

anger put delays on him, and demanded the arrears due from his father. Jayarâm Pandit asked Shâh Nawâz Khân to write to Pondichery; but the latter replied that he would settle the business for which the former had come, and that he might therefore live in peace.'

When I reported this, the Governor asked why Jayarâm Pandit had not written. I replied, 'Can he write about his journey and arrival? He will only write when the matter is settled, and meanwhile has asked our man with him to write.' I added, 'Nâsir Jang will not pass the Kistna or remain at Arcot. He will pass the rainy season at Sirpi, etc.'

M. St. Paul then came to the Governor. Tânappa Mudali also came. Chinna Parasurâman had complained to M. St. Paul that Âsârappa Mudali owed him a hundred pagodas; and others had made similar complaints. M. St. Paul reported this to the Governor; so he sent for me and asked why the matter had not been settled. I replied, 'It took long time to decide that the disputed sum was a bride-gift.¹ It consisted of jewels and ready money; and these had to be divided. A small part has been divided, but they would not agree about the rest, and proposed to petition you. Hence

¹ See Vol. VI, pp. 336-337 *supra*.

the delay, as you were not at leisure.' It was then proposed to the Second that M. Delarche, etc., might be appointed arbitrators; but it all ended in nothing, so they came and asked what would be the best time to petition you. I told them to come next Monday.'

The Governor then said to Tânappa Mudali, 'What is all this, Lazar? Why have you delayed the division?' He answered, 'I have given them Âsârappan's goods but his father's have not yet been delivered.' Thereupon the Governor asked how many pagodas had been paid on account of Âsârappan's affair. He replied, 'About 1,500 pagodas.' The Governor said that Europeans could not arbitrate and that Tamils were the best judges of their own customs. I explained that the matter could not be decided until the opposite party had been heard, and that I would ask him to come to-morrow, and clear the matter up. As we were thus talking, Chinna Parasurâman drew near the Governor and muttered that Âsârappan had owed him 400 pagodas. The Governor only answered that a complaint had been made.

Chinna Parasurâman who generally stands trembling at a distance like a dog, then went up to the Governor boldly and spoke to him familiarly because four days ago he lent the Governor some money and is prepared to do the same again. Besides, he is emboldened by having