

5unda~ 9th June 1901

...We owe our education to Mr Ranga Rao no doubt, but he has forfeited all claims to our respect and gratitude by his subsequent treatment of us which was shameful in the extremes. The prince was only a tool in this man's hands and he made him do all sorts of foolish things...

Monda~ 10th June 1901

...He was made to hate his dear mother-the late Junior Rani and all his relations and friends like us simply because his treacherous adviser wanted to keep the Prince in his hands to promote his own selfish motives. Now the man's hopes and ambitions are shattered as a just punishment for his crimes. The wound caused by the death of Prince Martanda Varma just 8 months ago is still fresh in my heart.

Tuesday~ 11th June 1901

Prince Martanda Varma, when he was alive used to correspond with me very regularly and he took a deep interest in hearing from me all about the places we have visited. Unlike his brother he was quite independent of favouritism or the influence of favourites-a quality most necessary in a prince. What a pity that not one of the four princes-the sons of the late Junior Rani-lives to rule over Travancore.

Wednesda~ 12th June 1901

This evening we called on the Rev. Dr Shepherd who lives close by. He has been here for nearly 30 years and he is the first missionary who has established a Mission House here. His native city is Aberdeen in Scotland. He is so good a man that he is liked by all here. Appay's recovery is due to his skilful treatment. The weather has become cooler since the day before yesterday.

Thursda~ 17th June 1901

A heavy westerly wind has been flowing for the last two days, both night and morning making the heat bearable. No signs yet of the rains which they say are later this year than usual. The health of all has improved since our removal from Amir House.

Frida~ 14-th June 1901

Received a letter from Nephew Kerala Varma giving details of the Elaya Raja's illness and death. The day previous to his death he had a shave and paid a visit to the Resident. The immediate cause of death was the passing of an unusual quantity of urine which was followed by prostration and death.

