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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 17—12—1860.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th December 1860.

No. 275. 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 October 1860, No. 69:—

SIR,

1. I have considered in Council your Excellency's letter of the 3rd July last (No. 71) forwarding a Memorial from Stri Chendramala Patta Maha Devi, widow of the late Zamíndár of Seerghur in the District of Ganjam, praying for a reversal of the orders of your Government, making over the Estate of her deceased husband to the Zamíndár of Bodegada as the nearest male heir.

2. I do not see any sufficient reason for interfering with your proceedings in this case; but I observe that the Collector of Ganjam recommended that a handsome provision should be secured to the widow out of the Estate, but the Board of Revenue considered that it would be sufficient to draw the attention of the Zamíndár to the subject, and your orders are silent on this point. I desire to be informed whether any arrangement has been made for this object.

3. The Memorialist bases her right to succeed to the Estate, in preference to the Zamíndár of Bodegada, on Hindoo law and usage. The whole question appears to me to be one properly belonging to the jurisdiction of the established Civil Courts, and I am surprised that you should not in the first instance have recommended her to address her complaint to the regular tribunal.

No. 276. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1860, No. 2,424.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to the papers noted in the margin,* with the request that they will cause the decision of the Secretary of State to be communicated to the Memorialist. The Board will obtain and submit the information required in the last sentence of paragraph 2.

* *Proceedings, Board of Revenue, 6th June* 1859, *No.* 2,080.
Do. of Government 20th „ „ 814.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department

No 2424

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 17th December 1860.

Read the following Despatch
from the Right Honorable the
Secretary of State for India

Here under 31st October 1860 No 69

Sees no sufficient reason for interfering
with the Pros. of this Govt. in the case of
the Memorialist Sri Chendramala
Patta Maha Devi, widow of the late Zamin-
dar of Seerghur in Ganjam and desires to
be informed whether any arrangement
has been made for securing to her a provi-
sion out of the Estate. Also observes that the
whole question of her right to succeed to
the Estate appears to be one properly belonging
to the jurisdiction of the Civil Courts and that
this Govt. should in the first instance have
recommended her to address her complaint to
the regular tribunals

Ordered to be com-
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J. N. S

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Note.

Are Special orders to
be passed on para 3 of
the despatch. Unless the
property is a "Hill-Zemindary"
without Inam there is nothing
to prevent her suing Title.

J B S

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Home Despatch on
the Memorial of the widow
of the late Zamindar of
Seerghur in Ganjam.
Countr to Bd of Revenue.

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