No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1860, No. 1,200 :—

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 16th January 1860, Revenue Department, No. 76.

(In Cons. 17th January 1860, No. 230.)

The Board have given the subject discussed in the above papers, viz. the education of the Minor Wards of Government, their careful consideration, and resolve to submit the conclusions at which they have arrived for the consideration of Government.

I. As regards control over such Wards.—This is now vested in the Board of Revenue in their capacity of a Court of Wards, and a change in this respect seems unnecessary and undesirable; the former because the Court can so regulate their proceedings as fully to secure the object in view, by adopting the plan suggested by His Excellency the Governor, viz acting by the advice of, and through the instrumentality of the Director of Public Instruction, the latter because a change in the law might excite distrust, which on the subject of education especially should be carefully avoided.

Act XXII of 1855.

II. In regard to the mode of education and instruction.—The Board consider it practically useless to attempt to lay down any fixed course of action, where circumstances vary so greatly. In some cases education at Madras under the care of a Tutor, as sketched in paragraph 2 of His Excellency's Minute, would be the most desirable plan: in others education at a Government School in the Provinces would be preferable, while in others again instruction under a Tutor, as proposed by Sir A. Grant, would be the most eligible course. No invariable rule, however, can be prescribed, and each case must be dealt with according to its peculiar requirements, the aim in all circumstances being to impart sound education, moral and mental.

2. At the present time the Court have 15 estates under their charge. In two instances the proprietors are under 10 years of age; in four others they are within a year or two of their legal majority when the Court's control over them will cease. In eight of the 15 cases the surplus mouthly income of the Minors in Fasli 1268 was under Rupees 100, and an expensive education is out of the question: of the remaining seven only five estates could by economy have met the expense of Tutors from England. The above will, the Court think, suffice to show that one unvarying rule of practice is impossible.

3. The mode of action proposed in the two concluding paragraphs of His Excellency's Minute seems to the Board to be at once the best and most practical. They propose, therefore, to send the enclosed list of Minors to the Director General, with a request that he will call for detailed reports from his Inspectors on the actual educational condition of each Ward, and of the arrangements most likely to produce improvement, and most advisable under the circumstances of each case. The Inspectors should of course consult the Collectors, Who, as the Court's Agents by law, have the immediate charge of the Wards, and whose knowledge of their families and circumstances cannot fail to be useful. With such reports, and the opinions of the Collectors and Inspectors before them, the Director of Public Instruction and the Court of Wards could jointly submit to Government the practical arrangements necessary in each case, and the Board are confident that more real progress would thus be made towards attaining the object in view than by attempting to lay down precise rules of action, or discussing the many ways in which the object may be attained.

4. After these arrangements have been made, the Board think it very desirable that the education of the Minors should be periodically tested by the Inspectors, and an annual Report laid before Government by the Director of Public Instruction, as proposed in the concluding paragraph of His Excellency's Minute.

5. The education of female Minors is attended with very great difficulties from native usages and prejudices; from education being little valued even by the male community, except as a means of livelihood; from want of suitable teachers, and other causes. For these reasons similar powers have not hitherto been given by law to the Court of Wards over female, as over male Minors, and the only course at present open is to be guided by the circumstances of each case, and make the best arrangements which it may be found to admit of.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

MEMORANDUM showing the ages, &c., of Minors of several Estates in Madras.

DISTRICTS.	Minors' Estates.	Their age.	Funded capital.	Income of Fasli 1268.	Deduct Peshkash and charges of all kinds.	Net income in Fasli 1268.	Monthly surplus income.	REMARKS.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Rupees.	Rupees.	Rupees.	Rs.	Rs.	
Ganjam....	Barwah...	Infant	.....	15,683	11,696	3,987	300	An infant.
Vizagapatam... ...	Cassimcottah and Mellupat....	14	29,100	53,575	47,867	5,708	450	This lad is studying English, Telugu and Persian under private tutors.
	Chamdodoo...	11	.....	7,300	7,358	.....	.....	Do. Telugu.
Rajahmundry... ...	Pittapoor...	16	2,14,600	4,02,945	3,62,074	40,871	3,500	This youth now attends the Kakinada school. His income is large and the expense of a tutor for himself and his brother could well be afforded as well as a tour.
	Kirlumpoody...	15	.....	58,283	52,485	5,798	450	This ward attends the Government school at Rajahmundry.
	Lakaveram, &c...	11	.....	2,490	2,319	171	.....	
Masulipatam...	Ootcoor...	15	1,000	5,055	3,773	1,282	100	Studying English under Reverend T. Noble.
Chingleput... ...	Ootoocadoo...	20	.....	4,756	3,881	875	.....	This Estate is under management at the request of the family; the eldest son was educated in the Presidency College.
	Luttoor and Eroongadoocottah.	2	.....	1,283	1,357	74	.....	An Infant.
Tanjore...	Cabistallam...	16	53,900	39,373	37,839	1,534	100	Studied English and Tamil under private tutors.
	Gundracottah... ...	16	51,600	14,366	14,833	467	.....	Attends the Trivady Táluq school.
	Poliavanum...	12	2,200	8,962	8,805	157	.....	Attends the Combaconum Provincial school.
Madura...	Ayacoody...	17	11,400	44,865	35,848	9,017	750	Under the tuition of Mr. Fletcher, who instructed the Shevagunga Zámíndar.
	Rettiambady... ...							
Tinnevelly...	Saptoor...	10	56,200	47,548	33,664	13,884	1,150	A private tutor might be engaged, and the funded surplus drawn upon if necessary, for the expenses of a tour.
	Munnarcottah...	14	28,600	14,872	8,326	6,546	550	This ward was sent by the Court to Combaconum, but his health failed; he was obliged to return to Tinnevelly where he attends the English school.

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1860, No. 518.

With their Order of the 16th January 1860 the Government referred certain Minutes and Memoranda relating to the best mode of educating the Minors who are Wards of Government, to the Board of Revenue for report as to the best method of carrying the intentions of Government into effect.

No. 76.

2. The present paper recorded is in answer to that requisition. The Board recommend that as regards the control over such Wards, no alteration should be made in the system at present in force: and in respect to the mode of education and instruction, they would lay down no fixed course of action, but with reference to the various circumstances of the different Wards, would, in conjunction with the Director of Public Instruction make the requisite practical arrangements in each case, the object being to impart a sound education.

3. The Government approve the Board's recommendations, which agree as the Board remark with the course proposed in the Minute of the Honorable the President; which accompained the former Order, and direct that they be brought into immediate effect.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 4th April 1860.

Read the following.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting report on the Education of the Minor Wards of Government.

(Here enter 9 March 1860 № 1200)

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With their order of the 16th January 1860 the Government referred certain Minutes and Memoranda relating to the best mode of educating the Minor Wards of Govt. who are Wards of the Board of Revenue to the Board of Revenue for report as to the best method of carrying the instructions of Government into effect.

2 The present Paper recorded is in answer to that requisition. The Board recommend that as regards

regards the control over such Awards, no alteration should be made in the system at present in force: and in respect to the mode of Education and instruction, they would lay down no fixed course of action, but with reference to the various circumstances of the different Wards, would, in conjunction with the Director of Public Instruction make the requisite practical arrangements in each case, the object being to impart a sound Education.

3. The Government fully approve the Board's recommendations, which agree as the Board remark with the course proposed in the Minute of the Honorable the President, which

which accompanied the former order, and direct that they be brought into immediate effect.

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