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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1115	Press Mis—
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Dated	19-8-	M. 1859

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No. 39. Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Magistrate of Vizagapatam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 29th July 1859, No. 386.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, of the 15th Instant, referring to me for report, a letter addressed by the Governor of Prince of Wales' Island, Singapore and Malacca, dated the 10th Ultimo, No. 11, and in reply, I beg to inform Government, that I have caused due enquiry to be instituted on the subject of this communication.

2. Several relatives of the deceased "Allagalasetty Reddy Sawmy," also a banian, have deposed that "Allagalasetty Chelly (No. 1) Nooky (No. 2)," who is the same person called in the letter "Allegalasetty Nookiah," one "Yellamah(No. 3)," her husband "Rungapah(No. 4)," and one "Gungasawmy(No. 5)," are related to the deceased, the 1st being her grand-mother on her mother's side, and the 2nd, 3rd and 5th her cousins or her mother's sister's daughters, and they add, that when the deceased was sentenced to transportation, she made over all her property to her cousin "Nooky" or "Allegalasetty Nookiah."

3. In reference to the first point, touching the present existence and respectability of this Nooky or Nookiah, it is stated, that she was known to be at Calcutta, so late as one month back, and that she was then leading a correct and respectable life.

4. With regard to the second point, namely, whether there are any other relatives of the deceased now at Vizagapatam, who would be willing to receive her orphan daughters, and to defray the expense of having them brought over here, I beg to report that "Allagalasetty Chelly(No. 1)" and "Rungapah(No. 4)," have each before me offered to take charge of and bring up the children, and eventually to get them married, and "Chelly(No. 1)," has further expressed herself willing to defray the expenses, as far as Rupees 30, attending the passage of the children from the Straits to this Port.

5. I can hardly determine which of these two is the most fit person for the charge. The nearest of kin to the children is "Chelly," being their direct great grand-mother, and her means would seem to be greater than those available to the other "Rungapah," but in regard to respectability, the preference, from my enquiries, would seem in favor of the latter, who is a tailor by profession, is married, and lives with his wife; while Chelly's life, would not, I fancy, bear any very close scrutiny, though in appearance she seems a respectable old lady, and expresses herself anxious to have the children, and I am of opinion, from her near relationship to them, she is entitled to the charge, and through others, I can, as Magistrate, see that she does not abuse her trust, nor am I disposed to think "Chelly" has any other object than the children's good, dictated by a very natural affection as the only offspring remaining to her.

6. The list enclosed with the Proceedings of Government, is herewith returned.

No. 40. To the Honorable E. A. BLUNDELL, Esq., Governor of Prince of Wales' Island, Singapore and Malacca, dated Fort Saint George, 19th August 1859, No. 1115.

In compliance with the request conveyed in your letter, 10th June last, No. 11, the Magistrate of Vizagapatam was directed to obtain the information you required, in consequence of the claims set up for two children, the daughters of a deceased Convict.

Dated 20th July 1859, No. 336

2. I have now the honor, under the orders of the Honorable the Governor in Council, to transmit to you copy of the communication received from the Magistrate of Vizagapatam, in reply to the reference made to him.

3. It appears to this Government, that the children had better be made over to one of their relatives at Vizagapatam, viz., either to Allagalasetty Chelly(No. 1) or to Rungapah(No. 4). If you should concur in this, the children might be sent—at the expense of this Government—to Madras or to Vizagapatam on an opportunity offering, and the Government would arrange with the Magistrate of Vizagapatam as to their disposal.

4. It is requested, that a Statement of the expense of their passage may be furnished to this Government, that the amount may, if possible, be recovered from their relatives at Vizagapatam.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

to Rungapah No 4 - If
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To The Governor of Prince of Wales Island Singapore and Malacca

9/19 August 1859.

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