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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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4th May 1864.*

No. 44. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 21st December 1863, No. 8,069.

Read again Proceedings of Government, dated 19th August 1862, No. 1,755 :—
(In Cons. 20th August 1862, No. 5,266.)

1. The reply of each Collector on the subject of paragraphs 13 to 15 of the above Order having been already submitted to Government with the Court's remarks, the Court will give in the present Proceedings a connected and summary account of the present educational position of each Minor, with the Court's views as to the extent to which in each case, effect may be given to the proposed arrangement of removing the Minors to the Presidency for the completion of their education.

Cuddapah,
South Arcot,
South Canara

2. In the Districts noted in the margin there are no sons of living Zemindars or any Minors under wardship.

3. The Estates under the Court's charge are shown in the Abstract appended, giving the financial position of each, prepared in the returns last submitted for Fusly 1271.

Districts.	Estates.	Age of the Minor.		Year of majority.	Total Income.	Total Charges.	Balance to the credit of the Estate.
		Y.	M.	Year.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Ganjam ...	Beredy ...	11	4	1869	20,604	18,807	1,798
	Barwah ...	8	7	1871	20,368	10,900	9,467
	Ja'untra ...	11	3	1869	27,464	16,984	10,480
Vizagapatam ...	Chemudu ...	2	1	1878	7,902	7,739	162
Godavery ...	Lakkavaram ...	14	2	1866	14,715	6,510	8,205
Madras ...	Uttukaudu ...	13	3	1867	1,110	317	793
	Luttoo ...	16	0	1864	6,043	2,802	3,241
Tanjore ...	Royempettah ...	5	6	1875	25,485	16,379	9,106
	Poliavanum ...	12	0	1868	13,921	8,610	5,311
Madura ...	Sauptoor ...	16	0	1864	1,35,209	20,238	1,14,971
	Neikarapatty ...	12	9	1867	44,582	28,026	16,556
Tinnevely ...	Munnarcottah ...	8	3	1872	59,768	8,676	51,092
Coimbatore ...	Andipatty ...	16	2	1864	11,464	7,215	4,249
Malabar ...	Nelialam ...	11	10	1868	460	288	172
		8	0	1869			

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4. It will be observed that the finances of the Estates noted in the margin will not admit of the Minors being educated at Madras the income of some being very limited, while

in other cases the Estates are burdened with debts.

5. The Beredy Estate will, it is stated, be soon in a position to afford such a charge, but there will be difficulty in inducing the mother and the other members of the family to part with the Minor; and the Collector considers that if the arrangement is to be carried out, it must be by force. The Minors are now prosecuting their studies in the Onslow Institution at Chatterpur, and have not yet completed their elementary course of instruction. Consequently their removal to Madras could not at present be of much benefit to them. The Barwah Minors have been directed to attend the Berhampore Zillah School. The Minor of Chemudu is studying in the English School at Vizagapatam. The Collector of the Godavery District has been directed to make arrangements for the Lakkavaram Minor's residence at Rajahmundry, in order that he may attend the Zillah School there. The Luttoo, Andipatty, and Nelialam Minors have private tutors at present, but the Director of Public Instruction has been requested to inform the Court where the best, and at the same time the most economical education can be obtained for the Andipatty Minor, and arrangements are being made for the education of the Minor of Nelialam

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at Ootacamund. The Royempettah Minor attends the Provincial School at Combaconum. The Poliavanum Minor will attain his majority shortly, and has hitherto been educated in the Puttalcottah Talook School. The Minor of Uttukaudu is prosecuting his studies in the Madras Normal School.

6. The Court consider that the foregoing arrangements are the best which can be made for the education of the respective Minors, in the cases referred to in paragraph 4.

7. With regard to those Estates* which have the means of defraying the expenses attending an education at Madras, the Court observe that the Minor of Munnarcottah will shortly attain his majority, while the Neikarapatty Minor, who is now under private tuition, is still of tender age, and the Jaluntra Minor is but an infant. The Collector of Madura has promised to report on the arrangements necessary for enabling the Minor of Sautoor to obtain his education at Madras, and the Court await his detailed proposals before taking further steps in the matter. This Minor is at present attending the Zillah School at Madura.

* Jaluntra.
Munnarcottah.
Sautoor.
Neikarapatty.

8. Though the several Collectors have urged on the principal proprietors in their Districts, the great advantages which their children would enjoy if they were sent to Madras for education, very few of the native nobility or gentry have shown any desire to avail themselves of this plan. The Poligar of Bungary in the North Arcot District is the only hereditary chieftain who has expressed his willingness to send his children† to Madras for their education, all the other holders of the old Estates either having paid no attention to the Collector's proposals, or having declined to part with their children.* A Muttahdar of Salem, and four Madras Proprietors have, however, stated their desire to send their sons to the Presidency for their education, but the Muttahdar objects to his three grand-sons, aged 16, 13 and 11 respectively, living in the same house with the Professor and the other boys, though he would be glad of the Professor's superintendence over his children's studies.

9. With reference to the proposal of Government that the youths should all reside with the Professor, the Board doubt whether any of the persons who are willing to send their sons to Madras are aware of the precise nature of the proposal. The expense of such an arrangement can hardly have been considered by those persons, nor could the charges connected with such an establishment as that proposed be otherwise than heavy. As shown above the proposal does not affect the present wards of the Court in any considerable degree, for only one of them is in a position that would permit the Court to avail themselves of the Institution. The Court how-proprietary Estates would derive from a Presidency education. A residence of some years at Madras would result, in many cases, in the formation of tastes which could not be gratified at the places in which many of our principal landholders reside. It is probable therefore that a system of absenteeism would grow up, the disadvantages of which might, in the opinion of the Court, more than counterbalance any benefits that the class referred to might derive from the superior education which the scheme would offer.

No. 45.

ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1864, No. 772.

1. The removal of the Minor proprietor of the Beredy Estate to Madras need not be discussed at present as the Zemindary cannot yet bear the necessary expenditure. His attendance at the Onslow Institution should be strictly enforced, and his relatives distinctly informed that Government will be materially influenced in their ultimate decision by the progress which the Minor makes. The Board will obtain quarterly reports of his conduct and progress, and

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will inform Government when the Estate is in a position to admit of arrangements being made for his education either at Madras or under a private (English) tutor at Ganjam.

2. The surplus receipts of the Barwah Estate appear from the Board's statement to amount to about Rupees 790 per mensem, but there is nothing to show how much of this is absolutely required for the management of the property. The Board will supply this information. The Government presume that the attendance of the Minors at the Berhampore Zillah School has been ensured.

3. Similar information as to the maximum amount which can be made available for the education of the proprietors should be furnished in regard to the Lakkavaram and Royenpettah Estates.

4. The Sautoor Minor is nearly thirteen years of age and has a large income. The Court state that the Collector has promised to report on the arrangements necessary for enabling the lad to obtain his education at Madras, and they await his detailed proposals. The simplest plan will be for the Court to summon the guardian or some near relative of the Minor to Madras, and at once secure a suitable house and make all the other requisite arrangements. The Court will of course decide which of his relatives should accompany the Minor, and what establishment should be maintained. The Court will rightly exclude any relative or retainer whose influence or example might be prejudicial, and they will also endeavour as far as practicable, to prevent the minor associating here with improper persons, but except so far as is necessary to attain these ends, arrangements should be made for his comfortable residence at Madras.

5. The Court's arrangements in regard to the other Minors appear to be as good as circumstances permit. The Court will instruct the Collectors of the Districts in which the Minors reside to exercise a close supervision over the youths, and enforce due attention to their studies. The injurious influence of relatives must be firmly prevented, and they must be made to understand that Government will not tolerate any opposition to the measures, which they deem necessary for the due fulfilment of their duties to their Wards.

6. The Government regret that the proprietary class are generally so averse to sending their children to Madras for education. Only five Zemindars have shown any desire to take advantage of the suggestion of Government. In the case of the Poligar of Bungary in North Arcot, the Director of Public Instruction has been directed to report what measures he would propose for meeting the Poligar's wishes. The Board will state what they have done or propose doing in the other cases. It is most desirable that every encouragement should be held out to those Zemindars who are enlightened enough to appreciate the advantage of giving their children a thoroughly good education, in the hope that the example may be followed by others. The Government do not share the Court's apprehension that "a system of absenteeism would grow up" in consequence. The influence for good of a well educated class of land-lords is incalculable, and the absenteeism of a few will work the country and people far less evil than the ignorance of the many. The Government are glad to find that several proprietors have engaged educated tutors for their children, and they rely on the Collectors exerting their personal influence to induce others to follow their good example.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Educational Department.

„ Director of Public Instruction.

„ Editor's Table.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
May.
Under date the 12th April 1864

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Proceedings of the Court
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Submitting a connected and
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(Here enter 21st Dec^r 1863
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The Board's
Proceedings and their
previous communication
will be forwarded to the
Secretary of State. who
will be informed that
the Govt. regret they do
not see their way
at present to the
successful institution
of a Wards' College at
Madras.

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