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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 5th April 1893, No. 1082.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government the Court of Wards' Administration Report for fasli 1301 (1891-92).

ORDER—dated 9th June 1893, No. 500, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

With the Proceedings read above, the Court of Wards submits its report on the administration of the estates under its

charge during fasli 1301 (1891-92). There was a delay of nearly 2½ months in the submission of this report, which is ascribed to the late receipt of a certain report from the Collector of Vizagapatam. Steps should be taken to ensure the submission of future reports on the 1st February so as to admit of their reaching the Government of India on the 1st April.

2. Of the 52 estates which were under management at the beginning of the year, four were handed over to their proprietors during the year, while seven were newly taken up, so that there were 55 estates under management at the end of the year. Four of the estates continued to be in charge of the Court after the death of the wards and pending the settlement of the question of succession. Excluding these, there were 51 wards, of whom 45 were incapacitated by minority, 5 by sex alone and the remaining 1 (the aged Zemindar of Parlakimedi) by imbecility.

3. The financial condition of the four estates handed over to their proprietors during the year is reviewed in paragraphs 2—6 of the report. The two smaller estates (Metrathi in Coimbatore and Sarvottama Rao's estate in South Canara) appear to have improved under the Court's management, but the two larger estates (Jarada and Kurla in Ganjam) show a decline under current demand as well as under cash balances on hand. The reduction in cash is more than covered by the amount expended in each estate on irrigation and other permanent works. As regards the fall in the rental value of the estates, it is explained in the case of the Jarada estate to be due to a succession of bad seasons and to damages done to irrigation works by the cyclone of 1890, and in the case of the Kurla estate to the necessity which the Court was under of reducing the rents fixed by the late proprietor, which, in his time, were not realized in full. The explanation as regards the Jarada estate may be accepted, but it is noted that the Court's rate of collection in the Kurla estate was only 4 per cent. better than the late proprietor's, whereas the fall in rental was 17 per cent.

4. Excluding Parlakimedi, the zemindar of which is a ward of the Court in respect only of his personal property, there were 35 estates held on zemindari tenure and 19 on ryotwari tenure. The number and tenures of the villages in the proprietary estates and the details of holdings and cultivation are commented on in paragraphs 10—12 of the report and do not call for any special remarks except that the proportion of the area under cultivation to the total extent of holdings was affected by the unfavorable season.

5. The gross demand of the estates under management amounted to Rs. 30,19,294, of which Rs. 47,912 were remitted, leaving a net demand of Rs. 29,71,382. Taking the estates which were under management both in fasli 1300 and in fasli 1301, it is observed that the net demand of these aggregated Rs. 27,57,127 against Rs. 26,95,191

in the preceding year. The increase of Rs. 61,936 is mainly due to the inclusion of certain villages to which the minor wards of Sripuram and Lakkavaram became entitled by succession during the year under report.

6. The following statement shows the state of collections:—

		Demand.	Collections.	Remissions.	Balance.	Ratio of balance to demand.
Arrears	Fasli 1300 ..	Rs. 27,99,441	Rs. 5,19,687	Rs. 2,41,929	Rs. 20,43,931	73.9
	Fasli 1301 ..	27,28,365	5,61,809	62,646	23,03,919	84.4
Current	Fasli 1300 ..	27,37,514	22,43,170	209	4,94,135	18.1
	Fasli 1301 ..	29,71,382	23,40,965	23	6,30,394	21.2
Total	Fasli 1300 ..	55,37,055	27,66,857	2,42,138	25,38,066	45.8
	Fasli 1301 ..	56,99,747	27,02,765	62,669	29,34,313	51.5

The arrear collections were very unsatisfactory, being only 3.6 lakhs against 5.1 lakhs in the previous year. The arrears remitted were Rs. 62,646 against 2.4 lakhs in fasli 1300, and the arrear balance at the end of the year was Rs. 23,03,919 or 84.4 per cent. of the arrear demand against 73.0 per cent. in the previous year. The statement appended to paragraph 17 of the report shows the arrear balance after deducting subsequent collections and remissions and also the sums reported to be irrecoverable. It is observed from this statement that the arrear balance exceeded 25 per cent. of the arrear demand in no less than 25 estates. The major portion of the balance seems to be irrecoverable. The attention of the Court of Wards has repeatedly been drawn to the unsatisfactory state of arrear collections, and the special report called for in G.O., dated 28th November 1892, No. 5160, should be submitted with the least possible delay. The current collections were likewise less satisfactory than in the previous year. The balance left uncollected at the end of the year was Rs. 6,30,394 or 21.2 per cent. of the demand against 18.1 per cent. in the previous year. Subsequent collections and remissions have reduced the balance to Rs. 4,94,135 or 14.5 per cent. of the demand against a residue of 12.4 per cent. referred to in the last year's review.

7. The total cash receipts of the year amounted to Rs. 40,26,148 and the total charges to Rs. 39,43,392. Excluding the marginally-noted items, the receipts and charges aggregated Rs. 29,73,458 and Rs. 24,72,576 respectively. The statement appended to paragraph 21 of the report compares the charges of the estates which were under management both in fasli 1300 and in fasli 1301, excluding (i) the amount invested in Government promissory notes and (ii) the amount paid in liquidation of debts. The salary paid to the guardian of the Parakimedi zemindar, which is referred to on the margin of paragraph 21, does not appear in column 16 of statement No. IV (Appendix) "Establishment for management and contingencies." It is apparently included in column 22 "Maintenance of Wards," which does not seem to be its proper place.

Total receipts	Rs. 40,26,148
Deduct—	
Debts recovered	2,86,076
Amount borrowed	5,81,209
Sale-proceeds of property	1,84,810
Net receipts	10,52,695
Total charges	39,43,392
Deduct—	
Debts repaid	9,50,026
Amount invested in Government promissory notes	3,74,025
Amount invested in lands and houses and also loans, &c., as per statement in paragraph 20 of the report	1,46,765
Net charges	14,70,816
	24,72,576

8. Taking all the estates together, the proportion borne by establishment charges and Government commission to normal receipts was 11.1 per cent. against 10.1 per cent. in the previous year. The cost of management exceeded 12 per cent. of the normal receipts in the 22 estates detailed in paragraph 22 of the report. The establishment charges have since been

reduced in six of these estates and report has been called for from Collectors as to the feasibility of effecting reductions in four others. In the remaining cases the excess was either nominal or due to peculiar circumstances.

9. The subjoined statement exhibits the expenditure on public works during the last three years:—

Items.	Fasli 1299.	Fasli 1300.	Fasli 1301.
1. Irrigation works	Rs. 67,565	Rs. 1,02,462	Rs. 1,01,347
2. Buildings	29,732	41,658	51,140
3. Communications	25,211	13,200	11,800
4. Expenditure for which no details have been furnished	283	..	..
5. Cost of supervision	14,844	18,582	22,140
Total	1,37,655	1,75,802	1,86,427

Compared with the outlay in the two previous years, the expenditure incurred during the year under report was satisfactory. It amounted to 7.1 per cent. of the total charges, excluding debts repaid and investments in Government promissory notes. It is observed that there has been a considerable increase in establishment charges during the last two years for which no explanation has been furnished. The reason should be explained. The expenditure was below 50 per cent. of the budget allotment in only 12 estates, the short expenditure being partly due to delay in the preparation of the necessary estimates. In the six estates in which the works were entrusted to the Public Works Department, Rs. 59,076 were expended against a revised budget grant of Rs. 62,360.

10. The educational progress of the wards was on the whole satisfactory. The elder minor of the Kallikota estate and the minor of the Sripuram estate were instructed during the year in Revenue Law and Accounts, and arrangements have since been made to instruct the wards of seven other estates also in these subjects.

11. The Government has perused with interest paragraph 31 of the report which contains information about the condition of the ryots in the estates under the Court's management.

(True Extract.)

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