

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 341, Political, dated 18th June 1901.

ABSTRACT.—Informing the Resident in Travancore, by telegram, that the Governor in Council has received with regret the intimation of the death of Her Highness Lakshmi Bai Rani Avargal, c.i., the senior Rani of Travancore.

READ—also the following paper:—

From G. T. MACKENZIE, Esq., I.C.S., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Trivandrum, 17th June 1901, Ref. on C. No. 1729.

I have the honour to report that Her Highness Lakshmi Bai, c.i., senior Rani of Travancore, died at 7-30 P.M. on June 15th from Bright's disease.

2. Her Highness was for some time past in feeble health and this fatal termination to the illness was expected.

3. I may mention that some months ago I asked the Maharaja what arrangement would be best for the custody of the two children in the event of the death of the senior Rani, and His Highness said that his intention was to appoint the Valia Koil Tamburan (the consort of Her Highness) as the guardian of the two princesses. This certainly will be the simplest and best plan.

4. The Rani was a Member of the Order of the Crown of India, and therefore a report to the Government of India of the death of Her Highness seems to be necessary.

ORDER—No. 355, Political, dated 21st June 1901.

Recorded, with reference to G.O., No. 341, dated 18th June 1901.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

ENDORSEMENT—No. 356, Political, dated 21st June 1901.

Copy to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.