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10th July 1860.

No. 112. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council of Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 2nd June 1860, No. 35 :—

1. I now reply to the letter from your Excellency in Council, dated December 12, No. 80 1859, which has been under my consideration in Council.

2. The late date at which the Reports for 1856 and 1857, transmitted in the letter under reply have been received, renders it difficult to comment on them to any useful purpose ; but the notice which you have taken of this irregularity will, it is to be presumed, secure the transmission of the Reports for each year, at a much earlier period in future.

3. I approve of the remarks which you have made on the large balance against the Shivaganga Estate, which had been augmented in the last year under review ; and I trust that the hope which you expressed of its being considerably diminished was realised before th Proprietor attained his majority.

4. With regard to the very important subject of the Education of the Minors belonging to the Estates under management of the Court of Wards, I am glad to see evidence in the papers before me, as well as in those on your Consultations of the 27th of July and the 31st of December 1858, which have not yet been reported to me, that the attention of your Government and of the Court of Wards continues to be directed to the best means of giving efficiency to the provisions of Act XXI of 1855 ; and of acting up to the instructions addressed to you from this country on the 13th of August, No. 11, 1856 and the 16th of June 1859, No. 6, [paragraph 6.]

5. It is very satisfactory to learn from paragraph 6 of the letter from the Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated July 3rd, 1858, (Consultation July 27th, 1858), that the Act of 1855, though only partially in operation, has, without doubt worked well, so far as it has been tried. From the whole tenor of that letter, with which you have expressed your concurrence, I see no reason to doubt that, by paying due regard to the feelings and even to the prejudices of the people, the objects of the Government may be fully understood and appreciated ; and that Act XXI of 1855, may be put in force with general approbation throughout the Presidency.

6. You will not fail to continue your reports to me on this interesting subject.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1860, No. 1,140.

A copy of this Despatch will be furnished to the Board of Revenue for their information.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 114

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From the Right Honorable the
Secretary of State for India.

Reporting observations on
the Reports of the Court of Wards
for 1856 and 1857 relative to the
management of the estates
under their charge.

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