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No. 373. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th June 1865, No. 3,071.

Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th May 1865, No. 262 :—

SIR,

1. The Board will remember that on the 23rd October 1863, the proprietor of Kasimkota, *cum* Melupaka, so long their ward, attained his majority, when his estates were transferred to him, together with the accumulated savings, Rupees 60,900, in Government Promissory Notes.

2. It is with much regret that I now report his death. He expired after a very short illness, at Kasimkota on the 2nd May, instant.

3. On the 1st May, when he felt he was dying, he sent for the nearest public functionary, the Sub-Magistrate of Ankapilli, and caused him to be present while his Will was drawn out and executed. He also wrote a letter to myself; and on the day of his death another letter was despatched to me by his widow. Translations of these papers are enclosed.

4. The deceased leaves a widow, Ramayamma, aged sixteen years and two months, and a daughter Mahalakshamma, an infant of six months; but it will be observed he has authorized his widow in due course to adopt a son. If the adoption takes place, the adopted boy will of course become the Proprietor. At present, as the Testator has rightly observed in his Will, the estate devolves to the widow. She is incapacitated by her minority from taking charge of the property on her own behalf; otherwise as there is abundant proof of her means, ability, and discretion to regulate her own affairs, for she has been very well educated for a native lady, I should not have recommended (as I now must), that application be made to the Governor in Council to place her and her property under the superintendence of the Court of Wards. Two years hence, the question may be re-considered if she raises it.

Her birth day is not known. It is only for Hindu *Boys* that a Horoscope is cast; but the members of the family state she is a month or two over sixteen, to the best of their belief.

5. For the rest, the wishes of the Testator, will, I trust, be respected. He has nominated his maternal grandfather, the guardian of his widow, and the present Amin of his Talooks (who is a distant relative on his mother's side) the manager of her property. Both these persons are willing to act, and are perfectly well qualified to do so. I recommend that they be approved of: the usual security being taken from them, and the usual form of obligation being executed by them respectively. The last rent roll of the estate (Fusly 1274) is Rupees 67,339, and the annual Peishcush payable to Government is Rupees 33,510. There was a cash balance at the late Proprietor's death of Rupees 22,393, and I am happy to state that all Government Bonds we made over to him are duly forthcoming. This last fact speaks well for his own prudence, and for that of his two principal advisers, viz., the persons he has nominated to the posts of guardian and manager, as just described.

6. The Testator, it will be observed, has devised a considerable sum of money for religious and charitable purposes. Not being able to regard this bequest from the Hindu point of view, I confess, I think, the money might have been better disposed of; but it has met with the unqualified approbation of the Native community. The young Proprietor, the Board will remember, was himself a Brahmin. The ceremonies connected with his incremation have extended over thirteen days, which accounts for the non-submission of this Report at an earlier date.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M. VENKATACHELLAM, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 1st May 1865.

Arzi addressed by Mantripragada Venkatachallam Puntulu Garu.

1. You are well aware of the fact that my grandfather Vakkalanka Ramaya Puntulu Garu has taken great trouble in looking after my person, as well as my estate, since the death of both my parents, which took place within twenty-one days after I was born.

2. Since you assumed charge of this District, you not only constantly protected me with the solicitude of a father, but it also devolved on you to induct me into my matrimonial estate with many honors.

3. Since that, I have been conducting myself with honor and respectability.

4. I am at present taken ill, and from what the elders about me say with reference to the evil conjunction of the planets, I feel apprehensive of some bad result ensuing therefrom, and have, therefore, caused a Will to be drawn out, sealed it, and given it in charge of the Sub-Magistrate. In the event of its being the will of Providence that I should die, my wife and daughter will become successors to my property, and I trust to you to take care of them with two-fold solicitude.

5. My maternal grandfather, Ramaya Puntulu Garu, often expressed his intention to take leave of you, and go a pilgrimage to Benares, but I begged him very much and stopped him. He also informed you of this occasionally. If any bad consequence should result from my present state of health, he might again revert to his intention of going to Benares, from excess of grief. Although there are my wife's father and others to take care of her and the child, yet, as it is more expedient that they should be under Ramaya Puntulu's care, I beg that, should he come to inform you of his intention to visit Benares, you will urge him to give up that journey, and to take care of them, even in the same manner as he took care of me.

(True Copy and Translation.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL, *Collector.*

ENCLOSURE. No 2.

From RAMAYAMMA GARU, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 2nd May 1865.

Arzi addressed by Sri Mantripragada Ramayamma Garu.

1. I beg to inform you that my husband died this morning at about 10 o'clock.

2. When he grew doubtful of his longer existence in this world, he got a Will drawn out, sent for the Sub-Magistrate of Ankapilly, left the said Will in a sealed packet under his charge, and reported the same to you by an Arzi.

3. As the said sealed packet which contains the Will is with the Sub-Magistrate of Ankapilly, I request you will be good enough to send for it, and after perusing it, order him to register it, and give it to me.

4. I have a daughter. I am the next heir by law to my husband's estate, and, therefore, solicit you will cause the two estates of Kassimcottah and Melupaka belonging to my husband to be entered in the Register in my name, and kindly inform me of the same.

5. My husband having felt that he was no longer to live, authorized me to adopt a son in case he should die; of this I shall inform you hereafter.

6. My grandfather, Vakkalanka Ramaya Puntulu Garu, has, up to this day, taken great care of both my husband and myself, and moreover, my husband, at his death, entrusted us to his care. As it is my wish, both in regard of my husband's orders, and of my own wishes, that my grandfather, Ramaya Puntulu Garu, should, for the future, also take care of me and my child and my estate, I beg you will extend to us the same tenderness you had for my husband, and write to Ramaya Puntulu Garu to take care of us.

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ENCLOSURE No. 3.

Will executed by Mantripragada Venkatachalam Pantalu.

1. My bodily health is in a very precarious state, and I do not know how Providence will terminate it. If I die, my wife Ramayamma becomes the owner of my estate. I have also a daughter, whose name is Mahalakshmi. I desire that both my estates, the Talooks of Kasimkota and Melupaka, be transferred to the said Ramayamma, my wife, and that the management thereof be conducted under her orders. She stands as the lawful heiress to the whole of my estate; and I further hereby authorize my said wife to make adoption of a son.

2. Since I have been at Kasimkota I have established a Chuttrum, which is to be kept up in perpetuity. My maternal grand-mother Mahalaksmama Garu, and my maternal grand-father

Ramaya Pantulu Garu, took great care of me, and when the former was at the point of death she advocated instituting such a Chuttrum, and lately, when Ramaya Pantulu was very ill, he also urged the matter upon me. I accordingly resolved to establish a Chuttrum, and I do hereby declare that I, of my own free will, alienate in charity and in the name "of Sri Rama," my two Government Promissory Notes of Rupees 18,000 and 5,000, Nos. 502 and 678, (23,080) respectively, yielding an annual interest of Rupees 1,265 for the purpose of the Chuttrum, and that the principal and interest of the said bonds shall for ever be appropriated towards the maintenance of the Chuttrum. If my wife neglects the said Chuttrum, it shall be maintained in perpetuity with the above mentioned amount of money, the object being to secure happiness* to my maternal grand-father Ramaya Pantulu Garu and my maternal grand-mother Mahalaksmama Garu. This Chuttrum shall be called "Ramaya's Chuttrum," and should be kept at Kasimkota. I have allotted a piece of land for it, so that the Chuttrum may be built, either on that spot, or on the premises of my dwelling house, and arrangements made for its maintenance without interruption. As the buildings should be erected in a suitable manner, a sum of Rupees 4,000 shall be disbursed out of my estate for that purpose. A tank should be excavated opposite to the above said piece of land, and called "Ramasagaram." A pagoda of Siva also should be built at the same place, and the God Ramaswarasami consecrated in it, a grant being made to it and the costs of the same defrayed from my estate.

* i. e. Heaven.

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4. I have appointed Marella Mallaya as the Ameen of my Talooks, which he has managed greatly to my advantage. He is a respectable man, and is also related to me, and as he has faithfully behaved in my affairs, and as he is the father of a family, he should for the future also be continued in his office, and the promise I made to him of employment be duly discharged.

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} Witnesses.

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No. 374. ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1865, No. 1,351.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government authorize the Court of Wards to assume charge of the estate.

2. They are much gratified to observe how fully Mr. Carmichael had won the confidence of his former ward, now deceased.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
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To the Court of Wards.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Acting Secretary.

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No. 1582.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
Dated 7th June 1865.
No. 3,071.
Submitting letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam and recommending that the Cainicottah estate be taken under the management of the Court of Wards as recommended by the Collector.

Read R. H. Lee.

14 F. Ole Court of Wards 19 June.

17th June 1865