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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd September 1865.*

No. 38. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

'assing remarks on Proceedings of Government, reviewing Report on the management of Estates of Minor Proprietors under wardship for Fasli 1273. } (Here enter 21st Aug. 1865, No. 5,079.)

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1865, No. 2,076.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
*Acting Under Secretary to Government.*

'o the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 5,079.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT OF WARDS, dated 21st August 1865.

Read the following:—

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:—

Submitting Report on the management of the Estates of Minor Proprietors under wardship, for Fasli 1273, and regretting the delay that has occurred in its submission. } (Here enter 14th June 1865, No. 3,224.)

ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1865, No. 1,515.

1. The form of the above report is a very great improvement on that adopted in previous years, and exhibits the position of each Estate so clearly as to render it altogether unnecessary for the Government to make any detailed analysis of the Court's administration.

2. Generally the Government consider that this was very satisfactory in the year under report. The interests of the Court's wards appear to have been well cared for; their rents realized with considerable punctuality; their debts reduced so far as means allowed; their surplus assets well employed or properly invested.

3. Except in one case, in which further explanation has been called for, the Government dues seem to have been punctually discharged.

4. The Government have recently reviewed the Court's arrangements for the education of their wards, but they note that it is contemplated to secure the services of an efficient English tutor for the Barwah and Bereey Minors; Sanjiva, who are now studying at Berhampore Zillah School, and at the Onslow Institution; that the Chemudu Minor at the Vizagapatam Anglo-Vernacular School is receiving as good an education as his income will permit, and as his mental faculties can appreciate; that the Lukkavaram Minor is doing well at the Ellore Government School; that the Utakadu Minor at the Madras Normal School is giving satisfaction; that the arrangement made by the Collector for the Royempetta Minor, lately noticed by Government, appears to have been sanctioned by the Court; that the Poliavanam Minor, at the Puttukotta Taluk School, is well reported of; that the reports of the Sauptoor Minor's progress at the Combaconum School are improving; that the Collector's special attention has been directed to the education of the Neikarputty Minor, who has been lately placed at the Pulni School; and the same in the case of the Adiputty Minor at the Coimbatore School; and that the Nelialam Minor appears to be receiving as good an education as the very limited income of the Estate will permit.

5. With one exception the other Minors are either infants or imbecile; the exception being in the case of the Oorkad family in Tinnevelly, to which the late Collector does not appear to have paid the attention that was needed in the eighteen months that the Estate had been in ward at the date of the report. The Court have called on the Acting Collector to report fully on the case, and the Government rely on their making the best arrangements that circumstances will permit.

6. The Government recently ordered the transfer of the Royempetta Minor in Tanjore, from the Vellum Mission School to the Combaconum School; but the circumstances of the Estate, as described by the Court, seem to be so seriously involved that the Government doubt whether the expense involved in the arrangement ordered by them, may not be more than the income can bear. It will be open to the Court to propose any other arrangement which they may deem preferable in sending up the report on the case lately called for.

7. The minor points in the Court's report which have attracted the attention of Government are noticed below.

Paragraph 6.

8. The delay in communicating the Accounts Current of the invested capital under the Court's more direct control, must be very carefully guarded against in future. The Government attach much importance to this point.

Paragraph 15.

9. The Government understand that the arrangement for the maintenance of the late Zemindar's widow, mentioned in this paragraph, is merely the continuance of a former assignment, and not a fresh grant of a Jaghire by the Court of Wards, as expressed in the report. It is scarcely necessary to remark that such a grant would be beyond their competence, although a temporary arrangement of the kind might be within their powers, and occasionally desirable.

Paragraph 28.

10. No mention is made in this case of any balance being in hand at the commencement of the year; but from the Appendix it appears that about one-half of the so-called receipts was a balance at credit of the Estate at the close of the preceding year. This cannot properly be termed a receipt of the year.

Paragraph 29.

11. The Court should require full explanation of the failure in this case to pay the Government demand against the Estate in full in the year.

Paragraph 33.

12. The proposal to sub-divide the "Peishkush" column in the accounts, so as to show payment of permanent Peishkush and Government dues other than such Peishkush separately, is assented

Paragraphs 50 and 60.

13. The practice of allowing a large balance on account of the sale produce of rents received in kind to remain outstanding must be carefully guarded against, as likely to prove seriously injurious to the interests of the Minor proprietors.

14. In conclusion, the Government remark with satisfaction the attention that has been paid to freeing the Estates from debt, and realizing debts due to them.

15. The first measure is very important for the prosperity of the interests committed to the Court's charge; the last, though of comparatively minor importance in most cases, is still one that should be carefully attended to, lest the interests of the Minors should be sacrificed by the lapse of time bringing the claim within the scope of the Statue of Limitations.

16. The Government trust the report for the Fasli now about to close will reach them at an earlier date than has the present one.

(A true Extract.)

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

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1. Resolved that the foregoing Proceedings be communicated to the Collectors concerned for their information and guidance.

2. With reference to the remark made by Government in paragraph 5 of the Order, the Collector of Tinnevelly is requested to forward at an early date the information called for in paragraph 66 of the Court's Proceedings, dated 14th June 1865, No. 3,224, regarding the education of the Oorkad Minors.

3. The inference drawn by Government in paragraph 9 of the Order, regarding the maintenance of the widow of the late Zemindar of Jalantra, is correct. The villages referred to were formerly under her enjoyment, but owing to the involved condition of the Estate when it came under charge, they were resumed by the Court, and a pension was granted instead. The Estate having since been cleared of liabilities, the villages were again made over to the widow.

4. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Order, the Court observe from the Collector's reply that the balance of Jodi due on account of the Erungadukottah and Luttor Estates was the Kist due for June 1864, and that the amount was collected and credited in the accounts of July, as had been done in previous years. The Collector has been directed to discontinue this practice, and to take care for the future that the full amount of Jodi is brought to account before the close of the Fasli.

5. Collectors are requested, with reference to paragraph 12 of the Order, to open out another column in Statement No. 5, for the exhibition of fluctuating revenue payable to Government with reference to an annual settlement.

6. The special attention of Collectors is called to paragraphs 13 and 15 of the Order. They should take care that the instructions therein contained regarding the outstanding balances and the early realization of debts due to the Estates are carefully attended to.

7. In their report for the past Fasli, Collectors should make mention of any improvement effected in the Estate, or of any particulars connected with them which may have occurred in the year under report. The particular attention of the Collectors is called to this point, as Government attach much importance to it.

8. The Court have already made arrangements for transferring the Royempettah Minor to the Combaconum School. The Collector has reported that the Estate is now well able to bear the small additional charge involved.

9. The reports due for Fasli 1274 should be submitted at an early date.

(True Extracts.)

Acting Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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No. 5,079.

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