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9th July 1866.*

No. 192. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st June 1866, No. 4,259 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 30th May 1866, No. 113.

1. I have the honor to report that Vadrevu Sundarappa, the Zemindar of the Vagayampettah estate, in the Godavery District, died on the 18th December 1865, leaving a mother\* and a wife.† The age

\* Guvamma.

† Ranganayakama.

of the former is said to be about fifty years, and that of the latter is said to be

about nineteen years. The latter has three daughters, the first and second are aged six and three years respectively, and the third is aged four months.

2. An Arzi in the name of the late Zemindar, dated the 18th December 1865, enclosing copy of a will executed by him on the same date in behalf of his widow, was forwarded to me. In the will it is mentioned that his widow should be the owner of his estate and property, and that she should adopt, as son, any one whom she likes, and to whose adoption the deceased's mother may agree. In the Arzi it is mentioned, that he requests the estate to be registered in the name of his widow. I believe, from careful inspection, that neither the Arzi, nor the Vakalutnamah, held by the presenter of the Arzi is genuine; they are, in my opinion, fabricated; the Zemindar's pretended signature is in the same handwriting as the body of the Arzi and Vakalutnamah. The Zemindar's signature to other papers, which he had signed while alive, differs entirely from that in the Vakalutnamah and Arzi.

3. One Vadrevu Bulliramaya, a cousin of the Zemindar, (i. e., his great grandfather and the Zemindar's great grandfather, were elder and younger brothers respectively,) has presented Petitions to me

† 26th June 1843.

enclosing copy of a decree ‡ of the Provincial Court, Northern Division, and

claiming the estate on the ground that, according to the Decree of that Court, he is the legal heir to the estate; because it should be inherited by the eldest sons of the family, and that the last descendant of the eldest son having died without sons, he should get it; he being the descendant of the second son of the original holder of the estate. I am of opinion, that, if this individual has any right of succession to the estate under any circumstances, he should establish it in the Civil Court, and that Ranganayakama, the wife of the deceased, who is the legal heir, should succeed to the estate under the Hindu law. I left the estate for a few months to be managed by her, but have understood that she being a young and inexperienced woman, and having no blood-relations living with, or near her, her affairs have fallen into bad hands.

4. The estate has been managed by one T. Subbarayudu, who lent the late Zemindar some thousands of Rupees, and who was, consequently, employed on a salary of Rupees 15 a month, besides receiving interest to the money lent.

5. Under these circumstances, I think that the estate will suffer, and I advise it being brought under the Court of Wards. I have directed the Tahsildar to prepare a list of all the property, both movable and immovable, of the late Zemindar, as well as of the debts to, and due by him. He called upon the Zemindar's

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widow for a list of all the property; he received one and forwarded it to me, in which a very few things, worth about Rupees 1,000, were entered. I learn that many valuable jewels, and brass utensils, were not entered in the list as they should have been. It also appeared from the list herewith sent, marked A., that the Zemindar is involved in much debt already, and I believe that this will increase if the estate be in the hands of strangers as at present. I, therefore, think it would be proper to keep the estate under management of the Court of Wards, until such time as Ranganayakama becomes competent to manage the estate herself; and I have ordered the estate to be attached and managed for the present (pending the orders of the Court of Wards) by the Tahsildar, in whose range the estate is. I have directed the Tahsildar to prepare a list of all the property in the Zemindar's house. He has accordingly done so, and furnished to me a list of the property, which is herewith sent marked B.; from which it appears that jewels, &c., valued at Rupees 4,547, have been found in the house. They are left, for the present, in the possession of Ranganayakama, the widow, I observe that some of the jewels are such as are worn by males only, and I would propose that these articles be lodged in the treasury, and that the two horses be sold at once.

6. The amount of rental of the villages (ten) of the estate, for the current year, is Rupees 17,474-8-7; the Peshcush payable to Government is Rs. 8,464-4-7; there remains an annual income of Rupees 9,010-4-0 from the estate, and Rs. 761 from Inams.

7. The monthly salaries at present for the establishment of management is Rupees 74, and for domestic servants is Rupees 30, as specified in the accompanying list marked C, but it may be reduced to a moderate scale, as mentioned in the list marked D. By this reduction of servants there will be a saving of Rupees 34 a month. There have been about forty persons supported hitherto by the Zemindar; many of them are unconnected with his family, and have other means of livelihood. The only person legally entitled to maintenance, is the deceased Zemindar's mother. Including her, the cost for the maintenance of the family, pay of servants, &c., would be Rupees 100 per mensem at a fair estimate.

8. I request that the Court of Wards, in permitting the estate to be under the management of the Court of Wards, will sanction the entertainment of the servants as mentioned in the list marked D., as well as the monthly cost of Rupees 100, for maintenance, clothing, private servants, &c.

9. The balance of Peshcush due to Government for the current year is Rupees 2,462, and the current balance of assessment due by the Ryots is Rupees 2,745-3-10.

10. The amount of debts due by the Zemindar is Rupees 9,400, as known up to this time. Inquiry will be made about this, and the balance really due will be liquidated from the profits of the estate.

Enclosure No. 1, A.

Abstract.—List showing debts due to others by Vadrevu Sundarappa, late Zemindar of Vagayampettah Estate.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2, B.

ABSTRACT.—List of movable and immovable property belonging to the deceased Zemindar, Vadrevu Sundarappa, of Vagayampettah Estate.

ENCLOSURE No. 3, C.

ABSTRACT.—List of Establishment hitherto employed by the Zemindar.

ENCLOSURE No. 4, D.

ABSTRACT.—List of Establishment proposed to be employed for the management of Vagayampettah Estate.

1. The foregoing letter will be submitted for the orders of Government.
2. It appears that the late proprietor of the estate of Vagayampettah, a property with a rent roll of about Rupees 17,000, and paying Rupees 8,464-4-7 to Government, as Peshcush, died six months ago, and that his widow, a young and inexperienced person, succeeded him in possession of the property in default of issue.
3. As the Collector is of opinion that the estate is likely to deteriorate if left in the management of the widow, her affairs having fallen into bad hands, he suggests that the estate should be taken under the control of the Court of Wards, and states that pending these orders he has attached the property.
4. Mr. Fraser further reports that a distant cousin of the late proprietor claims the estate as heir male of the family, and refers to a decree of the late Provincial Court said to be in favor of his claims.
5. Under all the circumstances of the case, the Court of Wards are of opinion that it would not be advisable for them to assume the management of the estate on the widow's behalf, as, from the Collector's account of the widow, there does not appear to be any urgent necessity for including her among "incapacitated" proprietors, and the Court, if they assumed charge, might be involved in law suits with the person claiming the property as heir male.

No. 193.

ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1866, No. 1,702.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government are disposed to concur with the Board, but before finally disposing of the matter they desire that the Collector will obtain a personal interview with the widow, and judge for himself how far the reports of her incompetency to manage the estate which have reached him are worthy of credence.
2. He will also report on what date he placed the Tahsildar in charge of the estate.
3. The delay of more than five months in reporting the case for orders is very reprehensible.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Godavery,  
the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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under date the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1866. -

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