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No. 193. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 25th August 1873:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 2nd August 1873, Miscellaneous No. 4,871.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector and Agent to the Court of Wards, to J. GROSE, Esq, Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Chittoor, 7th July 1873, No. 399.

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 17th March last, No. 1,579, I have the honour to state that Mr. H. Sewell communicated the orders of the Court therein conveyed to Mr. Woolley, through the President of the Municipal Commission, and copies of his letters, dated 27th ultimo and 3rd instant are herewith forwarded for the orders of the Court.

2. In his first letter Mr. Woolley states that the Court of Wards have not had all the facts of the case before them when they passed their orders, and he proceeds to state them at length..

3. Copy of his letter, dated 29th November 1872, to the Executive Engineer, has already been forwarded to the Court, and his present letters contain no new facts calling for further consideration. The fact that proper sanction was not obtained prior to the execution of the work is not denied.

4. Mr. Woolley has no doubt carried out the work in question on his own authority, and before submitting his estimates for sanction. He was merely called upon by the Municipal Authorities, at my request, to prepare an estimate of the cost of putting the tank in order; he thereupon executed the work without my knowledge and, at what appears to me, an enormously heavy cost, Rs. 2,833-11-8. I request the orders of the Court of Wards, and recommend that if they should decide on paying Mr. Woolley's bill, they will cause the bill to be taxed and the work surveyed by a skilled Engineer Officer in Government employ.

From RICHARD WOOLLEY, Esq, to H. SEWELL, Esq, Acting Collector of North Arcot, dated Madras, 27th June 1873.

I DULY received a copy of your letter to Colonel Ritherdon, No. 284, of 24th March last, on my return from England last month, covering extract from the Proceedings of the Court of Wards of 17th March, No. 1,579, in respect to the work I did at the house of the Minor Jaghiredar of Arnee, in this neighbourhood, in October and November last.

2. I am afraid the Court of Wards has not had the facts of the case fully before them. I should esteem it a favour therefore if you would kindly forward this letter for their consideration, and oblige me with their reply when you receive it.

3. In the course I took I had no idea of acting disrespectfully to the Court of Wards or Mr. Whiteside. On the contrary, I thought the prompt and vigorous measures I adopted to secure the end in view would have been approved of. I can understand the Court keeping a vigilant check over expenditure on account of the Minor or his property, especially when such expenditure is of an objectionable character; but when it is applied to the improvement of his property and greatly to the promotion of his comfort and health, and as I have said, without the slightest intention of disrespect to anybody, I am led to believe that the Court would not be disinclined to relax their rule applied to this case, and order me to be repaid my outlay. The facts concisely are these:—Mr. Whiteside's letter of the 20th September last was referred to me at the beginning

of October for an estimate of the cost of the work requi[red] as soon as possible I looked into the matter and found that the object in view could not be fully attained unless the tank in the garden was cleared out, and the slopes and bottom s[tr]engthened as to keep the water clean for the future. I considered this tank, in which the Minor now enjoys a swimming-bath unequalled in Madras, the basis of the work, and as the monsoon was due (in fact it came within a few days), before any reply to a reference to Mr. Whiteside through the Municipal officers could have been received, I commenced the work at the earnest solicitation of the whole household. Had I not done so the tank must have remained in its then filthy state till now, or even later in the season. If any of the members of the Court of Wards would oblige me by visiting the property and seeing the great improvement I effected, at no little cost of time and anxiety, I am sure they will be pleased, and will forgive my inadvertent transgression of their rules.

4. In my letter to the Municipal Engineer, dated the 29th November, I asked him to be good enough to represent the matter as above to Mr. Whiteside as soon as possible, and ask him to be pleased to excuse the liberty I had taken; but I find that a delay of two months occurred in carrying out my wishes, even if they were carried out at all.

P.S.—Permit me to add that I have the consent of the Municipal Authorities to address you directly.

From RICHARD WOOLLEY, Esq., to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Egmore, 3rd July 1873.

On the 27th ultimo I had the honour of addressing a letter to Mr. Sewell, then Acting Collector of North Arcot, respecting my claim for work done at the house of the Minor Jaghiredar of Arnee in October and November last.

2. It has since occurred to me that I ought to have sent a statement showing the amount due to me. I beg to do so now. It is as follows:—

		Rs.	A.	P.
For repairing tank and building gates, etc.	...	1,432	5	6
,, piping and fixing the same to supply tank and house	...	1,401	6	2
Total...		2,833	11	8

3. I can send you details of each account and a voucher for each item if you need them. Meanwhile may I ask your kind attention to my claim, as I am a considerable sum out of pocket and no interest accruing on same.

The Court of Wards resolve to communicate this letter and its enclosure to the Executive Engineer, Presidency, and to request him to be so good as to favour them with his opinion as to the sum which might reasonably be charged for the work executed by Mr. Woolley.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 21st August 1873, Miscellaneous No. 5,315.

Regarding work done at the house of the Minor Jaghiredar of Arnee by Mr. Woolley.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Sub-Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated 4th August 1873.

Reference.—Proceedings of the Court of Wards, No. 4,871, dated 2nd August 1873.

Has the honour to request that the permission of Government may be obtained if the undersigned is to offer an opinion. He does not know the locality under discussion.

(Signed) J. GODDARD, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
District Engineer, Presidency.

Submitted to Government, together with copy of Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 2nd August 1873, Miscellaneous No. 4,871, and with request that the Executive Engineer, Presidency, may be directed to examine and report upon the work executed by Mr. Woolley at the house of the Jaghiredar of Arnee in Egmore.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 199. Order thereon, 13th September 1873, No. 2,266.

CIVIL WORKS, No.

The Court of Wards will be requested to obtain from Mr. Woolley the details of his account and vouchers alluded to in that gentleman's letter to Mr. Whiteside. On receipt of which the Presidency District Engineer will, after personal inspection of the work, give them his opinion as to the propriety of the charges.

(True Extract.)

Colonel R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.
,, District Engineer, Presidency.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

Miscellaneous No. 4871. Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Court of Wards. 3

dated 2nd August 1873.

Read the following.

No. 399.

From W. S. Whiteside Esqre
Collector & Agent to the Court of Wards

To J. Grose Esqre
Secretary to the Court of Wards
Madras

Sir,

Adverting to the Proceedings of the Court of Wards dated 17 March last No. 1579 I have the honor to state that Mr. H. Sewell communicated the orders of the Court therein conveyed to Mr. Woolley through the President of the Municipal Commission and copies of his letters dated 27 ultimo and 3rd instant are herewith forwarded for the orders of the Court.

2. In his first letter, Mr. Woolley states that the Court of Wards have not had all the facts of the case before them when

when they passed their orders, and he proceeds to state them at length.

3. Copy of his letter dated 29th November 1872 to the Executive Engineer has already been forwarded to the Court, and his present letters contain no new facts calling for further consideration. The fact that proper sanction was not obtained prior to the execution of the work is not denied.

4. Mr. Woolley has no doubt carried out the work in question on his own authority and before submitting his estimates for sanction. He was merely called upon by the Municipal Authorities, at my request, to prepare an estimate of the cost of putting the bank in order: he thereupon executed the work without my knowledge and, at what appears to me, an enormously heavy cost, viz. 2833 11-8. I request the orders of the Court of Wards, and recommend that if they should decide on passing Mr. Woolley's bill, they will cause the bill to be taxed and the work surveyed by a skilled Engineer Officer on Government employ.

I have &c.
/signed/ W. S. Whiteside
Collr. & Agent.

S. Arcot Collr's Office
Chittoor 7th July 1873.

To

H. Sewell Esqr.
Actg. Collector of S. Arcot

Sir,

I duly received a copy of your letter to Col. Ritherdon No. 284 of 24th March last on my return from England last month, covering extract from the Proceedings of the Court of Wards of 17th March No. 1579, in respect to the work I did at the house of the Minor Jaghirdar of Arnee in this neighbourhood in October and November last.

I am afraid the Court of Wards has not had the facts of the case fully before them. I should esteem it a favor therefore if you would kindly forward this letter for their consideration and oblige me with their reply when you receive it.

In the course I took, I had no idea of acting disrespectfully to the Court of Wards or Mr. Whiteside. On the contrary, I thought the prompt and vigorous measures I adopted to secure the end in view, would have been approved of. I can understand the Court keeping a vigilant check over expenditure on account of the Minor or his property

property, especially when such expenditure is of an objectionable character; but when it is applied to the improvement of his property and greatly to the promotion of his comfort and health; and as I have said, without the slightest intention of disrespect to anybody, I am led to believe that the Court would not be disinclined to relax their rule applied to this case and order me to be repaid my outlay. The facts concisely are these. Mr. Whitesides letter of the 25 September last was referred to me at the beginning of October for an estimate of the cost of the work required, as soon as possible. I looked into the matter and found that the object in view could not be fully attained unless the tank in the garden was cleared out and the slopes and bottom so lined as to keep the water clean for the future. I considered this tank, in which the Misses now enjoy a swimming bath unequalled in Madras, the basis of the work, and as the monsoon was due, (in fact it came within a few days) before any reply to a reference to Mr. Whiteside through the Municipal Officers could have been received, I commenced the work at the earnest solicitation of the whole household. Had I not done so, the tank must have remained in its then filthy state till now, or even later in the season. If any of the Members of the Court of Wards would oblige me by visiting the property and seeing the great improvement I effected, at no little cost of time and anxiety, I am sure they will be pleased and will forgive my inadvertent transgression of their rules.

In my letter to the Municipal Engineer dated the 29 November, I asked him to be good enough to represent the matter as above to Mr. Whiteside as soon as possible, and ask him to be pleased to excuse the liberty I had taken, but I find that a delay of two months occurred in carrying out my wishes, even if they were carried out at all.

I have &c.
/signed/ Richard Worlley.

Madras Waterworks Contractors Office
Madras. 27 June 1873.

P.S. Permit me to add that I have the consent of

of the Municipal authorities to address you directly.

(True copy)
/signed/ W. S. Whiteside
Coll.r & Agent.

To
W. S. Whiteside Esq.r
Collector of North Arcot.

Sir,

On the 27th ultimo I had the honor of addressing a letter to Mr. Sewell, then Collector of North Arcot respecting my claim for work done at the house of the Minor Jaghirdar of Arnee in October and November last.

It has since occurred to me that I ought to have sent a statement shewing the amount due to me. I beg to do so now. It is as follows.

	Rs. a. P.
For repairing tank and building gates &c.	1433-5-6
For piping and fixing the same to supply tank and house.	1401-6-2
Rs	2833-11-8

I can send you details of each account and a voucher for each item if you need them

Yours &c.
/signed/ Richard Woolley.

(True Copy)
/signed/ W. S. Whiteside
Collector.

The Court of Wards resolve to communicate this Letter and its enclosure to the Executive Engineer Presidency, and to request him to be so good as to favor them with his opinion as to the sum which might reasonably be charged for the work executed by Mr. Woolley.

(True Copies & Extract)
/signed/ H. E. Stokes
Offg. Sub. Secretary.

(True Copy)

H Stokes
Ag. Secretary.

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them. Meanwhile may I ask your kind attention to my claim, as I am a considerable sum out of pocket and no interest accruing on same.

Egmore July 3d. 1873.

I have &c.
/signed/ Richard Woolley.

(True Copy)
/signed/ W. S. Whiteside
Collector.

The Court of Wards resolve to communicate this Letter and its enclosure to the Executive Engineer Presidency, and to request him to be so good as to favor them with his opinion as to the sum which might reasonably be charged for the work executed by Mr. Woolley.

(True Copies & Extract)
/signed/ H. E. Stokes
Offg. Sub. Secretary.

(True Copy)

H Stokes
Ag. Secretary.

H.D.G.W. Locker
Draftsman

Miscellaneous No. 5315. Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Court of Wards
dated 21st August 1873.
Read the following.

Regarding work done at the house of
the Mutsaddar of Arnee by Mr. Woolley.
No. 2084.

From The District Engineer
Presidency.

To The Ag. Sub. Secretary
Court of Wards.

Reference — Proceedings of the Court of
Wards No. 1871 dated 2nd August 1873.

Has the honor to request that
the permission of Government may be obtained
if the undersigned is to offer an opinion. He
does not know the locality under discussion.

4th August 1873. (signed) J. Goddard. Lt. Col. R.E.
District Engineer
Presidency.

Submitted to Government together
with copy of Proceedings of the Court of Wards
dated

Enclosure in Proceedings of
the Court of Wards & the
Secretary & Examiner of
Revenue Department dated
21 August 1873 No. 53

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Court of Wards dated
12th August 1873 Miscell.
No. 5315 of 1871

dated 2nd August 1873 Miscellaneous No. 4871.
and with request that the Executive Engineer
Presidency may be directed to examine and
report upon the work executed by Mr. Woolley
at the house of the Jaghirdar of Arnee
in Cgmore.

(True Copy & Extract)

H Ellis
Ag. Secretary.

To
The Ag. Secretary to Government.
Revenue Department.
with copy of Proceedings of the Court of
Wards dated 2nd August 1873 Mis. No. 4871.

W. G. Locker
Trainer

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Proceedings of the
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H Woolley
Ag: Secy: to Govt

Ootacamund
25 August 1873
To
The Pub: Works Dept

dated 21st
Recd 25th August 1873.
Read 1st September 1873.

No 5315.

Requesting that the Executive Engineer, Presidency, may be directed to examine and report upon the work executed by Mrs Woolley at the house of the minor Fazlerdar of Arni at Egmore.

No 2266 dated 12th September 1873.

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No 2266 Mad.

Rec'd the Madras Court
Read the following
Rec'd the Court of Wards
thro' Rev Dept
St. L. No 5315 dated 25/8/73

The Court of Wards will be requested to obtain from Mrs Woolley the details of his account and vouchers alluded to in that gentleman's letter to Mr Whiteside - On receipt of which the Presidency

District Engineer will,
after personal inspection
of the work, give them
his opinion as to the
propriety of the charges.

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To
8 Comp. of Marines
& Pensacola
S.C. dated 19/9/13.

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Govt. of {1873} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Secrt of State

Dated.

Recd. Encl: 1

G. O. 13 Sept 1873, No. 2266.

Nos. 198 199

House of Minor Jaghirdar of Arnee at Egmore.

Further information desired to enable the Govt Residency to report on the repairs executed by Mr. Woolley to the House.