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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 31-8-1865.

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No. 560. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 15th August 1865, No. 4,898.

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Saptur, 17th July 1865, No. 171:—

SIR,

1. Referring to Government Petition No. 793 of 1865, herewith returned, I have the honor to report that Soondra Pandia Naick is not the next heir to the Bodinaicknoor estate; for besides the present Minor, the late Zemindar left a son and a daughter, both Minors, by his third wife, who are both living, who would succeed before Soondra Pandia Naick.

2. I believe Soondra Pandia Naick is the proper person to be guardian, and that this in no way interferes with the mother's care of the child, who lives with his mother and the guardian, they all being an undivided family and on affectionate terms with each other.

3. I have just seen the Minor and all the male members of the family; the Minor is well and happy, and much improved since I first saw him after his father's death; he has grown considerably; is strong and healthy-looking; has learned to read Tamil and English, in which latter language he has made considerable progress. I consider the care taken of the Minor by the guardian, and the terms they are on, is very satisfactory.

4. Knowing more of Soondra Pandia Naick now than I did when I first made the recommendation, I am not disposed to see him appointed to be Manager of the estate, and consider the estate should still remain under the Court's management as at present.

5. The estate has been unfortunate in its Managers; the last man was ignorant and drunken, and I removed him and recommended a successor, but have not yet had an answer to my reference to the Court of Wards.

6. I do not think it is the wish of the Ryots to be placed under any of the family. Till the estate came under the Court, they got neither Puttahs for their lands, or receipts for their Cists; the Curnums kept a sort of running account for each Ryots.

7. The Ryots shew unmistakeable satisfaction at receiving their Puttahs, and getting proper receipts for their payments, and I am of opinion will be much benefited and be lifted out of the state of thraldom and servitude in which they were kept by remaining some time under the Court's management. The Bodinaicknoor estate is the only one in the District which has not at some time or other come under Government management; it is in an out-of-the-way corner, and the Ryots remained in nearly the same state of servitude they were in when the country first came under the Company. They are now gaining a degree of independence.

8. There are no Land Registers, or Surveys, of the Zemindary, and the Curnums are therefore difficult to deal with. I am of opinion that, at the expense of the estate, a survey should at once be made, either according to the native method, or a scientific one, and that it would prove advantageous in a revenue point of view, and that it is absolutely necessary that it be done at once. Were this done, I would have no objection to seeing Koolasagara Pandia Naick, the

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second brother of the late Zemindar, appointed Manager under the Court to carry on the affairs directly under the orders of the Collector, exactly as the present paid Manager does—the Collector making the Jummahbundy.

9. The revenue of the estate has increased, since it came under management, by Rupees 12,000.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Petition.

1. Submitted to Government with reference to their endorsement on Petition No. 793 of 1865.

2. The Court concur in the Collector's remarks, both as regards the legality of Soondra Pandia Naick's appointment as guardian, and the propriety of leaving him in that situation.

3. No successor has yet been appointed to succeed the late Manager, Rangaswami Naick, whose dismissal is alluded to in the 5th paragraph of the foregoing letter. Mr. Levinge recommended one Ragunada Iyengar for the post, but has been requested to report further on his nominee's character, and also, how far the appointment would be acceptable to the Minor and his relatives. When the Collector's reply is received, the Court will take into consideration the proposals contained in the last paragraph but one of the present communication.

4. The Collector must take care that the independence which the Bodinaicknoor Ryots are gaining is not at the expense of the Minor's prescriptive rights.

No. 561. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1865, No. 2,055.

Miscellaneous.

The following Endorsement will be passed on Petition No. 793 of 1865.

"The Government learn that the late Zemindar of the Bodinaikanoor Estate left a son and daughter by his third wife, who are still living and are next in succession to the present proprietor.

"Accordingly the assertion twice repeated in this petition that Soondra Pandia Naick is next heir to the estate is false, and his appointment as guardian is legal.

"As the Minor is now upwards of seven years of age, and cannot by law be left to the care of female relatives it is manifestly expedient that he should remain under the guardianship of his uncle.

"The revenue of the estate has increased by Rupees 12,000 since it was taken charge of by the Court of Wards, and Government see no reason to interfere with their arrangements for the management of it."

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Petition Department.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

Revenue Department.

No. 2055

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 31st. Augt 1865.

Read the following

Pro: of the Bd of Revr:-

Submitting report of the Coll: of Madura on Petition No 793 of 1865, and concurring with that officer as regards the legality of Soondra Pandia Naik's appointment as guardian of the Bodinaicknoor minor and the propriety of leaving him in that situation.-

(Here enter 15th Augt 1865 No 4898)-

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D/ 31st August 1865

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No 2568

Passing orders on
Petition asserting the claims
of Soondra Pandia Naick
to the Bodenaickenoor Estate
Madura

Govt No. 138-139
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