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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 20th July 1858.

No. 75. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 24th December 1857, No. 4700.

SIR,

In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 8th August last No. 795 the Court of Wards were desired to report on the working of Act XXI. of 1855 and to arrange for the Establishment of an Institution at Madras for the education of such minor Wards of Government as it might be considered desirable to bring up at the Presidency.

2. The Court are not yet in a position to meet the first requisition and the present communication is therefore limited to the proposal to establish a Residence.

3. The Court have a large amount of funds in their custody belonging to different minors but owing to the present depreciation of the public securities, some loss would be incurred in converting them into money. The largest funds belong to the Estates of Purlakimedy and Shevagunga. The former is under management in consequence of the proprietor's mental incapacity the latter on account of minority but the Zemindar will soon attain his majority and this renders it undesirable that any portions of his surplus should be devoted to the purpose which Government have in view. The Purlakimedy funds might be thus applied but the Court would prefer taking the required sum from the surplus of the Pittapore Zemindary in Rajahmundry, the accumulation of which though smaller than those of the two Estates above mentioned are still large.

Dated 11th in Cons. 24th Dec. 1857.

4. It will be seen from the accompanying letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry that it is absolutely necessary to make arrangements for the education of the two minors of Pittapore and that it is desirable they should be sent to Madras for that purpose. As the minors would thus themselves mainly profit by the arrangement which Government have in view, the requisite funds might more appropriately be drawn from their surplus. The elder of the two boys is about 12 years of age so that he will be under the Courts charge for 6 years more.

5. The Court will now proceed to give their opinion as required on the proposal itself. They consider that too much importance cannot be attached to the moral and intellectual education of minor Zemindars and that Government are peculiarly bound to care for their early training in as much as they have formally assumed wardship over them.

The proposed arrangement of an Institution of residence with Tutors &c., seems to the Court suited only for heirs to such large estates as Kimedy, Ramnad, Shevagunga or Pittapore; but the Court apprehend that it would be unadvisable to place the minor owners of petty properties in such an Institution. For these last a good sound education can be obtained at the Government Provincial schools, whilst to congregate them in the proposed Institution would give them an erroneous idea of their future position.

V. Bd's. letter to Govt. 8th Feb. 1855, No. 310.

6. In all cases the Court would advocate a stricter discipline than Government seem to contemplate, and education in the High School in preference to private tuition or attendance at lectures. The Court attach great importance to the influence which competition and association with other lads in the classes of a large public school will undoubtedly exercise in stimulating the minors to exertion and in removing the overweening estimate of their own importance which youths so circumstanced are apt to form. The Court also doubt how far they should be justified in investing the funds of a minor under their charge in the purchase of a house in which he would be only partly interested and would probably only benefit by 6 or 7 years at most. They are inclined to believe that Section XVI. Regulation V. of 1804 did not have such a purchase as this in contemplation, and a minor on obtaining his majority might urge that every object might have been obtained by renting a suitable house. In other respects the plan proposed by Government seems well adapted to the purpose in view.

7. The accompanying list shows the minors now under the Court's charge, their age, &c.

8. The Court observe from advertisements in the local papers that a number of houses belonging to the late Nabob will shortly be sold and some of these, supposing the proposed investment to be free from objection, would perhaps be preferred by Government to Mr. Ouchterloney's house which except as a residence for minors is not likely, they fear to make a remunerative return for the outlay.

9. The Court have instructed the Collector of Rajahmundry to make arrangements for the temporary residence and education of the Pittapore minor at Rajahmundry. His health renders a change necessary and his residence at Rajahmundry may serve to reconcile his friends to his removal to Madras which the Court would advocate under any circumstances as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, No. 999 ; dated 20th July 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
24th December 1857

No. 4700

From
I. C. Sim Esq.
Acting Secretary to the
Court of Wards

To
H. Forbes Esq.
Acting Secy to Govt
Revenue Department

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed[t] Servant

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Madras Secretary

To
H Forbes Esq[r]
Madras Sec[y] to Government
Revenue Department.

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