence in your abilities for government, in your hatred of oppression, in your love of justice, and in your humanity and benevolence.

I am extremely pleased with your conduct in the restoration of the Chetrum Land, and I am certain that it will elevate you in the favorable opinion of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council

(Signed) W. BLACKBURNE.

Tanjore,

9th December, 1817.

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

Knowing the truth and fidelity of your adherence to the British Government in which you imitate and even excel the example of your excellent father, I have much pleasure in informing you of the glorious victories which have been obtained by the British Arms at Poonah, at Nagpore, and on the banks of the Supra near Oogin. With the most profligate treachery the Peshwa at Poonah, and the Rajah of Berar at Nagpore attacked the Residents at their respective Courts, who confiding in the faith of treaties, were unsuspecting of hostility and unprepared for it. Nevertheless the Armies of those Chiefs were defeated with great slaughter, and the Peshwa is now a fugitive from his capital and country, and the Rajah of Berar is petitioning for mercy and forgiveness.

(Signed) W. BLACKBURNE.

Tanjore.
18th January, 1818.

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

To expect that the most zealous and disinterested efforts for the benefit of a fellow creature will be crowned with a lively and affectionate gratitude would be to trust, perhaps, more to feeling than experience, but that crown I have actually received from you, and combined with the consciousness of having done my best to deserve it, it will be to me through life and at life's termination a cause of joy and consolation.

Tanjore,
5th April, 1818.

(Signed) W. BLACKBURNE.

No. 150.

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

I have had some conversation with him on the subject of your affairs, and am much pleased with the account which he gives of all your proceedings. By the continuation of the excellent conduct which has given such high satisfaction to me, you will not fail to preserve the approbation of the Governor and the respect and esteem of every English Gentleman. Continue to exercise the virtues of justice and beneficence to your subjects of every religion, sect and degree, of moderation and economy in regard to yourself, and your administration will truly be a blessing to your country.

(Signed) W. BLACKBURNE.

Tanjore,
20th August, 1818. }

No. 151.

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

The approbation which, in mature age, you have bestowed on my care of your and your brother's youth, is very pleasing to me. But if I neglected nothing that was in my power for the improvement of your minds, I had the good fortune to find in you dispositions so amiable, as to render my task a source of high and constant gratification to me, and remove every difficulty in the execution of it. Much praise is due also, and most willingly do I bestow it, to those old and faithful servants of your father, whose duty, placing them in close and constant attendance on your person, gave them the opportunity, if they had had the inclination to inculcate mischievous and vicious propensities. Praise and reward be to those men, who, so situated, discouraged and restrained the follies of youth, and engaged the ductile mind to turn frivolous pursuits to serious studies, and to receive the impressions and adopt the principles of truth and justice.

(Signed) W. BLACKBURNE.

Tanjore,
8th March, 1821. }

No. 152.

LETTER FROM J. MICHAEL, Esq.

Tanjore, 21st December, 1821.

MY DEAR SIR,

Colonel Blackburne did me the favor to communicate your kind invitation to Poodocottah, and Mrs. Michael and I would gladly have availed ourselves of it, had it not been for the very short time we have to remain at Tanjore.

I should have been happy of the opportunity to have expressed in person the grateful sense I entertain of your and your brother's kind and friendly disposition towards me, which I shall think of with sincere pleasure.

Colonel Blackburne would himself have written to you on this occasion but was prevented by indisposition, from which however, I am happy to say he is now recovering.

In taking our leave of you we beg to assure you that it is our sincere prayer, that your country may become more and more flourishing and that you may live many years to rule it as you have began, with honour to yourself, and for the happiness and prosperity of your people.

I remain with respect and esteem,

My dear Sir,

Your obliged Friend and faithful Servant,

(Signed) J. MICHAEL.

No. 153.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

TO THE RAJAH OF TANJORE.

TO

HIS HIGHNESS MAHA RAJAH SIRFOJEE,

RAJAH OF TANJORE.

Captain Hardy has informed me that your Highness has refused compliance with the request which I had the honor to make to you yesterday that the compliments heretofore paid to the Sirkeel of Rajah Tondiman Behauder, be directed by your Highness to be paid to the present Sirkeel on

his visit to me to-morrow, and that your Highness considers that the Rajah Behauder being merely a Zemindar has no right to the distinction of a Sirkeel.

A Zemindar is a landholder, paying rent to the Government, but possessing neither Military nor Civil authority over the land of which he is the proprietor. He and all his dependents being amenable to the British Courts of Justice, Civil and Criminal. Rajah Tondiman Behauder is a native hereditary Chief, the Prince and ruler of an extensive Province. He is a dependant Chief, in regard to all matters of a political nature, on the British Government, to whom as his liege lord he owes allegiance and Military service. In the internal arrangement of his Province he is absolute. He has the power of life and death. He enacts laws, appoints Courts of Justice, Civil and Criminal, maintains a considerable Military force, collects his revenues, and disposes of them at pleasure, paying no tribute even directly or indirectly through the well deserved kindness and favor of the British Government. All his subjects are expressly exempted from the jurisdiction of the British Courts. The Rajah Behauder's Sirkeels and Fouzdars have been received with the compliments requested from your Highness whenever they have visited British stations, and it is indeed a matter of much surprise as concern to me to receive this refusal from your Highness. I shall be very happy if the explanation I have shortly offered, for a great deal more might be said of this distinguished Chief, shall incline your Highness to grant a request of the Resident at your Court, who is responsible to the Honorable the Governor for the propriety of what he asks, and considers a reciprocity of attentions, and civilities as being not less graceful and becoming in your Highness than consistent with the alliance which unites your Highness so closely with the British Government.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect, your Highness's

Most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) W. BLACKBURNE.

(A true copy.)

Tanjore,
31st December, 1822. }

No. 154.

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

If you could spare the Sirkeel and Fouzdar to visit me at Tanjore, I should be very glad to see them and receive from them memorandums of your dowlets and wishes, and to give to them the best advice in my power. I shall be attentive to your interest in England, and able (I doubt not) to contribute in many ways to your comfort and prosperity.

Believe confidently in the warmth and steadiness of our affection, of which you shall receive proofs as long as our lives shall be spread.

I have the honor to be,

With most sincerity,

Your faithful and affectionate Friend,

(Signed) W. BLACKBURNE.

Tanjore,
3rd February, 1823. }

No. 155.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

Madras, 3d March, 1823.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

I have spoken fully of you to the Governor, to Mr. Stratton, Member of Council, and particularly to Mr. Wood, the Chief Secretary to the Government, and all are quite disposed to protect and befriend you.

I do not think that you will suffer any other inconvenience from my departure than the loss of an affectionate friend.

The Governor will write to you by the new Resident, and give you all the assurances of kindness which you can desire.

I have found no difficulty in making friends for you, in consequence of your character for justice and kindness to your people being very high. Be careful to maintain that character. Cherish the excellent and well tried servants you possess, Soirobanaig, Tanapillay and Tyagaraze, and you will never fail to go on well.

Adieu my dear friend, give my love to Ragoonath and all your family. We shall embark to-morrow morning.

Most affectionately your friend,

(Signed) W. BLACKBURNE.

No. 156.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

I have the honor to forward to you a letter from the Governor of Madras, Sir Thomas Munro, K.C.B., which I am sure will give you the greatest satisfaction.

You will perceive from it with pleasure that your friend Colonel Blackburne has made mention of you and your family to him in the kindest and most favorable manner.

I beg leave to offer you my sincere congratulations on the high estimation in which you are held in the mind of the Governor and hope the same will always continue.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

WM. HARDY, Captain,

In charge of the Residency

Tanjore.

15th April, 1823.

No. 157.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

TO RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN BEHAUDER.

MY DEAR FRIEND,

It hath pleased God to take from us your highly respected, excellent and amiable brother; and I need not say how sincerely I condole with you upon such a melancholy and unexpected event, and how deeply I regret it myself. The

reciprocal affection and attachment that subsisted between you were so great that nothing I can now say will afford you any consolation ; but I beg of you to be assured how sincerely Mrs. Fyfe and myself sympathize with you and his afflicted family, upon the premature and irreparable loss which you have all sustained, in the death of a Prince so exemplary in his public character, and so benevolent and amiable in all the relations of private life.

Although I offer my cordial congratulations upon your elevation to your present dignity, I am well convinced that nothing can compensate for the misfortune which you will always consider it, of having ascended the musnud over the grave of your much beloved brother, but to him it must in his last moments have been the greatest consolation to reflect that he left his family and his country to the protection of a brother in whom he had always reposed the greatest trust and confidence.

I remain, my dear friend,

Very sincerely your's

(Signed) JOHN FYFE.

Poodoocottah, }
7th June, 1825. }

Vencut Row will arrange with you about an interview.

(Signed) J. F.

(A true copy.)

No. 158.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

TO CAPTAIN FYFE,

RESIDENT, TANJORE.

SIR,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, reporting that Rajah Tondiman Behander proposes to make a pilgrimage to Ramisiverum, and to state that the Principal Collector and Magistrate of Madura will be desired to shew him the respect and attention due to his rank.

The Governor in Council approves of your intention that his Highness shall be accompanied by the Officer commanding the Escort.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) D. HILL,

Chief Secretary.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) JOHN FYFE,

Resident.

Fort St. George, }
6th February, 1897. }

No. 159.

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

I think that you will be glad to have such an opportunity of testifying your respect for Sir Thomas Munro, who has treated you with so much consideration and kindness, and who was admired for his talents and beloved for his virtues by every person who knew him.

(Signed, J. FYFFE.

Tanjore, }
29th July, 1827. }

No. 160.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT, TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

SIR,

I have the honor to transmit a letter for the Right Honorable the Governor from the Rajah Tondiman Behauder.

Having been invited to visit him at Poodocottah on the occasion of his daughter's marriage, I took the opportunity of presenting him with a Khilut of congratulation in the name of the Right Honorable the Governor, a compliment with which he was much gratified. In my treatment of this family it is always my endeavour to shew that the descendants

of the faithful Tondiman have claims upon the gratitude and good offices of the Honorable Company which can never be forgotten, and through we may not again have occasion under such critical circumstances, to put their fidelity to the test, I am convinced that in heartfelt attachment to the British Government the present head of the family has not been outdone by any one of his predecessors.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) JOHN FYFE,

Resident.

(A true copy.)

Tanjore, }
8th June, 1828. }

No. 161.

AN EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.
TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Dated 24th September, 1828.

It is impossible for any Servants of the Company not to feel the greatest regard and respect for the Tondiman family. In prosperity or adversity, from the earliest period of our connexion with them, they have never failed us, neither considerations of danger nor allurements of advantage have ever induced them to swerve from their allegiance; and their services, sometimes in very critical conjunctures when we were struggling for Empire, have been eloquently recorded in the pages of history. More lately during the last Poligar war, the Right Honorable the Governor is himself aware that the Father of the present Chief in spite of all endeavours to intimidate him, at once espoused our cause, and proved by his conduct that he inherited the same extraordinary attachment and fidelity to the Honorable Company, which were so signally manifested by his ancestors in the memorable and perilous days of Clive and Lawrence. I shall only further add, that I am convince-

ed the present head of the family has in no wise degenerated, and both in his public and private character, I consider him highly deserving any mark of favor or distinction which Government may think proper to bestow upon him. I requested that he would enable me to explain distinctly the extent of his wishes, but he could not be prevailed on to do so ; he observed that he could not with propriety prefer a specific request on such a subject, that personally he had no claims whatever upon the consideration of Government and that he should receive with gratitude and perfect satisfaction whatever mark of distinction he may be honored with through the favor of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

(Signed) JOHN FYFE.

No. 162.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.
TO THE COLLECTOR OF TRICHINOPOLY.

MY DEAR CAMERON,

The correspondence which has lately passed between you and Captain Fyfe relative to the mode of proceeding in the case of certain persons apprehended in your district for offences committed in Tondiman's territory has been laid before the Governor, and he has desired me to express his wish, that whatever may be the difference of opinion between you and the Resident as to the construction of Regulation XI. of 1809 or Regulation II. of 1829, the practice which has hitherto been observed in cases of this description may not be departed from. The services rendered by Tondiman's family to the Company in times of great difficulty entitle him to the support and protection of Government in the exercise of all the rights and privileges which have heretofore been allowed to him, and of which it is believed no Native Prince has ever made a more discreet and beneficial use. The Governor is therefore anxious, instead of abridging any of the authority which Tondiman has hitherto exercised to increase the consideration which he enjoys in his country and to

gratify his wishes by every conciliatory act and indulgent concession which may not be inconsistent with former policy or present usage ; but in directing me to express these sentiments, he by no means intends to impute blame to you, where it is evident that you have been influenced solely by a sense of public duty, and where your correspondence with the Resident has been conducted in the best spirit of accommodation and courtesy.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. H. CHAMIER.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) J. FYFE.

Resident.

No. 163.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER.

Be assured that in all the world you have not had more sincere friends than Mrs. Fyfe and myself and believe me that I shall always remain most attached and affectionately your's.

(Signed) JOHN FYFE.

Tanjore,
10th August, 1830. §

No. 164.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM

J. LUSHINGTON, ESQ.

I have been highly gratified at receiving so agreeable a token of your Excellency's remembrance, as your letter of the 22nd Ultimo, in which you have so eloquently expressed your sentiments of gratitude towards the Right Honorable the Governor, and your feelings of kindness towards me.

It was a subject of much regret to the Governor that urgent business at Madras which obliged him to return from Travancore by the shortest route, prevented him from visiting your Excellency in your capital, and there repeating in person his greatful sense of the fidelity and important services of your honored Father and his confidence that your Excellency will ever continue to follow the example set you by that distinguished Ally of the Company; should an opportunity of doing so ever occur the Governor will most gladly avail himself of it.

I am rejoiced to find that your Excellency was gratified by the attentions shown to you at Trichinopoly, with such distinctions it is the pleasure as well as the duty of all British Officers to receive the sincere Allies of their Government.

Of your friend Captain Fyfe, so well and so deservedly loved by you, I am happy to say that I can give your Excellency good accounts. It must be a source of deep gratification to him to know that he has merited your affection by a constant regard for your best interests, and the reflection that, aided by the good qualities of your Excellency, his exertions to place your affairs in the most flourishing condition, have, under the blessing of Providence, been crowned with success, must greatly mitigate the pain of separation from a friend with whom he has been so long and intimately connected. To your Excellency's warm heart, which can share in the feelings of your friends, it must be some consolation to be assured, that, on leaving you, happiness awaits him in the bosom of his family.

I beg to thank your Excellency for the expressions of esteem and consideration with which you have honored me, and to subscribe myself, with perfect wish,

Your Excellency's most sincere

Friend and Servant,

(Signed) J. LUSHINGTON.

Government House, Madras,
7th, September 1830. }

No 165

AN EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER.

The kindness of your motive in sending your Sirkeel to this place to congratulate me, I fully appreciate, but our long acquaintance and friendship ought to have assured you how little I should think necessary such a punctilio.

(Signed) J. BLACKBURNE.

Tanjore,
4th May, 1831.

No. 166.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

SIR,

As I am sure it will give you pleasure to know the estimation in which you are held by the Honorable the Court of Directors, I do myself the honor of transmitting an extract, from one of their general letters under date May 21st, 1828, with which I think you have not yet been furnished.

After referring to papers relative to your late lamented brother and yourself, they proceed to observe, "The details here referred to concerning the young Chief of Poodoocottah and his brother, are extremely interesting, and reflect much credit upon those personages; as well as upon the late Resident at Tanjore, who acted as guardian to them after the death of their father and under whose inspection they were educated."

I do myself the pleasure of taking the present opportunity of informing you that Mr. J. F. Thomas yesterday arrived at Combaconum and assumed charge of the Zillah Court when Mr. Maclean immediately departed for Trichinopoly.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) J. BLACKBURNE,

Acting Resident.

Tanjore,
July 26th, 1831.

No. 167.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM

JAMES LUSHINGTON, Esq.

I have been favored with your Excellency's letter containing the pleasing intelligence of the marriage of your Excellency's second daughter Janaki Bai, to R. Ragonath Sawmy Punicondar, for which communication and the kind manner in which you are good enough to express yourself towards me I have to return your Excellency my best thanks.

Your Excellency may be assured that the cordial interest which the Governor takes in all the affairs of your house made him receive the announcement of this happy event conveyed in your letter to him with great gratification.

Wishing your Excellency and family all health and happiness.

I have the honor to remain,

Your Excellency's faithful

Servant and Friend,

(Signed) JAMES LUSHINGTON.

Neilgherry,
28th July, 1831.

No. 168.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.

I have much pleasure in forwarding copy of two paras. of a letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors dated January 14th, 1829, in answer to a communication from the Madras Government of the death of your lamented brother, of your own accession to the musnud, and of your happy influence in having dissuaded your brother's widow from the barbarous custom of concremation, and your invariable discouragement of that practice.

"72. We deeply regret the death of this Chief of whom we had formed a highly favorable opinion. It is gratifying however to reflect that his successor resembles him in his many excellent qualities.

" 73. We have derived particular pleasure from the
 " information here communicated to us concerning the
 " meritorious endeavours of the late and present Chief to
 " discontinue by all prudent means the practice of Suttee,
 " you have very properly given all the encouragement in
 " your power to the highly creditable feelings and intentions
 " entertained by them on this subject."

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) JOHN BLACKBURNE,

Acting Resident.

Tanjore, }
 September 9th, 1831. }

No. 169.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER.

From the happy commencement of my acquaintance with you, I feel that degree of confidence in your abilities and judgment, that I am sure I may speak on all occasions to your Excellency with as little fear of giving you offence as if I were addressing my own brother, and I am the more desirous that you should wish me to speak freely and openly to you on all occasions, because, independent of its being my public duty to do so as a servant of the Honorable Company confidentially employed at your Excellency's Court, my own private feelings are particularly interested in your welfare and happiness.

Your very faithful Friend,

(Signed) A. DOUGLAS.

Residency, Tanjore, }
 14th September, 1832. }

No. 170.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER.

Your Excellency will I am sure be glad to hear that I have received a very delightful letter from Mr. Lushington, in which is the following message to you.

"My friend Tondiman's letter is quite in character with the good name and good feelings he derives from his distinguished ancestors and which he has so well supported. Few things give me more pleasure or pride in the remembrance that his father's fidelity to the Company when they needed his attachment during the rebellion of the Southern Chieftains in 1800—under Providence he was one of the main inducements by which we stayed the effusion of blood and restored peace and order in the place of anarchy and confusion.

"Present my warm and affectionate remembrances to his Excellency and assure him that his happiness and honor will be anxiously desired by me to the latest hour of my life."

Your faithful and sincere Friend,

(Signed) A. DOUGLAS.

Tanjore,
5th July, 1834.

No. 171.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Rajah Ragoonath Tondiman Behauder

I had usual opportunities of speaking to the Governor when at Madras, on the affairs of your Excellency, and I did not fail to point out in strong language the many inconveniences which your Excellency and your subjects suffered in consequence of the Regulations established by the Government of India in respect to jurisdiction. The Governor spoke with great friendship of your Excellency, and of the assistance which the British Government had always received from your family, and he assured me that he was most anxious to provide a remedy for the evils complained of.

The Governor expressed much personal friendship for your Excellency, and told me how happy he should be to make your acquaintance. I have hopes the Governor may come this way in the beginning of the year, and your Excellency may be certain that he will meet you.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Tanjore,
5th September, 1835.

No. 172.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

EXTRACT FROM A GENERAL LETTER FROM THE HONORABLE
THE COURT OF DIRECTORS, DATED 27TH FEBRUARY,

No. 2 OF 1835.

Complimentary correspondence with Tondiman on the accession of Sir F. Adam, to the Government. Wish of Tondiman to have the Title of Excellency conferred upon him. This title had already been recognized by the Governor General in written communication to Tondiman.

4. We approve of the mark of consideration which has been shewn to this deserving Chief, on the ground of his own merits and of the attachment to the British Government so uniformly and zealously manifested by his Ancestors.

Ordered that a copy of this para. be transmitted to the Resident at Tanjore, with reference to a letter from this Department under date the 25th January, 1833.

(True Extracts,)

(Signed) H. CHAMIER,

Chief Secretary.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN, Lt.-Col.,

Resident.

To the Resident at Tanjore.

No. 173.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTOR
OF TANJORE TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

It was with infinite pleasure that I received, just now, your Excellency's letter announcing the good news from Calcutta. I rejoice, not only for your Excellency's sake, but

for the honor of the British Government in India, that such ready attention has been paid to your Excellency's claims upon its justice ; your Excellency's partiality attributes too much to me in supposing that the opinion of so humble an individual has had any effect in the matter : humble as it is however, it shall always, by God's blessing, be given honestly—and if it can in the smallest degree assist your Excellency in obtaining your just rights it will always be a great happiness to me.

(Signed) N. W. KINDERSLEY.

Chettoobava, }
6th April, 1836. }

No. 174.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

I am much obliged by your Letter of the 25th Instant, I beg to assure your Excellency that my proceedings in my late visit at Poodocettah, were regulated by a sense of what is due to your high rank and to your independent situation, as well as by my respect for your personal character. I do not mean to say that I have not been anxious regarding your happiness, because I have most sincere friendship for you, and it is therefore natural that I should be the more interested in your welfare, but independently of my private feelings, your just and paternal Rule over those with whose comforts you are entrusted, entitle your Excellency to my public support.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Tanjore, }
27th October, 1836. }

No. 175.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTOR OF TANJORE TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

It gave me sincere pleasure to find that Colonel Maclean had succeeded in convincing the Government of the necessity of putting down the infamous system of false Petitions

which had grown up in your Excellency's Territory. Amongst all the vexations to which your Excellency, in common with all persons who have been placed by Providence in prominent and exalted situations, is subjected, you have good reason to be satisfied that whatever misunderstandings may prevail for a time, the Government is always ready, when properly informed of the circumstances of the case, to do ample justice to the high character which your Excellency's just and benevolent administration of your country, and open and confiding conduct in your intercourse with Europeans, whether private or public, has obtained for you.

(Signed) N. W. KINDERSLEY.

Negapatam,
14th November, 1836.

No. 176.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.
TO HIS EXCELLENCY RAJAH RAGOONATH
TONDIMAN BEHAUDER.

I have the honor to forward to your Excellency Copy of an endorsement made by order of Government on Petitions addressed to Government by certain of your subjects. Your Excellency will observe that these people are desired to abstain from submitting similar complaints in future,—and I trust they will no longer presume to give your Excellency trouble,—but they will look to you and consider you as their just and Paternal Prince and Ruler.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN, Lt.-Col,
Resident.

Tanjore,
17th November, 1836.

COPY OF AN ENDORSEMENT.

Order of Government on the Petitions from Sengamalum, a Poet residing in Panyamungalaputty in Poodoocottah Province—No. 1255, 1746, and 1813 of 1836,

The Government decline further interference in the Petitioner's case, and leave him to seek redress from the Courts of the Country in which he resides.

By order

(Signed) ROBERT CLERK,

Secretary to Govt.

Fort St George, }
8th November, 1836. }

Transmitted to the Petitioner on the 16th December 1836.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN,

Resident

Order of Government on a Petition from Coomaraswmy Valloora and others, 10 in number, the Mahanattoo Complainants of Poodooeoth—No. 1457 of 1836.

The Petitioners are informed that the Civil and Criminal Courts of the country in which they reside are open to them, and that the Government decline interference.

By order,

(Signed) ROBERT CLERK,

Secretary to Govt.

Fort St. Gorge, }
8th November, 1836. }

Transmitted to the Petitioners on the 16th December 1846

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN,

Resident.

Order of Government on a Petition from Sedumbarum, son of Nullatomby Saroovagaren of Malumputty in Poodoo-cottah—No. 1464 of 1836

The Petitioner is informed that no notice will be taken of any further Petition from him on the same subject.

By order,

(Signed) ROBERT CLERK,

Secretary to Government.

Fort St. George, }
15th November, 1839. }

Transmitted to the Petitioner on the 16th December 1836.
 (Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.
 Resident.

Order of Government on a Petition from Matroobhootamyen
 and others, the subjects of Poodoocottah Province—No.
 1462 of 1836.

The Petitioners must seek redress from the Local Courts.
 By order
 (Signed) ROBERT CLERK,
 Secretary to Govt.

Fort St George, 2
 8th November, 1836. 3

Transmitted to the Petitioners on the 16th December
 1836.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Order of Government on the Petition from Sedumbarapady-
 mattan Staneegum of Strée Malayamoorunger Covil at
 Parungaloor in Poodoocottah—No. 1362 of 1836.

The Government decline to interfere in his case.

By order,
 (Signed) ROBERT CLERK,
 Secretary to Govt.

Fort St. George, 2
 8th November, 1836. 3

Transmitted to the Petitioner on the 16th December 1836.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN,
 Resident.

No. 177.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

Your Excellency perhaps does not know that the Juris-
 diction which has been conferred on you by the Government

of India and also by the Madras Government is not possessed by the Rajah of Travancore. Both Governments are well acquainted with your Excellency's personal character. In my last letter to our excellent Governor I stated my confidence that the authority conferred on your Excellency would never be misused. Government has shown by the late endorsements on the Petitions how highly they consider your Excellency's character for justice and love for your people.

I need not tell you how highly I deem myself in being the means through which your authority and dignity have been confirmed and supported. I shall always think of your Excellency wherever I may be with sincere and affectionate friendship.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Tanjore,
21st December, 1836.

No. 178.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

The Governor received your Excellency's letter with the greatest satisfaction, and immediately told me that he should reply to it with his own hand. A very great deal of public business prevented the Governor from writing before I left Madras, but he assured me that he would not fail to do so. Your Excellency's letter was in the Governor's writing desk which he showed to me when I was taking leave of him. The Governor spoke of you with the greatest friendship, and regretted very much that he had not had an opportunity of seeing your Excellency that he might have had the pleasure of personally telling you how high a value he entertained for your character. As soon as I receive the letter I shall lose no time in sending it to your Excellency.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Tanjore,
14th February, 1837.

No. 179.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY

Although I could have wished to have had the satisfaction of delivering to your Excellency in person the accompanying letter, I cannot think of depriving you (till I see you) of the gratification and the pleasure which I am sure the very friendly expressions of Sir Frederick Adam will afford to your Excellency. The friendship and good opinion of such a man as Sir Frederick Adam are flattering to those who possess them, for they are very sincere,—and your Excellency, while you derive much pleasure from the opportunity which has called forth those expressions of esteem and regard which this letter contains, will, like me, feel regret that such a friend has left us.

I have a very long letter from Sir Frederick Adam forwarding this one for your Excellency, and he expresses himself to me in terms of high regard for your Excellency's person and character. I will bring my letter with me when I come to Poodoocottah that I may have the pleasure of reading it to your Excellency.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Tanjore,
7th March, 1837.

No. 180.

**A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT.
TO HIS EXCELLENCY**

**RAJAH RAGOONATH TONDIMAN BEHAUDER,
POODOOCOTTAH.**

I have the honor to forward to your Excellency a farewell letter to your address from Lieutenant General the Right Honorable Sir Frederick Adam, K. C. B., Governor of Fort St. George, written on his departure for Europe.

I need not assure your Excellency how highly gratifying it is to my feelings to be the medium of conveying to you a document of a nature so complimentary to your Excellency's

public and private name and character ; nor need I tell your Excellency who have had so many proofs of Sir Frederick Adam's esteem and regard for you, that this letter may be considered most valuable, from its having been written a few hours only before he embarked, when His Excellency must have been greatly employed in making over the cares of his Government, and in taking leave of his numerous friends.

In the letter to me with which this communication to your Excellency was forwarded, Sir Frederick Adam writes of you in the highest terms of regard and friendship. That you may enjoy an increase of prosperity and happiness, is the sincere wish of.

Your Excellency's faithful
Friend and Servant,
(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN, Lt-Col.,
Resident.

Tanjore,
7th March, 1837.

No. 181.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM THE RESIDENT TO MAJOR
GENERAL.

SIR W. BLACKBURNE.

TANJORE, 3d June, 1837,

MY DEAR SIR,

I have lately been on a visit to the Rajah Tondiman Behander, when His Excellency put into my hands your letter to him of the 10th November 1836. I read that communication with deep interest, oftener than once. I there found expressed the guardianlike care, the paternal solicitude, and the generous and wise sentiments which characterized your conduct, language, and writings of former years. It must be satisfactory to you, in no ordinary degree to know, that the Prince, who was, in his youth, the object of your care, and who was educated under your immediate superintendence, now fills his high station according to the most

anxious wishes you could have formed; beloved by his people, and respected by the British Government, as well as by the public functionaries, for his just and paternal rule towards all who are subject to his authority.

The orders of the Government of India which deprived the Rajah Tondiman of privileges he had enjoyed, arrived at Tanjore just before I took charge of this Residency. I was much distressed in having to communicate these orders to His Excellency, for although personally unknown, I was no stranger to his high character. A very short time proved to me how very hard the new regulations would bear upon His Excellency's country, but I waited until experience confirmed my apprehensions, and after positive proof had been obtained, by the inroads of plunderers from the neighbouring Districts in the Company's Territories, I adopted the measures with which you are already acquainted. I have no doubt that the orders of the Governments of India and of Madras, issued on the representations I felt it my duty to make, will be confirmed by the Honorable Court, when the whole of the papers shall have been before them.

I may now be permitted to advert to your mention of my name and exertions. Praise from you, my dear Sir, I value at a very high rate. I can have but a slight place in your recollection, for I was never so fortunate as to be known to you, but I have the advantage of being well acquainted with your character, from your public acts, as well as in hearing much of your many amiable and estimable private qualities. When I came here my anxious desire was to make myself acquainted with your methods of conducting the public duties of the office, and if I have succeeded in my attempts to give satisfaction to my superiors, I may be permitted to say that my success may be ascribed to the endeavours I have made to follow in your steps. Your highly valued encomium in the Rajah Tondiman's letter is not therefore the only obligation I am under to you.

I turn with lively satisfaction to record proofs of the goodness of the Prince, who owes so much to your care.

The Rajah Tondiman is indeed all you could have wished him to be, and he possesses my entire confidence and friendship. I cannot give you a better idea of the estimation in which I hold the character of His Excellency than by showing to you the statements I made in the accompanying Extracts of a letter from me to the Chief Secretary written on the occasion of certain Petitions containing unfounded complaints having been addressed to Government.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

No. 182.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

I am very much flattered by all the kind and friendly expressions of your Excellency in writing of me to General Blackburne, which I consider myself to have been only doing my duty in supporting your Excellency's rights, privileges, and dignity. I need not say how agreeable my reflections are to myself in feeling that all is for a Prince so truly deserving.

I am much hurried, but I shall I hope soon write to your Excellency from Madras.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Tanjore,

8th June, 1887.

No. 183.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

I had a conversation with the Chief Secretary regarding the orders relative to Jurisdiction to which General Blackburne alludes, and I am happy to say that they are not intended to interfere with the Rules which have been specially ordered for your Excellency's country, and that the system of incipescity now in use is to be continued. Thus your Excellency possesses privileges which are not allowed to other Native States.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN,

Madras,

3d July, 1887.

No. 184.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

I met with a very kind reception from the Governor, who seems a very amiable young Nobleman. His Lordship spoke most kindly of your Excellency. I showed him Sir Frederick Adam's last letter to me in which Sir Frederick writes in such a friendly manner regarding you. The last time I was with Lord Elphinstone he took the Map, that I might point out your Excellency's country, and His Lordship said he should certainly make you a visit at Poodoccottah. All this will, I know, give your Excellency much satisfaction. I told Lord Elphinstone that you had nothing to ask from His Lordship but his friendship. Your Excellency may be sure that I did not fail to inform the Governor how very worthy you were of possessing his regard.

Your Excellency's last letter was written to me on your Birth-day, and most sincerely do I wish you, my dear friend, many happy returns of that day—that you may live long to be a blessing to your people, and to all your friends. Your name is great every where, as a just Prince, and as a beneficent Ruler, the welfare of your people being your first care. May you live long and happy in their love. What can I say more, but that I am always your Excellency's most sincere and affectionate friend.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Bangalore,
1st August, 1837.

No. 185.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTOR OF TANJORE TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

Many gentlemen who are acquainted with your Excellency, either personally or by character, made enquiries after your welfare, amongst the former Mr. Blane and Captain Butterworth, both of whom I had the pleasure of meeting with, and talking over pleasant days passed in Poodoccottah country under your Excellency's auspices. It gave me great

pleasure to find how well understood, and therefore thoroughly appreciated your Excellency's character both public and private is at Madras amongst the Gentlemen who are high in office—and I feel sure that there is every disposition on their part to show every consideration for your Excellency's feelings and wishes on all occasions.

(Signed) N. W. KINDERSLEY.

Caverypatam,
26th August, 1837. }

No. 186.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

I beg to forward a letter from my Son, in reply to your Excellency's last friendly invitation to him to go to Poodoo-cottah. I know his great desire to have seen your Excellency, but the weather and other circumstances have prevented him. He will always think of you as his kind friend, and I hope he will hereafter have an opportunity of expressing in person how highly he estimates your public and private virtues, and how gratified he is in possessing the regard of one so generally respected and beloved, as is your Excellency.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Tanjore,
7th November, 1837. }

No. 187.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

I have the pleasure to forward to your Excellency a letter from our friend Mr. Kindersley ; which will I am sure afford you much gratification. I need not say that all the expressions of regard and respect which Mr. Kindersley uses as to your Excellency's person and character are most cordially felt by me.

That your Excellency is interested in the welfare of the Rajah of Tanjore shows what might be expected from your excellent and good heart and disposition, but if His High-

ness will not support his own character and dignity, any efforts of mine to do so will be useless.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Tanjore,
8th March, 1838.

No. 188.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTOR OF
TANJORE TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

I have to acknowledge your Excellency's kind letters of the 18th and 29th instant. It gives me great pleasure to find that your Excellency was pleased with your excursion into the Tanjore country. If any thing was wanting to make your Excellency and Suite comfortable during your visit, it certainly was not from want of regard and respect for your Excellency's person on the part of either my servants or the inhabitants, who all showed the greatest anxiety to do honor to your Excellency on the occasion of your honoring my dwelling with your presence. Of the regard and friendship which has existed between your Excellency and myself for the last 10 years, I need say nothing: but upon this occasion I considered it my duty as a servant of the Honorable Company to testify to all the people, as far as my humble means would admit, the consideration in which your Excellency's character both public and private, is held by my Honorable Masters, and I have only to thank your Excellency for giving me an opportunity of doing so.

(Signed) N. W. KENDERSLEY.

Vellam,
22nd March 1838.

No. 189.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL COLLECTOR OF
TANJORE TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

We are very much obliged to your Excellency for having allowed your Sons to remain so long with us at this place, and I believe they have enjoyed themselves very much, and

I trust too that their health has derived benefit from the change of air.

Nothing could be more proper than their conduct has been in every respect, and it certainly reflects the greatest credit on the Fouzdar, who has so well performed the part of their guardian and instructor.

Ramchunder was highly delighted at the receipt of your Excellency's first letter to him, and Trimul almost equally so, for he is of a very amiable disposition, and so much attached to his Brother that he is only glad when he is glad, and sorry when he is sorry.

God has conferred a great blessing upon you Excellency in two such sensible well disposed Sons, and I trust that he will be pleased long to preserve them to your Excellency and your Excellency to them.

(Signed) N. W. KINDERSLEY.

Chettoobava,
17th May, 1838.

No. 190.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

I need not say how greatly I have been gratified by the freindly expressions of attachment for me in your Excellency's letters of the 23rd and 29th ultimo. I need not assure your Excellency that the feelings of affection for you on my part, and my respect for your high character can know no abatement. The longer I have known your Excellency, the more have these feelings increased, and my anxious endeavours shall always be used to promote and support the welfare and dignity of a Prince who is the father as well as the Ruler of his people.

May our friendship increase, is the sincere wish of your Excellency's.

Most faithful and affectionate Friend,

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Tanjore,
7th July, 1838.

No. 191.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

The Right Honorable the Governor charged me with his kindest regards to your Excellency. I really do hope unless something extraordinary happen that we should see our excellent young Governor at Poodoocottah early in next year.

I am exceedingly gratified by all the truly friendly expressions in your Excellency's letter just now received, and I am proud that you value my friendship so highly. I can only say that all who have had opportunities as I have, of knowing the benevolence, and uprightness of your Excellency's character, must become attached to you, and deeply interested in all that concerns you.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Tanjore,
20th October, 1838

No. 192.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE LORD BISHOP OF MADRAS.

Ootacamund, Neilgherries,
26th March, 1839.

It is indeed most gratifying to me to receive the assurance of your Excellency's friendship and kind consideration with which I have been honored by your letter transmitted to me by our excellent friend Colonel Maclean.

The esteem and respect of the really good is the highest encouragement and consolation which this world can give me ; I am truly proud and thankful to reckon your Excellency among my friends, and I heartily pray that the God and Father of us all may ever bless and protect you and your family.

I can assure your Excellency that I look back with great pleasure to my visit to your country, and considered myself peculiarly honored in having been permitted the opportunity of making the personal acquaintance and obtaining the

good wishes of one for whose character I feel the highest respect.

Should it please God to spare my life I shall not revisit Tanjore without repeating my visit to your Excellency's Palace, where I feel assured that I shall be received with the same hearty hospitality.

If your Excellency and your dear Boys will accept of a Stranger's blessing, I offer it most sincerely, and in the spirit of love and brotherly kindness.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's truly obliged
and most faithful Servant,

(Signed) G. T. MADRAS.

P. S.—I shall be proud and happy to hear from your Excellency whenever you will honor me with a letter.

(Signed) G. T. MADRAS.

No. 193.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

Although the time is not far distant when I must leave your Excellency, perhaps never to meet again, yet my affectionate interest in all that concerns you cannot cease. While I live I trust I shall have the pleasure to reckon your Excellency as one of my best friends, and well-wishers, and wherever I am, your Excellency may be assured that my respect for your high character as a Prince, who is the father of his people, shall be always felt and expressed.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN.

Bangalore, 3

1st August, 1887

No. 194.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

The present Rajah of Kollapore is a young Boy, and he is, as your Excellency no doubt knows, under the protection of the British Government. It is well known that your late excellent brother and yourself were left orphans when very

young, and that the education of both was superintended by the present Sir William Blackburne. It is also known how successful the arrangements of Sir William were, that your lamented brother gave early proofs of worth and excellence—and that since your Excellency has been on the Musnud, you have proved the just Ruler, and father of your people, as well as the faithful and attached Ally of the British Government and Nation. Your Excellency's private character, for worth, truth, and sincerity, is also generally known, and greatly admired and esteemed. The Resident at Kollapore being well acquainted with the estimable qualities of your Excellency has written to Mr. Elliot to beg him to obtain information as to the course adopted and pursued in your education under the superintendence of Sir William Blackburne; and Mr. Elliot has written to me on the subject. I could give a general idea of the plans of Sir William Blackburne, which were brought to so successful an issue, but I am desirous of obtaining from your Excellency some of the details, as to the mode of instruction, in the education of your Excellency's late brother and yourself,—1st. At what age your Excellency was placed under instruction,—who were your Teachers—what books you read, and in what languages—how many hours in each day you were employed with your Teachers,—also with regard to your instructions in active exercises and amusements, such as riding, shooting, &c., &c. Afterwards when you were growing up what instructions you received in the rules of Government, and care of your people. My office Records will furnish me with information on some points,—and my own knowledge of your Excellency's worth, will enable me to inform my friend how happily every hope that your paternal friend, the now Sir William Blackburne, could have formed has been realized. Need I tell you, my dear friend, how highly I shall feel gratified in having this other opportunity to proclaim your many estimable qualities, as a Prince, and a most amiable man,—I shall have the pleasure of sending to your Excellency a copy of the letter

that I may write to Mr. Elliot, and which he will no doubt have great satisfaction in forwarding to the Resident in the Southern Mahrattah country, by whom it will, I presume, be submitted to the Government of Bombay.

(Signed) T. MACLEAN.

Kurambagoody. }
31st March, 1839. }

No. 195.

EXTRACT FROM THE RESIDENT'S LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

I shall not fail to convey your Excellency's kind remembrances to our good and amiable Governor, with whom also, I mean to use my influence to give your Excellency that rank, which your station, and very high character entitles you so justly to. For myself I can never have any greater gratification than in doing justice to those estimable qualities which all allow your Excellency to possess.

(Signed) THOMAS MACLEAN,

Tanjore, }
1st July, 1839. }

No. 196.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
JOHN LORD ELPHINSTONE,
Governor of Madras.
TO RAJAH RAMACHENDRA TONDIMAN,
BEHAUDER.

I have received with no ordinary feeling of regret the intelligence conveyed in your letter of the 15th July, of the death of your Father, the Rajah Ragoonath Tondiman, Behauder.

In expressing to you my congratulations on your succession to your late Father, I derive satisfaction from recording my sense of the exemplary manner in which he discharged the important duties of his station, and of his fidelity and attachment to the interests of the British Government.

The power which wisely but incomprehensibly regulates all events, having deprived you at an early age of your natural protector, I shall commend you particularly to the care and kindness of the Resident at Tanjore, and it will afford me pleasure to hear that by paying attention to his advice, and by emulating the example of your lamented parent, you are preserving the welfare and happiness of your subjects, and securing the respect and esteem of all good men.

What more?

(Signed) **ELPHINSTONE.**

Fort St. George, }
30th July, 1839 }

No. 197.

Political Department,
No. 271.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CONSULTATION, DATED

10th September 1839.

Read the following letter from the Resident at Tanjore.

Here enter 6th September 1839.

Resolved that the Title of "His Excellency" which was conferred on the late Rajah of Poodocottah be continued to his son, the Rjah Ramachendra Tondiman Behauder.

No. 198.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE

JOHN LORD ELPHINSTONE,

Governor of Madras.

MADRAS, August 25th, 1842.

MY DEAR SIR,

The letters which your Excellency did me the honor to write to me on the 14th ultimo have been duly received by

me, and have afforded me the most sincere gratification. I cannot sufficiently thank your Excellency for the kind expressions of your regard for me, and the flattering request which they contain. Be assured, Sir, that I shall ever take a lively interest in your personal welfare and honor as well as in those of your family and Raj. I am afraid that there is at present no good miniature painter at Madras, but I will not forget your Excellency's kind wish that I should send you my portrait, and I will endeavour to do so at an early period.

I shall always regret that I have not had an opportunity during the whole course of my residence in India of paying my respects to your Excellency at Poodoocottah : and that we have never met. The favorable reports which I hear of your Excellency, the assurance which I have that under the management of Mr. Blackburne, your country will be improved, and your affairs brought into perfect order, and above all the proofs which your Letters afford me of the natural goodness of your disposition, and of the care which has been bestowed upon your education, are all in the highest degree satisfactory to me ; but it would have been an additional pleasure to have made your acquaintance, and in having seen those things with my own eyes. I beg your Excellency to present my compliments and respects to your honored Mother, and likewise to tell your brother, how pleased I was to receive his note, and to hear from him that your family were all in the enjoyment of good health. I was very sorry to learn that he had met with an accident painful and most distressing in itself, and which had the further ill consequence of interfering with his studies. Once more, Sir, accept my warmest thanks for your good wishes and kind expressions towards myself, and believe me that I most cordially return them.

I am, with the sincerest regard,
Your Excellency's most faithful Servant and Friend,
(Signed) ELPHINSTONE.

No. 199.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE MOST NOBLE

THE MARQUIS OF TWEEDDALE, K. T. & C. B.,
Governor of Madras.

SECRET DEPARTMENT.
No. 42.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

RAJAH RAMACHENDRA TONDIMAN,
BEHAUDER.

Para. 1. In apprizing your Excellency that I have seen fit to re-appoint Mr. Kindersley for a limited period to perform the duties of Resident at the Durbar of His Highness the Rajah of Tanjore, I deem it right to inform your Excellency that that Gentleman is entrusted with the important and special duty, under orders recently received from the Honorable the Court of Directors.

2. I have full confidence that your Excellency will aid the Honorable Court and this Government in their efforts for the furtherance of the ends of justice, and it will afford much satisfaction to me, to be enabled to learn from Mr. Kindersley at the termination of his arduous duty, that he has received from your Excellency and those immediately under your authority ready and effectual aid. It will be a source of sincere regret to me, should Mr. Kindersley not be enabled to make this report for the information of the Honorable the Court of Directors. But as that Gentleman has the full confidence of this Government, I doubt not, that he will receive under the commands of your Excellency, zealous and effectual co-operation and assistance at your Excellency's Durbar.

What more ?

(Signed) TWEEDDALE.

Fort St. George
1st March 1843.

No. 200.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE MOST NOBLE
 THE MARQUIS OF TWEEDDALE, K. T. & C. B.,
 Governor of Madras.
 POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.
 No. 40.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

RAJAH RAMACHENDRA TONDIMAN

BEHAUDER. &c., &c., &c.

Para 1. I have had much pleasure in receiving from Mr. Blackburne a most satisfactory account of your Excellency's affairs. It was particularly gratifying to me to learn that all the members of your family retain that devotion to the British Government for which your ancestors were so conspicuous.

2. Your Excellency is aware of the lively interest which Mr. Blackburne has ever taken in the welfare of your Family, and while I feel obliged to that Gentleman for his watchful care over you during your minority, I must remind your Excellency that you will always do well to rely with confidence on so good a friend as the Political Agent, for counsel and advice.

Fort St. George,
 31st January, 1845.

What more?

(Signed) TWEEDDALE.

No. 201.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE MOST NOBLE
 THE MARQUIS OF TWEEDDALE, K.T. & C. B.,
 Governor of Madras.
 POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.
 No. 84.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

RAJAH RAMACHENDRA TONDIMAN

BEHAUDER.

I have had the pleasure to receive your Excellency's letter of the 25th Ultimo, and I thank you for the good wishes expressed in it towards me.

The welfare of a Family who have always been conspicuous for devotion to the British Government, will ever excite in the mind of the representative of that Government a lively interest, and you may be assured that the favorable sentiments that I have entertained towards you will equally influence my successor, as I am fully satisfied that your Excellency will always make it your study to secure the continuance of the good opinion which has been formed of you by this Government.

What more ?

(Signed) TWEEDDALE.

Fort St. George, }
22nd February 1848. }

No. 202.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 205.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF CONSULTATION,

dated 23rd May 1854.

Read the following letters from the Political Agent of Poodoocottah.

Here enter 1st and 14th May, 1854.

The Government are satisfied from the Report of the Political Agent and its accompaniments that the Town of Poodoocottah is in a state bordering on, if not already in, insurrection which Tondiman is apparently too weak to put down, and that the well affected among the inhabitants are suffering violence and persecution at the hands of a band of Insurgents headed by Vengannen Saroovaigauren as their Ringleader. Such a state of things cannot but be most prejudicial both to Poodoocottah and the adjoining Company's Territories, and cannot be tolerated for a moment: Indeed the circumstances of the case as represented by the Agent leave no option to the Government but to authorize him agreeably to his recommendation, to call for the requisite Military aid, more especially as he states that there will not,

in all probability, be any necessity to employ the Troops : but that their presence alone, will be sufficient to intimidate the Insurgents and restore order. He will accordingly obtain such assistance as may be necessary from the Officer Commanding the Southern Division, but he will, of course, see that every exertion is previously made to restore tranquillity in an orderly manner without the intervention of a Military Force.

No. 203.

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE RIGHT HONORABLE
GEORGE FRANCIS ROBERT LORD HARRIS,
Governor of Madras.
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.
No. 985.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY
RAJAH RAMACHENDRA TONDIMAN
BEHAUDER,
RAJAH OF POODOOCOTTAH,
&c. &c. &c.

I have had the honor to receive through Mr. Hathaway the Acting Political Agent, your Excellency's letter of the 4th Instant, conveying your sentiments on the late unhappy events in the North-west Provinces, and the assurance of your strong attachment to the British Government, and your appreciation of the benefits enjoyed under its rule.

I feel much gratified at the loyal and honorable feelings evinced by your Excellency in this address, and at the earnest wishes therein expressed for the complete restoration of order in the disturbed Districts, and I take this occasion to thank you for the munificent donation, which, as I am informed by the Agent, you have given to the Fund for the relief of the sufferers in those Provinces.

With my acknowledgments for the sympathy shown in this gift, and with my best wishes for your Excellency's health and welfare.

Fort St. George. }
23rd November, 1857. }

(Signed) HARRIS.

No. 204.

Madura 7th May 1862.

From

V. H. LEVINGE Esq.

Political Agent of Poodoocottah.

To

THE RAJAH RAMACHENDRA TONDIMAN

BAHADOOR.

POODOECOTTAH.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the enclosed which I have been directed to deliver to you and which I have no doubt will be received by you with great satisfaction.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obt. servant

(Signed) V. H. LEVINGE,

POLITICAL AGENT.

Exd.

 No. 205

A COPY OF A LETTER FROM

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HONORABLE

SIR WILLIAM THOMAS DENISON, K. C. B.,

Governor of Madras.

Fort St. George, 30th April 1862.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 169.

MY FRIEND,

I have the pleasure to forward to you the accompanying Sunnud issued under the order of Her Most Gracious Majesty and signed by her late Viceroy and the Governor General of India,

2. This Sunnud conveys to you the assurance that on failure of natural heirs, the British Government will permit and confirm any adoption of a successor made by yourself or by any future Rajah of Poodoocottah, which may be in accordance with Hindoo Law and the customs of your race.

3. I doubt not but that you will feel deeply grateful to the Queen for the gracious assurance thus made to you through her late representative in this country, and for the motive that has led to it, viz., Her Majesty's desire that the Governments of the several Princes and Chiefs of India, who now rule their own Territories should be perpetuated; and the representation and dignity of their houses should be continued—nor can I doubt that you will ensure the permanence of the engagement now made to you, by your loyalty to the Crown, and by your faithful adherence to all your obligations to the British Government.

Your sincere Friend,

(Signed) W. DENISON.

To Rajah Ramachendra Tondiman Behauder.

No. 206.

TO RAJAHRAMACHENDRA TONDIMAN,
BEHAUDER.

Poodoocottah.

Her Majesty being desirous that Governments of the several Princes and Chiefs of India who govern their own territories, should be perpetuated, and that the representation and dignity of their houses should be continued, in fulfilment of this desire, this Sunnud is given to you to convey to you the assurance that on failure of natural heirs,

the British Government will recognize and confirm any adoption of a successor made by yourself or by any future Chief of your State that may be in accordance with Hindoo Law and the customs of your race.

Be assured that nothing shall disturb the engagement thus made to you so long as your house is loyal to the Crown and faithful to the conditions of the treaties, grants, or engagements which record its obligations to the British Government.

(Signed) CANNING.

No. 207.

To,

His Excellency The Right Honorable
Edward Robert Lytton, Bulwer Lytton
Baron Lytton of Knebworth G. M. S. I.
&c. &c. &c. &c.
VICEROY AND GOVERNOR GENERAL OF
INDIA.

My Lord,

I do myself the honor and pleasure of informing your Lordship that I have this day adopted Marthanda Bhyrava Jullavaroy, a child of sixteen months old & the third son of the Senior Princess, my Eldest daughter, as my son and successor in accordance with the tenor of the special Sunnud granted to myself and the future Rajahs of Poodocottah by the Right Honorable Lord Canning, your Excellency's Predecessor in the name & under instructions of Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen of England & Empress of India, and according to the Hindoo Law & the customs of my race. The ceremonies connected with the adoption were performed in the usual form as publicly as possible & in the presence of my officers, important relations nobilities of the Town and Religious Brahmans.

A copy of the Sunnud referred to is duly submitted herewith for your Lordship's information and reference.

According to the Hindoo Sastras in which I have a full belief, unless the funeral rites of one demised will be performed by a son, natural or adopted, he, the demised will not obtain the benefit of receiving funeral obligations for three generations. As I am resolved that my funeral rites should accordingly be performed and as my health has been of late decaying, I have taken in adoption the aforesaid Marthanda Bhyrava Pullavaroyar as my son and heir to the musnad and have thereby given effect to my long cherished hope of getting a son. I have thus cleared all my concerns in heart & am now perfectly free in mind.

The young Prince should henceforth be called Rajah Marthanda Bhyrava Tondiman, my adopted son & hier, & I beg respectfully to solicit that the young Prince will be recognized as my son & successor to the position I hold in this Samastanum as Ruler, agreeably to H. E. the Late Viceroy's Sunnud, as I am descended from a family that have invariably been loyal to the British Crown and faithful to the conditions of the Treaties or engagements entered into. A kind reference to the accompanying printed pamphlet which contains copies of correspondences will testify the services that have been rendered by my forefathers to the British Government.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

Your Lordship's sincere friend

(Signed) Rajah Ramachendra

Tondiman Bahadur

Puducottah
2nd March 1877

No. 208.

To,

His Excellency the most noble The
 Right Honorable The Duke of Buckingham &
 Chandos G.C.S.I &c. &c. &c.
 &c.

Governor of Fort St. George, Madras.

Your Grace,

I do myself the honor and pleasure of informing your Grace that I have this day adopted Marthanda Bhyrava Pullavaroyer, the third son of the Senior Princess, my eldest daughter, as my son and successor in accordance with the tenor of the special Sunnud granted to myself & the future Rajahs of Poodeocottah by the Right Honorable Lord Canning, Late Viceroy & Governor General in the name and under instructions of H. M. E. Majesty, the Queen of England & Empress of India and according to the Hindu Law & the customs of my race. The ceremonies connected with the adoption were performed in the usual form as publicly as possible & in the presence of my officers important relations, nobilities of the Town & religious Brahmins.

A copy of the Sunnud referred to & a copy of a Letter addressed to me by Honorable Sir William Denison, your Grace's predecessor giving cover to the Sunnud are duly submitted herewith for your Grace's information & reference.

According to the Hindoo Sastras in which I have a full belief, unless the funeral rites of one demised will be performed by a son, natural or adopted, he, the demised, will not obtain the benefit of receiving funeral obligations for three generations. As I am resolved that my funeral rites should

be performed accordingly & as my health has been of late decaying I have taken in adoption the aforesaid Marthanda Bhyrava Pullavaroyer as my son & heir to the musnud & have thereby given effect to my long cherished hope of getting a son. I have thus cleared all my concerns in heart & I am now perfectly free in mind.

The young Prince should henceforth be called Rajah Marthanda Bhyrava Tondiman, my adopted son & heir and I beg respectfully to solicit that the young Prince will be recognized as my son and successor to the position I hold in this Samastanum, as Ruler, agreeably to the Late Viceroy's Sunnud, as I am descended from a family that have invariably been loyal to the British Crown and faithful to the conditions of the Treaties or engagements entered into.

I take the liberty of enclosing herein an address open to H. E. The Right Honorable Lord Lytton Viceroy and Governor General on the subject and I beg that the same will be forwarded with my respectful compliments. A copy of which is also submitted for your Grace's information.

I have the honor to be

Your Grace

Your Excy's sincere friend

(Signed) Rajah Ramachendra

Tondiman Bahadur.

Puducottah
2nd March 1877

No. 209.

No. 3.

Poodoocottah.

2nd March 1877.

To,

HENRY SEWELL Esq.

Political Agent for

Poodoocottah.

TRICHINOPOLY.

SIR,

In enclosing herein a letter to the address of His Grace the Governor of Madras in which another address is also enclosed to His Excellency the Viceroy, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to forward the same to His Excellency the Governor with my respectful compliments.

As copies of both of my Letters have been herein submitted for your perusal and information, I have detained from repeating the same subject in this my communication. As I suddenly get afraid of my life owing to my present decaying state of health, I have made this adoption in good faith and thereby freed all my concerns in mind and I am confident that the subject will be duly communicated to the Government with your kind and favourable opinion.

I have the honor to be

&c.

&c.

(Signed) R. B. T. B.

No. 210.

No. 22.

POLITICAL AGENT OFFICE,
Trichinopoly 26th January 1878

To,

His Excellency Rajah Ramachendra
Tondiman Behauder.
Rajah of Poodoocottah.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I have the honor to inform your Excellency that the Vice
Roy & Governor General in Council has
been pleased to recognize & confirm the
adoption made by you of your eldest
daughters third son* as heir to the Raj
in supercession of the claims of the son
of your deceased brother.

*Marthanda
Bhyrava
Pullavarayer.

I have the honor to be

Your Excellency

Your most obedient and humble

Servant,

(Signed) HENRY SEWELL,
Political Agent.

No. 211.

Political Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the
Government of India to the Chief Secretary to the Govern-

ment of Fort Saint George dated 15th January 1877
No. 1226.

From Offg. Chief
Secy. to Govt Fort
St. George No. 227
of 19th April 1877.
with enclosures Te-
legram to Madras
Govt. No. 1919. 8th
Augt. 77. do. from
do. 13th Augt 77.

* Marthanda Bhy-
rava Pullavaroyar.

With reference to the correspon-
dence marginally noted ending with
your Telegram dated 13th August
1877. upon the subject of the recogni-
tion of the recent adoption by the

Rajah of Poodocottah of his eldest
daughter's third son* as heir to the

Raj in supercession of the claims of the son of his deceased
brother, I am directed to intimate to you for the infor-
mation of the Rajah that the Viceroy & Governor General
in council is pleased to recognize & confirm the adoption.

Order thereon dated 23d. January 1878. No. 46. Com-
municated to the Political Agent for the information of His
Excellency the Rajah.

(True Extract.)

(Signed.) D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Chief Secretary.

To,

THE POLITICAL AGENT,

POODOCOTTAI.

Forwarded to His Excellency the Rajah Bahader of Poo-
docottah.

(Signed) HENRY SEWELL,

8-2-78.

Political Agent

No. 212
 To, His Excellency the Right Honorable
 Edward Robert Lytton Bulwer Lytton Baron
 Lytton of Knebworth, G. M. S. I. &c.
 &c. &c. &c.

VICE ROY AND GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA.

My Lord,
 Mr. Henry Sewell, Political Agent at my court, has informed me on the 27th Ultimo to my excellency that your Lordship in council had been pleased to recognize and confirm the adoption made by me of my eldest daughter's third son* as heir to the Raj in supercession of the claims of the son of my deceased brother, in conformity with the tenor of the special Sunnud granted to me by Lord Canning late Vice Roy and Governor General.

I could in fact find no words to express my humble obligations and sincere gratitude for the unparalleled kindness and estimation—a favor, I earnestly solicit ever to be continued, shown to me by your Lordship, as Representative of Her most Gracious Majesty the Queen of England and Empress of India, on this important occasion of establishing a right of succession through me, in proof of the fulfilment of the desire to perpetuate the Government of the Native Princes; nor am I able to describe the exalted joy felt by myself and my subjects at large. I, as a Loyal subject to the Empress of India and a descendant of a long and faithful ally of the British, heartily pray to the God Almighty for their most prosperous, pre-ominant, & everlasting Rule—a Sovereignty most impartial and Divine.

May the Almighty bless your Lordship with long life and prosperity and with due regard.

I have the honor to be
Yours Lordship's sincere friend
S. M. My Lord

(Signed) Rajah Ramachendrar
Tondiman Bahadur

9th February 1878
The Political Agent at my command

To His Highness The most noble The Right Hon-
orable The Duke of Buckingham & Chandos,
G. G. & Co. &c. &c. &c.

GOVERNOR OF FORT SAINT GEORGE.

Your Grace

The Political Agent, had the pleasure to communicate to me in the 27th ultimo that H. E. the Viceroy and Governor General in Council had been pleased to recognize and confirm the adoption made by me of my eldest daughter's third son as heir to the Rajah succession of the late Rajah of Tondiman. The sense of my obligation and gratitude for the favor shown to me is inexpressible, and I sincerely pray that the same kindness may ever be continued to me as one descended from a long and faithful Ally of the British.

I take the liberty of enclosing
 {Copy submitted. herein an address to His Lordship
 the Governor General on a flying
 seal, and humbly solicit that the same may be forwarded to
 His Lordship with my respectful compliments.

I have the honor to be,

Your Grace,

Your Excellency's sincere friend
 (Signed) RAJAH RAMACHENDRA
 TONDIMAN BAHADUR.

Poodoocottah
 9th February 1878

No. 214

No. 2

Poodoocottah
 9th February 1878

To,

HENRY SEWELL Esquire,
 Political Agent for
 Poodoocottah.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith a packet on a flying seal to the
 address of His Grace the Governor of Madras in which a
 letter to His Lordship the Governor General is also enclosed,
 I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to
 despatch the same with my respectful compliments.

Copies of my letter to the Governor & Governor General
 are herein submitted for your information.

I have the honor

(Signed) R. R. T. B.

No. 215.

February 17th 1878.

MY FRIEND,

I have received your Excellency's letter of the 9th Instant, the enclosure of which has been duly forwarded to the Vice Roy.

I trust this will find your Excellency & your Family in the enjoyment of health, and happiness.

and remain

Your sincere friend

(Signed) BUCKINGHAM & CHANDOS.

To,

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE RAJAH OF PUDUCOTTAH,

No 216.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCLAMATION.

Received from the Political Agent of Puducottah announcing the assumption of the Government of India by Her Majesty.

We hereby announce to the Native Princes of India that all Treaties and Engagements made with them by or under the authority of the Honorable East India Company are by Us accepted, and will be scrupulously maintained; and we look for the like observance on their part.

We desire no extension of Our present territorial possessions; and while We will permit no aggression upon Our Dominions or Our rights to be attempted with impunity, We shall sanction no encroachment on those of others. We shall respect the rights, dignity, and honour of Native Princes as Our own; and we desire that they, as well as Our own subjects, should enjoy that prosperity and social advancement which can only be secured by internal peace and good Government.

We hold Ourselves bound to the Natives of Our Indian Territories by the same obligations of duty which bind Us to all Our other subjects ; and those obligations, by the blessing of Almighty God, We shall faithfully and conscientiously fulfil.

We know, and respect, the feelings of attachment with which the Natives of India regard the lands inherited by them from their ancestors ; and We desire to protect them in all rights connected therewith ; subject to the equitable demands of the State ; and We will that generally, in framing and administering the law, due regard be paid to the ancient rights, usages, and customs of India.

We deeply lament the evils and misery which have been brought upon India by the acts of ambitious men, who have deceived their countrymen by false reports, and led them into open rebellion. Our power has been shown by the suppression of that rebellion in the field. We desire to shew Our mercy by pardoning the offence of those who have been thus misled, but who desire to return to the path of duty.

By order of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India.

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE, Secy. to the Government.
of India, with the Governor General.

Published by order of the Governor in Council.

T. PYCROFT, CHIEF SECRETARY.

No 217.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant General's Office:

Head Quarters, Southern Division,

Trichinopoly 19th December 1830.

D. O. BY MAJOR GENERAL THE RIGHT HONORABLE

THE EARL OF CARNWATH.

His Excellency the Rajah Tendiman Bahadoor having expressed his intencion of being present at the Review of the 4th Regiment L. C. on Monday morning, a Brigade of Guns from the Artillery will be drawn up at day-light on the road.

opposite the Golden Rock to fire a salute of 19 Guns on His Excellency's approach.

A Troop from the 4th L. C. will Escort His Excellency to his residence immediately after the Review, and a Jemadar's party detailed as an Escort to be relieved daily.

The Grenadier Company of His Majesty's 41st Regiment with the Regimental Color will be in attendance at the house occupied by Sir Edward Miles to salute His Excellency on arrival, and the Officer Commanding it will attend to His Excellency's wishes.

The Officer Commanding the Garrison will be pleased to give the necessary directions for His Excellency to be received with all due Honors and Compliments by the Guards on duty during his stay at Trichinopoly.

By Order of the Major General,

(Signed) R. BUDD.

A. D. A. A. Gr. S. D.

No. 218.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant General's Office.
Head Quarters Southern Division,
Trichinopoly 25th August 1845.

D.O. BY MAJOR GENERAL GIBSON.

The Political Agent at Poodocottah having notified to Major General GIBSON Commanding the Division that it is the intention of His Excellency the RAJAH TONDIMAN, BAHADUR to visit Trichinopoly on the morning of Saturday the 30th Instant, the Major General is pleased to make the following arrangements for his Excellency's reception.

A Troop complete from the 4th L.C. under the command of a Captain and in Review order will be drawn up at 5'o Clock on the morning of the 30th Instant on the road near the Church opposite to Mr. Onslow's compound for the purpose of escorting his Excellency to his place of Residence the NABOB'S HOUSE at Worriore.

The detachment of Artillery will be paraded on the Brigade exercising ground near to the Church at the above hour and will fire a salute of 19 Guns about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5'o Clock on a signal which will be given by the Brigadier Commanding Trichinopoly.

The Grenadier Company form one of the Native Corps in Garrison under the Command of a Subadar, and in full dress will be in attendance at the NABOB'S HOUSE at Worriore at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 'oclock on the above morning to receive his Excellency and the Native Officer commanding it will attend to his Excellency's wishes.

A Jemmadar's party from the 4th L. C. will also be paraded in Review Order at the Nabob's House at Worriore at the same hour as an Escort to his Excellency to be relieved daily during his stay at Trichinopoly.

A similar party from the same corps will parade at the Major General's Quarters at 5 o'clock on the above morning for the purpose of proceeding with the Officer commanding the division to meet his Excellency, and the staff of the division will attend at the Major General's Quarters at the same hour in (Full dress) to accompany him to meet his Excellency and the Brigadier with the Garrison staff is likewise requested to attend.

The Brigadier Commanding the Garrison will be good enough to give the necessary directions for his Excellency to be received with all due honors by the Guards on duty during his stay at Trichinopoly.

By Order

(Signed) ROBERT FARQUHAR,

D. A. A. GL. S. F.

No. 219.

To,

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

RAJAH RAMACHENDRA TONDIMAN

BAHADOOR,

&c. &c. &c

I have the honor to acquaint you that His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Madras in the month of March next, and I have pleasure in inviting you to be present on the occasion of his reception.

Fort St. George }
8th February 1870.

I remain
Your sincere Friend,
(Signed) NAPIER.

No. 220.

No. 506.

Ootacamund 13th August 1875.

Political Department.

To,

His Excellency Ramachendra

Tondiman Bahadur

Rajah of Pudukottai.

MY FRIEND,

I have the honor to acquaint you that His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales will visit Madras early in the month of December next, and I have the pleasure in inviting you to be present on the occasion of his reception.

I remain
Your sincere Friend,
(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

No. 221.

H. M. S. "SERAPIS".

SIR,

Sandhead's December 21st 1875.

By desire of H. R. H., the Prince of Wales, I have the honor to inform your Excellency that H. R. H. has sent you

through the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, a silver medal, with a ring bearing H. R. II's cipher. These the Prince of Wales hopes your Excellency will wear as mementos of his visit to Southern India and of the pleasure H. R. II. derived from making your Excellency's personal acquaintance.

I have the honor to be
Your Excellency's very faithfully,
(Signed) W. B. FRERE.

His Excellency
The Rajah of Pudukottai.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 222.

Fort St. George, 22nd december 1876.

To,
His Excellency Rajah Ramachendra
Tondiman Bahadur Rajah of
Pudukottai.

Political Department.

In the absence of His Grace the Governor, I have the honor to acquaint you that under instructions from His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in council, it is the intention of this Government to publicly proclaim on the 1st January 1877 at the Presidency, and at all the head quarter stations of the several collectorates the assumption by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, of the title of Empress of India, and to forward for your information copy of the Fort St. George Gazette Extraordinary containing His Excellency the Viceroy's Proclamation together with the Proclamation by the Queen.

I remain
Your sincere friend
(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

THE FORT ST. GEORGE GAZETTE.

EXTRAORDINARY.

Published by Authority.

MONDAY AUGUST 28, 1876.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

OOTACAMUND, AUGUST 26, 1876.

The subjoined Notification is republished
for general information :—

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

POLITICAL.

Simla, the 18th August 1876.

No. 1891-P.

PROCLAMATION.

As VICEEROY and GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA, I hereby publish, for the information of the Governors, Administrators, Princes, Chiefs, Nobles, and Peoples of this Empire, the subjoined Act passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland on the twenty-seventh day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, together with a Royal Proclamation, dated at the Court of Windsor the twenty-eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six in the thirty-ninth year of HER MAJESTY'S reign, transmitted to this Government by the MOST HON'BLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA in His Lordship's Despatch, No. 70, of the 13th July 1876.

No. 223.

Moreover, I now publicly notify, under this my hand and seal, that it is my intention to hold at Delhi, on the 1st day of January 1877, an Imperial Assemblage, for the purpose of proclaiming to the QUEEN's subjects throughout India the gracious sentiments which have induced HER MAJESTY to make to HER Sovereign Style and Titles an addition specially intended to mark HER MAJESTY's interest in this great Dependency of HER Crown, and HER Royal confidence in the loyalty and affection of the Princes and Peoples of India.

To this Assemblage I propose to invite the Governors, Lieutenant-Governors, and Heads of Administrations, from all parts of the QUEEN's Indian Dominions, as well as those Princes, Chiefs, and Nobles, in whose persons the antiquity of the past is associated with the prosperity of the present, and who so worthily contribute to the splendour and stability of this great Empire.

I shall forthwith issue such orders in Council as may be suitable to the historical importance of the occasion, and in conformity with the desire which will be felt by all HER MAJESTY's subjects in India to manifest the affection they cherish for their august SOVEREIGN by public rejoicings and appropriate demonstrations of loyalty.

Dated at Simla this Eighteenth day of August 1876.

(Signed) LYTTON.

 ANNEXURES.

[39 VIC. CAP. 10]

No. 1.

A. D. 1876. AN Act to enable her Most Gracious Majesty to make an addition to the Royal Style and Titles appertaining to the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies.
[27th April 1876]

(Transmitted in Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 28.
(Legislative), of 29th June 1876.)

WHEREAS by the Act for the Union of Great Britain and Ireland passed in the fortieth year of 39 and 40 G.III. the reign of His late Majesty King c. 67, A.D. 1800. George the Third, chapter sixty-seven it was provided that after such Union as aforesaid the Royal Style and Titles appertaining to the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies should be such as His Majesty by His Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom should be pleased to appoint;

And whereas by virtue of the said Act and of a Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal, dated the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and one, the present Style and Titles of Her Majesty are "Victoria by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith;"

And whereas by the Act for the better Government of India, passed in the Session of the 21 & 22 Vic. c. 106. twenty-first and twenty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter one hundred and six, it was enacted that the Government of India, theretofore vested in the East India Company in trust for Her Majesty, should become vested in Her Majesty, and that India should thenceforth be governed by and in the name of Her Majesty, and it is expedient that there should be a recognition of the transfer of government so made by means of an addition to be made to the Style and Titles of Her Majesty:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

It shall be lawful for Her Most Gracious Majesty, with a view to such recognition as aforesaid of the transfer of the government of India, by Her Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, to make such addition to the Style and Titles at present appertaining to the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies as to Her Majesty may seem meet.

No. 2.]

No. 70, dated India Office, 13th July 1876.

FROM—HER MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

TO—THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

I FORWARD herewith, for the information of your Excellency's Government, copy of the Queen's Proclamation notifying the assumption by Her Majesty of the title of "Empress of India."

2. This act on the part of Her Majesty is a formal and emphatic expression, for which it seemed to the Queen that the opportunity was eminently suitable, of the favorable sentiments which She has always entertained towards the Princes and People of India. I request that your Excellency will proclaim throughout Her Majesty's Indian Dominions, in a manner suitable to Her gracious intentions, the addition which has been made to the Royal Style and Titles.

(Signed) SALISBURY.

BY THE QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA, R.

WHEREAS an Act has been passed in the present Session of Parliament, entitled "An Act to enable Her Most Gracious Majesty to make an addition to the Royal Style and Titles

appertaining to the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies," which Act recites that, by the Act for the Union of Great Britain and Ireland, it was provided that after such Union the Royal Style and Titles appertaining to the Imperial Crown of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies should be such as His Majesty by His Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom should be pleased to appoint: and which Act also recites that, by virtue of the said Act, and of a Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal, dated the 1st day of January 1801, Our present Style and Titles are "Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith:" and which Act also recites that, by the Act for the better Government of India, it was enacted that the Government of India, theretofore vested in the East India Company in trust for us, should become vested in Us, and that India should thenceforth be governed by us and in Our name, and that it is expedient that there should be a recognition of the transfer of Government so made by means of an addition to be made to Our Style and Titles: And which Act, after the said recitals, enacts that it shall be lawful for us, with a view to such recognition as aforesaid, of the transfer of the Government of India, by Our Royal Proclamation under the Great Seal of the united Kingdom, to make such addition to the Style and Titles at present appertaining to the Imperial Crown of the united Kingdom and its dependencies as to us may seem meet; we have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to appoint and declare, and We do hereby, by and with the said advice, appoint and declare that henceforth, so far as conveniently may be, on all occasions and in all instruments wherein Our Style and Titles are used, save and except all Charters, Commissions, Letters Patent, Grants, Writs, Appointments, and other like instruments, not extending in their operation beyond the united Kingdom, the following addition shall be made to the Style and Titles at present ap-

pertaining to the Imperial Crown of the united Kingdom and its Dependencies; that is to say, in the Latin tongue, these words: "Indiæ Imperatrix," and in the English tongue in these words: "Empress of India".

And Our will and pleasure further is, that the said addition shall not be made in the Commissions, Charters, Letters Patent, Grants Writs, Appointments, and other like instruments. hereinbefore specially excepted.

And Our will and pleasure further is, that all gold, silver, and copper moneys, now current and lawful money of the united kingdom, and all gold, silver, and copper moneys which shall, on or after this day, be coined by Our authority with the like impressions, shall notwithstanding such addition to Our Style and Titles, be deemed and taken to be current and lawful moneys of the said united kingdom; and further that all moneys coined for and issued in any of the dependencies of the said united kingdom, and declared by Our Proclamation to be current and lawful money of such dependencies, respectively bearing Our Style, or Titles, or any part or parts thereof, and a moneys which shall hereafter be coined and issued according to such Proclamation, shall, notwithstanding such addition continue to be lawful and current money of such dependencies respectively, until Our pleasure shall be further declared thereupon.

Given at Our Court at WINDSOR, the twenty-eighth day of APRIL, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six in the thirty-ninth year of Our Reign,

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

(By order of His Excellency the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council

T. H. THOTRON,

Offg. Secy. to the Government of India

(By Order of His Grace the Governor in Council.

W. HUDLESTON,

Chief Secretary

*Copy forwarded at the request of the Political Agent
(D.O. note 18 March 1880) for the use & private record
of His Excellency the Rajah.*

*Trichy }
19-3-1880. }*

*(Signed) A. Sashiah Sastry,
Sirkele.*

**GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Political Department.**

6th March 1880, No. 107.

PUDUKOTA.

Read the following paper :—

No. 8.

From the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department (Political), to the Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Simla, 22nd November 1879, No. 1722-I.P.

I am directed to acknowledge your letter, No. 486, dated 30th September 1879, forwarding memorials from certain members of the family of the Rajah of Pudukota, and from the inhabitants of that place, to the address of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, in which they appeal against the orders of the Government of India recognizing and confirming the adoption by the Rajah of his eldest daughter's third son as heir to the Raj.

2.—I am to request that the memorialists may be informed that, under clause 3 of No. XII of the Rules for the transmission of memorials to the Secretary of State, the Government of India decline to forward their memorials to His Lordship.

No. 9. Order thereon, 6th. March 1880, No. 107.

Communicated to the Political Agent, Pudukota, with reference to G. O., dated 30th September 1879, No. 485. He will cause the memorialists to be informed as desired by the Government of India.

(True extract)

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary

To the Political Agent, Pudukota
Exd. J. W Fischer.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Political Department.

11th May 1881, No. 254.

PUDUKOTTA.

Read the following paper:—

From. H. Sewell Esquire, Political Agent for Pudukotta. To the Chief Secretary to Govt. dated Trichinopoly 25th April 1881, No. 89 (current No. 249)

With reference to G. O. dated 6th March 1881, No. 107, I have the honor to forward herewith under flying seal a petition addressed to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council by the Senior Ranee Sahib and Nephew of His Excellency the Rajah of Pudukotta praying to reconsider their former Order declining to forward their memorial to the Secretary of State.

2.—I beg to point out that the memorial referred to was the first memorial on the subject addressed to the Secretary of State for India, and therefore section 12, Clause 3 of the Petition Rules, is not applicable to this case.

Order thereon, 11th May 1881.

No. 254.

The Petition received under flying seal will be returned to the Political Agent with the intimation that the previous memorials were in effect an appeal against the Orders of the Secretary of State; the Ruling conveyed in the letter from the Foreign Secretary to the Government of India No. 122. P. dated 15th January 1878, having been based on his decision, and as such were in the case held by the Govt. of India to come under clause 3 of No. 12 of the memorial Rules.

(True extract)

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,

To

Chief Secretary.

THE POLITICAL AGENT

FOR PUDUKOTTA

True copy,

with Petition

(Signed) A. SASHIAH SASTRI,

Sirkele.

No. 149.

POLITICAL AGENT'S OFFICE,
Trichinopoly, 25th April, 1884.

THE SIRKELE TO HIS HIGHNESS
THE RAJAH BAHANPUR OF
PUDUKOTA.

Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding herewith for
information of His Highness the Rajah, copy of
Government Order dated the 22nd April 1884,
No. 267, sanctioning the grant of a salute of 11 Guns,
and directing the adoption henceforward of the title
of "His Highness" for his address.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Signed) HENRY SEWELL,
Political Agent.

(True copy)

(Signed) A. SASHIAH SASTRI,
Sirkele.

Political Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from the Government of India, Foreign Deptt. dated 5th April 1884, No. 1138. I

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PARA 2.—In reply to this letter and in continuation of the letter from this office, No. 2899. I of the 29th September 1883, I am directed to state for the information of the Government of Fort St. George, that Her Majesty the Queen Empress has been pleased to sanction the Grant of a salute of 11 guns to the Rajah of Pudukóta and his successors as an hereditary distinction.

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Order dated 22nd April 1884 No. 267.

PARAGRAPH 2 of the letter from the Government of India will be communicated to the Political Agent, Pudukóta.

2. The Rajah of Pudukóta will henceforward be addressed as "HIS HIGHNESS".

(True Extract)

(Signed) FOSTER WEBSTER,

Chief Secretary.

(True copy)

(Signed) HENRY SEWELL,

Political Agent.

(True copy)

(Signed) A. SASHIAH SASTRI,

Sirkele:

