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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th May 1865.*

No. 311. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 26th April 1865, No. 2,111.

Read the following letter from *Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq.*, Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly, to *R. A. DALYELL, Esq.*, Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated 3rd March 1865, No. 38:—

SIR,

1. Adverting to the correspondence noted marginally, I have the honor to submit herewith five Statements,* showing the Establishment necessary for the management of the Marungapury Zemindary affairs, the cost of the maintenance of the Zemindar, his family and other relatives, and the estimated value of the moveable property belonging to the Minor Zemindar.

To the Court of Wards, 10th August 1864, No. 173.
From do. do. 6th September 1864, No. 5,800.
To do. do. 25th October 1864, No. 235.
From do. do. 12th November 1864, No. 7,398.

* Marked A., B., C., D., and E.

2. As required by Clause 5th, Section 11, and Clause 6th, Section 21 of Regulation V. of 1804, the Manager and the Guardian submitted Lists of Establishments and their cost. I revised these lists very carefully, and have struck off such items as I consider unnecessary and superfluous.

3. I think I may safely say that the lists, as they now stand, contain only such charges as are unavoidable; the position of the Minor being taken into consideration, I would, therefore solicit the Court's approval of the same.

4. Statement A. shews the annual expenditure on account of the Establishments proposed to be entertained under the Manager, and for the management of the Minor's landed property, amounting to Rupees 2,481-2-0 per annum.

5. Statement B. exhibits the cost of the domestic Establishment, which is usually paid both in grain and ready money, the grain amounts to 382 Cullums, each Cullum being equivalent to 26½ Madras measures, and the money payment to Rupees 1,001 per annum.

6. The number of private servants recommended by the Manager and the Guardian was reduced, but the rate of remuneration was not altered, as it was fixed at a low rate.

7. Statement C. gives the particulars of the maintenance allowance both in grain and ready money for the Minor, his family, and other relatives. The provision for the celebration of the more important festivals at the lowest possible scale of expenditure is also detailed in the Statement. The maintenance allowance for the Zemindar and his family, amounts to Rupees 2,150 per annum, and he is allowed 400 Cullums of grain. This is certainly very low compared with what was recommended by the Manager and the Guardian, who seem to cling to the old feeling that a Zemindar's position can only be maintained by pomp and large retinues which useless expenditure I was not inclined to recommend. The expenditure on account of the Minor Zemindar's relatives, both in grain and ready money, has also been much reduced. The ready money payments on this account amount to Rupees 420 per annum, and the grain allowance to 253 Cullums. Among the eight relatives entered in the Statement as being entitled to maintenance from the Zemindar, Terumala Poochy Naik and Soobbal Naik, the Manager and the Guardian, are included; as they declined to accept any salary for the trust reposed in them, I have permitted their retaining a portion of the allowance the Zemindar has heretofore granted to them. The relationship existing between the Zemindar and his relatives, is given in the remark column of this Statement.

8. Statement D. particularizes the several annual grants for religious institutions, and in this item also I effected a reduction of Rupees 600, *i. e.*, it was cut short to Rupees 156 from Rupees 756; I allowed only such grants to stand as, in my opinion, appeared most necessary.

9. The Zemindar possesses private landed property in twenty-four villages of his own Zemindary. The cultivation of these lands, in Fusly 1273, produced

3,000 Cullums including the Mailwaram. Deducting from this the several payments of grain as detailed above, which amounts to 1,035 Cullums, there will be 1,965 Cullums left to meet the sowing of the following Fusly, and to pay the hire of the laborers and other servants.

10. I request the sanction of the Court of Wards for entertaining a Gumashta at the Hoozoor on 15 Rupees, for supervising the accounts connected with this estate.

11. As required by paragraph 2 of the Court's Proceedings of the 12th November 1864, No. 7,393, I consulted the District Inspector of Schools as to the best mode of educating the Minor Zemindar. The Inspector has suggested that the Minor should be sent to the Provincial School at Combaconum. Should the Madura school be considered unsuited in consequence of its being so near his own Zemindary, when his studies might be interfered with by the repeated visits of his relatives, I not only wrote to the Manager on this subject, but personally conferred with him, and after my best endeavours to induce them to send the boy to school, I have done nothing but to draw from all the relatives a distinct refusal to comply with the Court's wishes, and I feel sure that for this arrangement compulsion will be necessary; any proposal to remove the boy from the estate will meet with the opposition of all concerned. A translation of a Petition presented to me by the Manager is forwarded for the Court's perusal. I am constrained, therefore, to request the Court to re-consider their orders on this subject; if the Court decline to adhere to their former opinion, it will be necessary to sanction an additional expenditure of Rupees 70 per month, as a separate Establishment must be entertained for the comfort of the Minor, but if the Court accede to the wishes of the whole family, it will only be necessary to engage a competent teacher on Rupees 40 per month, and I would arrange for the Minor being brought in here periodically for examination, and if his progress does not appear satisfactory, we can then, as a last resource, compel him to go to school.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the cost of the establishment proposed to be entertained under the Manager of the Marungapury Estate.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the domestic establishment and its cost of the Marungapury Minor Zemindar's family.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the allowance necessary for the maintenance of the Marungapury Minor Zemindar's family.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the cost of the several annual festivals observed in the Marungapury Minor Zemindar's family.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the moveable property of the Marungapury Minor Zemindar and their value.

ABSTRACT.—Translation of an Arzee from the Manager of the Marungapury Zemindary, dated 27th December 1864.

ABSTRACT.—Abstract Statement shewing the monthly or annual payments to be made to the Minor Zemindar out of the amount accruing from the Estate of the Marungapury Zemindary under the management of the Court of Wards, Trichinopoly District.

1. Submitted for the information of Government in continuation of the Court's Proceedings, 12th November last, No. 7,393.

2. With the foregoing letter, the Collector forwards his proposals for the establishment and expenditure required on account of the Marungapury Zemindary, which, under recent orders* of Government, the Court of Wards were authorized

* 17th September 1864, No. 1,710. to take under management in consequence of the minority of the Proprietor.

3. Mr. McDonell has not given any particulars regarding the Zemindary, its extent, value, population, or products. From a previous communication† the

† 10th August 1864, No. 173. Court learnt that the Estate pays annually Rupees 20,576-10-10 Peshcush to Government, and that in addition to the Zemindary the Proprietor possesses private lands, assessed at Rupees 2,528-8-10. The only further information now afforded on this head relates (apparently) to this private landed property which exists in twenty-four villages of the Zemindary and produces 3,000 Cullums of grain annually. Enclosure E. further shews that the moveable property (attached to the Zemindary) in gold and other metals, weapons, and State trappings, is worth more than Rupees 12,000.

4. The Court would have been in a better position to judge of the reasonableness of the Collector's recommendations had more detailed information been given of the resources, as well as of the liabilities of the Estate, and they request that Mr. McDonell will, without delay, report upon the subject.

5. The following Abstract shews the annual payments which the Collector proposes to allow under the principal heads. Mr. McDonell writes that every care has been taken to render the charges as economical as possible:—

Particulars.	EXPENDITURE.			
	Per annum.			
	Grain.	Rupees.		
	Cullums.	RS.	A.	P.
1. Manager's Office Establishment...		1,896	0	0
2. Establishment for the private property		585	2	0
3. Domestic Establishment	382 0 0	1,001	0	0
4. Maintenance allowance for Minor and his family	400 0 0	1,570	0	0
5. Annuities to Zemindar's relations	253 0 0	420	0	0
6. On account of festivals		580	0	0
7. Do. do. religious institutions		156	0	0
Total...	1,035 0 0	6,208	2	0

6. On consideration of the enclosures to the Collector's letter, it appears to the Court that some alteration may, with advantage, be made in the arrangement of the Manager's Office. The rates of salary proposed are in some instances too low, while the number of hands is unnecessarily large. The establishments, as proposed and as revised and sanctioned by the Court, are placed in juxtaposition in the margin.

7. It is not desirable, the Court think, to make disbursements in kind. In place, therefore, of the mixed grain and money payments proposed by the Collector, the sums entered in the following Statement should be disbursed

Office Establishment, proposed by Collector.	RS.	Revised and sanctioned Establishment.	RS.
1 Manager.....	20	1 Manager.....	25
1 Peishcar.....	12	1 Gumashta ...	15
1 Royasum.....	10	3 Do. at 12 Rs.	36
1 Do.	7	1 Shroff.....	7
1 Accountant.....	10	12 Peons at 5 Rs.	60
2 Do. at 7 Rupees...	14	1 Sweeper and	
1 Shroff.....	7	Masalchi ...	3
21 Servants.....	67		
	147		147
Saderwarid.....	11	Saderwarid...	10
	158		157

monthly. The amounts suggested by Mr. McDonell have not been deviated from to any extent, but it will be observed that the allowance for "Domestic Establishment" has been lumped with the Minor's "Maintenance allowance," and that a single sum of 60 Rupees per mensem has been allowed for festivals and religious institutions. The total annual expenditure on all accounts will slightly exceed Rupees 8,000.

1. Office Establishment as proposed above	rs.
2. Saderwarid	147
3. Establishment for private farm	10
4. Maintenance allowance of the Minor and his family	50
5. Annuities to Zemindar's relatives	330
6. Festivals, &c.	73
	60
Per month...	670
Per annum...	8,040

8. The Court, however, observe that the amount allowed for the maintenance of the Minor and of his relatives and for festivals, amounting in all to Rupees 463 per month, or 5,556 per annum, is much in excess of the limit prescribed by Clause 2nd, Section 14, Regulation V. of 1804, viz., 10 per cent. on the Pesheush paid by the Estates, which is Rupees 23,105. The Collector is, therefore, requested to re-consider and report whether any reduction cannot be effected in the amount so as to bring it nearly within the prescribed limit.

9. The Court are not prepared to sanction any disbursements at the Hoozoor as proposed in paragraph 10. With but a single estate under management, the Collector may well have the work performed by his regular office establishment.

10. It was only to be expected that the friends of the boy would object to his being taken away from his own home for educational purposes. It is usual to raise difficulties on these occasions, and the Court find that the customary arguments have been put forward to thwart their intentions for the welfare of their ward. Though, however, they cannot doubt that a lad of fourteen, (the age assigned to the Minor in a previous report,) would get on in every respect much better away from his own home, they are not unwilling so far to fall in with the prejudices of the family as to consent to their ward remaining where he is for the period of one year dating from the late Zemindar's demise. The Manager in his letter to the Collector, translation of which has been forwarded to the Board, dwells upon the necessity for the lad's presence at home for that period in order to the performance of certain ceremonies. The Collector will accordingly arrange for the appointment of a competent teacher to attend upon the Minor Zemindar during the year. Meanwhile he will make arrangements, in communication with the Collector of Tanjore, for the boy's eventual location at Combaconum, and attendance at the Provincial School there established. Should additional expenditure be necessary on this account, Mr. McDonell will be good enough to submit a statement of particulars for sanction.

No. 312.

ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1865, No. 1,041.

Miscellaneous.

1. As the period of one year from the date of death of the late Zemindar will expire on 17th July next, or in two months more, the Government see no reason to object to the Court of Ward's concession to the wishes of the family that the Minor shall for that period not be removed from home for his education. The Court will, however, take care that no further delay is allowed to occur in carrying out the arrangements deemed best for the boy's future education (by placing him at the

Combaconum Provincial School), to which point both the Government and Her Majesty's Secretary of State attach the highest importance.

2. These arrangements should be matured speedily.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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