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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd September 1865.*

No. 453. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 4th September 1865, No. 5,444.

Read the following letters :—

From E. B. POWELL, Esq., Director of Public Instruction, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Madras, 2nd August 1865, No. 1,721.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to communicate, for the information of the Court of Wards, the annexed Reports on the Minor proprietors of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Educational Divisions, and the Sub-division of Malabar and South Canara.

2. I may remark that, owing to changes in the Inspecting Agency of the Department, the wards in the 1st Division have not been reported upon for the past official year. In the course of 1865-66 the new Inspector will, however, have opportunities of seeing the educational condition of the minors in his Division; and at the close of the year I trust to be in a position to furnish the Court with a complete Report upon their wards.

3. I am inclined to think that the member of the Ootacadoo family, who is a pupil in the Practising School attached to the Madras Normal School, has attained his majority. I forward, however, a Report furnished regarding him by the Inspector of the 3rd Division.

4. The attendance at school of the minors in the 4th Division cannot but be regarded as very unsatisfactory. The Saptur ward, who is at the Combaconum Provincial School, is said to have made tolerable progress; but it is to be observed that the class in which this youth is reading is a very low one.

5. Mr. Marden suggests that the Strevelputty minor should be placed at an Anglo-Vernacular School about to be opened in the village of Strevelputty. I think, however, it would be much better to make the lad attend a Government school, than to leave him in his own village, where he would be under little or no control. I am of opinion that a like course should be adopted in the case of the two elder of the Ooryacad youths, whose ages are sixteen and nine respectively.

6. I beg to call attention to the conduct of Sivagnana Deva, and I suggest that an inquiry should be made as to the reason why this youth did not obey the Collector's order, and attend at Palamecottah for examination by the Inspector.

7. I am of opinion that the Nelliya minor should be placed at Calicut Provincial school, as has been recommended by the Deputy Collector, Mr. Richardson.

8. In conclusion, I would propose that instructions should be issued to the several Collectors who have wards under their care to notify to the corresponding Inspectors of Schools, at the commencement of each official year, the different minor proprietors who should be examined and reported upon. A measure of this nature would preclude the possibility of a ward escaping inspection and report through inadvertency.

REPORTS OF INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS ON MINOR PROPRIETORS.

3RD DIVISION.—*Ward reported on by J. T. FOWLER, Esq.*—In reply to Proceedings, No. 1,578 of the 17th instant, I have the honor to report that the only minor ward in the schools in the division under me is Narain Babu of the Ootacadoo estate. He is a pupil in the 5th class

of the Practising School. Mr. Anderson says under date the 29th instant :—"The conduct and progress of Narain Babu during the official year 1864-65, have been, in my judgment, very satisfactory."

2. The results of his examination, as shewn in my general report on the Normal School, No. 636 of the 27th instant, are as follow :—

Subject of Examination.		Geometry.	Algebra.	Arithmetic.	Total.
Marks.	Maximum.....	70	70	70	210
	Gained by him.....	6	22	49	77

This is good for Arithmetic, moderate for Algebra, and a failure for Geometry. The youth's ability lies, I believe, rather in language, in which his class was not examined, the class not having been included in the Syllabus submitted to me, as already brought to your notice.

3. I think Narain Babu should now, if found qualified, be transferred to the Junior Department of the Presidency College, as he has reached the highest class in the Practising School.

4TH DIVISION.—Wards reported on by E. C. CALDWELL, Esq.—The minor wards of Government in the 4th Division are three in number, all of them located in Tanjore District.

The following table shews particulars of their attendance at school :—

Name of ward.	Age.	Name of Estate.	Where educated.	Number of working days connected with school.	Number of days present.	Number of days absent.
Ramachendra Vanan-gamudy.	18	Polivanum...	Taluk School, Put-tucota.....	241	146	95
Varatharaja Aiyen-gar.	15	Rajapotta....	Taluk School, Tri-vady.....	126	94	32
Nagayasawmy Naidu.	15	Sapatur....	Provincial School, Combaconum.....	210	132	63

The first of these having obtained his majority had left school just before my visit to Puttucota, and came in while I was there to receive formal charge of his estates, and of the balance which had accumulated to his credit, in the treasury. He is reported to have been a well conducted and tractable lad, but his attendance at school was not so regular as it should have been, and his progress though retarded by this course has been, on the whole, tolerably satisfactory.

The second, Varatharaja Aiyengar, the ward of Rajampettah, has always been an idle and unsatisfactory lad. For sometime previous to the Christmas holidays in 1863, he did not return to school till September last, and out of 126 working days between that period and the end of February last, he had been absent thirty-two, or more than one quarter. He was moved in March last to the Vellum school by the late Collector of the District, Mr. W. M. Cadell, with the object of keeping him more immediately under his personal supervision.

The third, Nagayasawmy Kannayan Naik, was sent from the Madura District, in which his estate is situated, to the Provincial school at Combaconum, which he joined subsequently to my inspection in February 1864, and out of 210 working days between the time of his joining and my recent inspection in January last, he has absented himself sixty-eight, or nearly one-third. I found him reading in the 2nd class of the school, in which he has made tolerable progress, obtaining ninety-five out of 230 marks, or just above two-fifths of the maximum, at the annual examination.

5TH DIVISION.—Wards reported on by T. MARDEX, Esq.—Sabla Naik, aged ten years, the minor Zemindar of Strevelputty, appeared before me on the 23rd February 1865. In English he can read but poorly one chapter of Morris's History of India. He knows the meaning of a few words here and there, but does not generally profess to know what he is reading

about, his pronunciation is bad, and hand-writing indifferent. In dictation he has only forty per cent. of words right. He professes English Grammar as far as tenses of verbs, but without meaning. In Tamil he knows some stanzas in Minor Poets by heart, learns no Grammar, nor uses any Prose Reader. He writes to dictation fairly. He knows something of Telugu, but is now only reading former lessons. In Arithmetic he knows imperfectly as far as Multiplication. In Geography he has just begun the Manual in English; but does not know the meaning, uses no map, and is under the impression that he himself lives "in the North of Asia." He has a resident tutor Iyaviangar, an old man, formerly a Munshi at Palamecottah, who has been with him five months, and who was appointed by the manager, the minor's uncle, under instructions from the Collector. He receives Rupees 30 per mensem. Before him there was another English tutor for eighteen months. You may imagine from the enclosed letter which the minor brought me, the fitness of his teacher to instruct him in English. The tutor is unfit for his post, has no idea of teaching, and is much too old to acquire any. I should recommend that this minor be at once placed in a Government school, were it not that the Deputy Inspector reports that he has made preparations to open an Anglo-Vernacular School in the minor's village of Strevelputty. The management of the estate has promised to pay a master a salary of Rupees 15, and the opening of the school is only delayed on account of the Deputy Inspector not being able to find a certified teacher. As in the case of the minor next mentioned, I recommend that the minor shall be allowed to prosecute his studies in that school, with the understanding that if he does not make adequate progress, he shall be peremptorily removed to a Government school.

Satooraya, aged fifteen, of Ooyacad, with his brothers, V. Satooraya and S. Satooraya, aged nine and six respectively, appeared before me on the 23rd February 1865. Satooraya knows fifteen pages of Mavor's Spelling Book without meaning, and reads a little. In Tamil and Telugu he knows a little poetry. He writes Tamil dictation fairly. In Arithmetic he knows four simple rules. His brother V. Satooraya is first (? just) beginning English, knows a little Tamil and Telugu poetry, and the two first simple rules in Arithmetic. S. Satooraya reads and writes in olai. It is supposed that these lads should attend the new Anglo-Vernacular school recently opened at Amba-samudram, close to their property. This is what they wish to do, and I promised to recommend that it should be allowed, but warned them that if I found they did not make satisfactory improvement, I would recommend that they should be sent to Madura. I accordingly beg to suggest that this plan should be tried.

Of Sivagnanam Deva, the minor of Avedyapuram, I have heard nothing, although the Collector informed me that he had instructed him to attend at Palamecottah for examination. I beg to be allowed to observe, that if the result of minors appearing before the Inspector is that they not only have the trouble of coming up for examination, but are also liable to be removed to Government schools (which they all extremely dislike) which those minors who treat the Collector's orders and the Inspector's examination with equal contempt are allowed to go on as they please, we offer a premium on the latter conduct. I would, therefore, recommend that unless Sivagnanam Deva's guardians have a very satisfactory excuse to offer for their non-attendance, the minor should at once be placed at the Madura Zillah School. If they have a good excuse they should be directed to bring the minor to Periakulam (as the nearest place) for examination at the time I may fix.

SUB-DIVISION OF MALABAR AND SOUTH CANARA.—Ward reported on by L. GARTHWAITE, Esq.—There is only one minor ward in this Sub-division, the Nelliya Arasir (age nine years). His annual income has hitherto been Rupees 217. No fixed amount is set apart for his education, but a tutor has been engaged for him since October 1862, at Rupees four per mensem, and his food. His pupil has learnt to read a little, but not to write. The Deputy Collector, Mr. Richardson, recommends that he be removed to Calicut for his education. As a large portion of his lands have been advantageously leased, it is probable that four years hence he will have an

income of about 35,000 Rupees per annum. There is a sum of Rupees 3,208 already realized on account of the leases, part of which may, the Deputy Collector thinks, be fairly expended on his education.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) E. B. POWELL,
Director of Public Instruction.

From the same Officer, dated Bangalore, 11th August 1865, No. 1,770.

In continuation of my letter of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Court of Wards, copy of a letter from the Head Master of the Provincial school, Combaconum, reporting on the Saptur minor. The progress of the minor appears satisfactory.

From W. A. PORTER, Esq., M. A., Head Master of the Provincial school at Combaconum, to E. B. POWELL, Esq., M. A., Director of Public Instruction, dated Combaconum, 3rd August 1865, No. 17.

1. With reference to your Memorandum, No. 1,612, 21st July 1865, and the Government Order No. 1,285, 12th June 1865, I have the honor to state that when the Saptur Minor first came to this school he was extremely irregular in his attendance, and made scarcely any progress in his studies.

2. Towards the end of last year, about October or November, the Collector of Tanjore removed his guardian, and appointed a new one, Mahomed Khan, a Native of this place, and formerly the town Khutwal, and from that date there began to be a very manifest improvement both in his attendance and in attention to his work. Though he does not work so hard as many boys whose future prospects depend on their own exertions, I think he is now making fair and reasonable progress, more so, I think than minors generally, who, as far as my experience goes, invariably do ill. His actual attainments are, however, small. He is now in one of the Divisions of the 2nd class, which, since the dismissal of the 1st class, is the lowest in the school, but I think he will be fit for promotion in the beginning of the next year.

3. The improvement I have spoken of is due entirely to the care of his present guardian, Mahomed Khan, who, I think acts faithfully in the trust reposed in him, and does not yield to the many whims and caprices of his ward. The minor lives in a separate house with his own pany. Mahomed Khan receives a salary of Rupees 15 monthly for acting as guardian, and has no other duties. I do not consider that, under the present circumstances, any thing would be gained by the removal of this minor to Madras.

4. The Royempettah minor is not at present attending this school. He was removed considerably more than a year ago. While he was here he was incorrigibly idle, and did no good.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. B. POWELL,
Director of Public Instruction.

1. The first of these papers contains the remarks and suggestions of the Director of Public Instruction upon the reports which have been submitted to him by the Inspectors of Schools in four* of the six Educational Divisions into which the Presidency is divided, upon the progress which the several minors under the superintendence of the Court of Wards have made in their studies. With his second letter Mr. Powell forwards the report

* 3rd Division.
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Sub-Division of Malabar and Canara.

of the Head Master of the Combaconum school, called for in paragraph 6 of Government Order, 12th June last, No. 1,285.

2. The Court will proceed to notice *seriatim* the several cases referred to.

3. *Madras District.*—The report upon the *Uttukadu* minor is more satisfactory than the Court had anticipated after the account given by the Collector on the 3rd November last. Mr. Fowler's suggestion that he should be transferred to the Presidency College from the Government Normal School, where he has heretofore been prosecuting his studies, cannot now be carried out under the Court's orders, as the lad has already attained his majority, and, now that the settlement is over, will be put in possession of his estate under the Court's Proceedings of 7th January last, No. 63, paragraph 8.

4. The Inspector of the 3rd Division has not, apparently, seen the minor of *Irungadukotta* and *Lattur*. This boy is only seven years old, and, as observed in paragraph 30 of the Court's review* on the general management of the Estates for Fusly 1273, is receiving elementary

* Dated 14th June 1865, No. 3,224.

instruction in Telugu and Tamil. It will be desirable that he should be examined on the next occasion.

5. *Tanjore District.*—Of the two minors whose estates are located in Tanjore, *Poliavanam* has recently attained his majority. He appears to have got on tolerably well in his studies, though irregular in his attendance at school. The minor of *Royempettah* is, the Court regret to observe, spoken of as an idle and unsatisfactory lad, and has evidently not improved since last reported upon by Mr. Powell in July 1864. The removal of the boy to the

Board's Procs., 20th August 1864, No. 5,361.

† Court's Procs., 23rd June 1865, No. 3,495.

Vellum school alluded to by Mr. Caldwell, has since† been countermanded, and he is now again ordered to attend at the Combaconum Provincial school. The Court hope that Mr. Porter will do what he can to influence this youth for good :

his majority. The Collector has lately proposed‡ to place him under the superintendence of the guardian of the Saptur minor, and after the very favorable opinion of this man, Mahomed Khan, which Mr. Porter has expressed in his letter recorded above, there could not, the Court think, be a better arrangement.

6. *Madura District.*—The Court observe from the report which has been submitted by the Head Master of the Combaconum school with reference to the order marginally noted, that the *Saptur*

minor is making fair progress, and that there is every hope of his continuing to do well under his present guardian. The Court, therefore, fully concur in Mr. Porter's opinion, that nothing would be gained by his removal to Madras. This ward will attain his majority in 1867. Mr. Caldwell speaks, the Court observe, of his irregular attendance at school. The Collector of Tanjore will be good enough to adopt measures for checking such inattention in regard to both the minors now at Combaconum.

7. The Inspector of the 5th Division does not appear to have seen either the *Bodinaicknoor* or *Neikaraputty* minors. The latter, who is reported to be ten years of age, should be brought up for examination by the Collector of Madura when opportunity occurs on the Inspector's tours. The former is still quite a child. The circumstances of these two boys are alluded to in paragraphs 49 and 55 of the Court's general review under date the 14th June last, No. 3,224.

8. *Tinnevelly District*.—Mr. Marden has reported briefly upon the acquirements of the *Oorkad* minor and his two brothers. The knowledge of the eldest appears limited when his age (fifteen) is taken into consideration. The Court recently§ took occasion to call the Collector's attention to the education of these three lads, and his reply|| will be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for his opinion as to the best course to pursue. Mr. Powell's present recommendation for the transfer of the two eldest lads to a Government school would, the Court understand, render necessary their removal to Madura.

9. The Inspector also refers to two other minors in this District, one of whom (*Shevalputty*) attended, while the other (*Arudiapuram*) absented himself though (apparently) warned to make his appearance. The Director of Public Instruction proposes that the first named youth should be sent to a Government school, and that an inquiry should be made why the second did not come into Palamcottah for examination.

10. The Court observe that these minors are not their wards, and that the Collector has apparently overlooked this fact in summoning them for examination. He should of course use all his influence to induce their guardians to take advantage of the best schools in the District, but nothing further is possible, and Mr. Powell's suggestion that an inquiry should be held as to *Arudiapuram*'s absence is not under the circumstances practicable. Probably the mistake arose from the habit which has sprung up of reporting briefly on these two estates, and on *Singampatty*, which is similarly situated, in the annual review which is submitted by the Collector to the Court of Wards.—*Vide* Collector's letter, dated 29th August 1864, No. 341.

11. The *Andiputty* minor in the Coimbatore District has not been brought, apparently, to the Inspector's notice. The Court observe, however, that they have recently drawn the attention of the Director of Public Instruction to this youth.

12. *Malabar*.—The Director's recommendation that the *Nelialam* minor should be removed to the Calicut Provincial school, will be referred for the opinion of the Collector with reference to Proceedings Court of Wards, 1st December 1864, No. 7,734.

13. With reference to the last paragraph of Mr. Powell's letter, dated 2nd August last, Collectors will be instructed, if practicable, to furnish the Divisional Inspectors with a list of the minors to be reported upon. Their attention will also

be directed to the procedure indicated in Board's Standing Circular Order, 25th November 1861, No. 6,521, when any change in a place of education seems advisable, or when a minor ceases to need instruction.

No. 454. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1865, No. 2,282.

Miscellaneous.

Under the circumstances stated by Mr. Porter, the Government consider that the Saptur Minor will best be left at Combaconum.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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‡ Court's Proceedings, 14th July 1865, No. 4,055.

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6. *Madura District*.—The Court observe from the report which has been submitted by the Head Master of the Combaconum school with reference to the order marginally noted, that the *Saptur* minor is making fair progress, and that

Government Order, 12th June 1865, No. 1,265.

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§ 14th June 1865, No. 3,224, paragraph 66.

|| Dated 26th July 1865, No. 294.

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9. The Inspector also refers to two other minors in this District, one of whom (*Sheval-putty*) attended, while the other (*Avudiapuram*) absented himself though (apparently) warned to make his appearance. The Director of Public Instruction proposes that the first named youth should be sent to a Government school, and that an inquiry should be made why the second did not come into Palamcottah for examination.

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14th June 1865, No. 3,224, paragraph 68.

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To W. Huddleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

„ E. B. Powell, Esq., Director of Public Instruction.

„ E. B. Foord, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam.

„ D. F. Carmichael, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam.

„ J. Fraser, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District.

„ T. A. N. Chase, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District.

„ E. R. McDonell, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly.

„ E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

„ G. L. Morris, Esq., Collector of Tanjore.

„ the Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Salem.

„ V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

„ A. Wedderburn, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.

„ P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

„ G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

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