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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th September 1860.

No. 187. 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, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 31st July 1860, No. 49:—

SIR,

1. I received on the 5th ultimo the letter from your Government, dated May 8th, No. 43, 1860, which transmits several highly interesting papers on the education of Minors at Madras.

2. Having carefully considered these documents in Council, I think that on the whole, the course which you adopted, of leaving the question on its present footing, only placing the Director of Public Instruction in communication with the Court of Wards was the most expedient, and it accordingly has my approval. At the same time, as Her Majesty's Government still attach the greatest importance to the removal of the elder Minors from the evil influences by which they are surrounded in their own homes, I trust that that course will soon be adopted in all cases in which the Estate will bear the expense of such a proceeding. It is also very desirable that, according to the suggestion in paragraph 14 of Mr. Arbuthnot's minute, the advantages of these educational measures should be extended to the sons of living Zamíndárs, where parents may be willing to obtain such an education for their children.

3. The question of the education of female Minors seems still to be surrounded with grave difficulties, which will require much tact and consideration for Native usages and prejudices, much time and patience to overcome. I am glad to find that the subject is still engaging the attention of the Director of Public Instruction, and shall await his promised Memorandum with interest.

4. The manner in which this important subject has been treated by all the Officers who have written on it is highly satisfactory, and augurs well for the introduction of a better state of things in due course of time.

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1860, No. 1,579.

A copy of this despatch will be furnished to the Board of Revenue with reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 16th January and 4th April 1860, Nos. 76 and 518, and to the Director of Public Instruction.

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

To the Director of Public Instruction

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Under date the 12th September 1860

Read the following dispatch

from the Right Honble the

Secretary of State for India.

Approves of the Proceedings of this Govt. in leaving on its present footing the question of educating minors under the jurisdiction of the Court of Wards, and observes on the expediency of effecting the removal of the elder minors from the evil influences in their own homes, & of extending the advantages of education to the sons of zamindars, and awaits the memorandum promised by the Director of Public Instructions on the question of Female Minors education.

(Here enter 31st July 1860 - No. 69)

A copy of this dispatch will be furnished to the Board of Revenue with reference to the Proceedings of Govt. dated 16th January and 4th April 1860 - Nos. 76 and 518 and to the Director of Public Instruction

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