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No. 91. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 17th March 1868, No. 1,915.

Read the following letter from the Collector and Agent to the Governor, Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Chetterpore, 6th December 1867, No. 3,710 :—

1. I have the honor to report on the administration of the estates in Ganjam, under the management of the Court of Wards for Fusly 1276, and to submit the usual Statements.

2. The estate of Purlah Kimedy was settled in the year under review, by Mr. Leman, the Principal Assistant Collector ; Jalantra by Messrs. Horsfall and Spedding, the Senior and Acting Senior Assistant Collectors ; Beredy by Mr. Grigg, the Assistant Collector ; and Barwah by the late Collector Mr. Forbes.

3. The nature of the season, the character of the harvest, the state of the market, and the sanitary condition of the district having been detailed in my report on the administration of the Government talooks, under date 28th September last, No. 3,022, I have nothing to add on these points, except to say that the relief-houses in all the estates, and the distribution of weekly doles of raw rice at Beredy, were continued up to December. The Court are aware that an advance in seed-grain, to the extent of Rupees 3,178, was made to the ryots of the Beredy estate, to enable them to cultivate their holdings for Fusly 1276. A remission of Rupees 3,789-1-7 on the demand of the Beredy estate, for the Fusly under notice, was also granted, during the time of settlement, in reference to the considerable extent of land that was left waste owing to deaths, desertions, and poverty, or in consideration of the destitute condition of the ryots who remained.

4. *Statement No. I.*—The subjoined table shews the variations in the number and tenure of villages. The increase in the total number of villages is owing to three small villages, which were hitherto treated as hamlets of the neighbouring villages, having been entered as distinct villages in the accounts of the Fusly under notice, in consequence of their having been surveyed as such, and to another small hamlet having been incorporated with the adjoining village :—

Items.	No. of villages.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Fusly 1275.	Fusly 1276.		
Ryotwar and joint-rent	570	564	...	6
Rents	17	12	...	5
Inam	418	431	13	...
Depopulated villages				
Total ...	1,005		13	11

5. Ryotwar and joint-rent.—To 570 villages classed under this head, during Fusly 1275, twelve have been newly added, namely, nine from the head rents, the remaining three being small villages hitherto treated as hamlets, as stated in paragraph 4.

Eighteen villages have, however, been transferred from this to other heads, namely, four to renters, the ryots not having agreed to take up the lands at a fair assessment; thirteen to the head of Inam, the Inam Commissioner having treated them as personal Inams of the Zemindar of Purlah Kimedy; and the other, a small hamlet, has been incorporated with the adjoining village; thus shewing a decrease of six villages under this head.

6. RENTS.—There were seventeen villages under this head, during Fusly 1275, to which four have been added from Ryotwar and joint-rent, the ryots not having agreed to pay a fair assessment; nine have, however, been transferred to Ryotwar, thus reducing the number of villages under this head to twelve.

7. INAM.—To 418 villages under this head, during Fusly 1275, thirteen have been added, the Inam Commissioner having treated them as personal Inams of the Purlah Kimedy Zemindar, as already stated in paragraph 5.

8. *Statement No. II.*—From this Statement it will be found that there is a decrease of Acres 1,058 in the extent of land under cultivation in the Purlah Kimedy Estate, below that of the preceding Fusly, subject to an assessment of Rupees 3,166, which is chiefly owing to the transfer of thirteen villages to the head of Inam, as stated in paragraph 5.

9. The actual extent of land in the jointly-rented villages of the Beredy, Barwah, and Jalantra Estates, cannot be ascertained, for reasons assigned in paragraph 10 of the Report on the administration of the estates under management for Fusly 1271.

10. The remission of Rupees 10,061-8-9, shewn in column 13, consists of the items detailed below; of which, the item "Cowle Remission" requires no comment. The second item represents three-eighths of assessment remitted to Thana Peons under the Orders of Government, dated the 8th July 1863, No. 1,224; while the third item is the amount of remissions granted to the ryots of the Beredy Estate in reference to the extent of land that was left waste, and the destitute state of the ryots; as well as a trifling remission of Rupees 75, granted to the ryots of the Purlah Kimedy talook in reference to loss of crops:—

Estates.	Cowle remission.	Three-eighths of the assessment on Thana Peon lands.	Loss of produce.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Purlah Kimedy	5,364 11 4	305 11 4	75 0 0	5,745 6 8
Beredy	526 4 6	.....	3,789 1 7	4,315 6 1
Barwah	0 12 0	.....	.....	0 12 0
Total ...	5,891 11 10	305 11 4	3,864 1 7	10,061 8 9

11. *Statement No. III.*—*Vide* remarks given in paragraphs 26 to 29 of the report.

12. *Statement No. IV.*—Of the current demand of the Purlah Kimedy Estate, namely, Rupees 2,28,363-14-2, Rupees 2,28,017-13-1 were collected within the close of the Fusly, and Rupees 254-0-2 subsequently, leaving a balance of Rupees

267-0-8. Of the demand on account of arrears of revenue, namely, 1,040-5-10, Rupees 749-4-3 were collected within the Fusly, and Rupees 44-5-0 remitted, leaving a balance of Rupees 246-12-7. Subsequent collections have reduced it to Rupees 238-1-10.

13. In consequence of the grant of a large remission on account of lands left waste, and in reference to the reduced state of the ryots, the current demand of the Beredy Estate has been reduced to Rupees 11,924-5-3, of which Rs. 10,316-5-4 have been collected within the close of Fusly, and Rupees 315-12-11 subsequently; leaving a balance of Rupees 1,292-3-0. Of the demand of Rupees 3,599-1-6 on account of arrears of Revenue only, Rupees 166-3-8 were collected within the close of the Fusly, and Rupees 156-15-0 subsequently; to which, however, Rs. 49-12-9 should be added, being the amount remitted under the orders of the Court of Wards, dated the 8th June 1867, No. 3,517, leaving a balance of Rupees 3,226-2-1, a large portion of which will have to be recommended for remission, as already stated in paragraph 16 of the report on the administration of the estates under management for Fusly 1275, after a due inquiry during the ensuing settlement.

14. The current demand of Barwah is Rupees 14,865-5-4, of which Rupees 13,183-5-4 have been collected within the Fusly, and Rupees 1,101-4-4 subsequently; leaving a balance of Rupees 580-11-8. Of the demand of Rs. 1,693-10-4 on account of arrears of revenue, Rupees 617-10-1 have been collected within the close of the Fusly, and Rupees 1,060-2-3 remitted under the orders of the Court of Wards, dated the 8th June 1867, No. 3,517; leaving a trifling balance of Rupees 15-14-0.

15. Of the current demand of Jalantra, viz., Rupees 18,054-3-0, Rupees 16,580-12-1 were collected within, and Rupees 686-1-10 subsequent to, the close of the Fusly; leaving Rupees 787-5-1 uncollected. Of the demand of Rs. 8,158-12-6 on account of arrears of revenue, Rupees 2,701-13-7 were collected within the Fusly, and Rupees 135-12-9 subsequently; leaving a balance of Rupees 5,321-2-2 uncollected. No inquiry was instituted during the last settlement as to the recoverable and irrecoverable portions of this balance, owing to the reduced state of the ryots; but measures have been adopted to collect so much as can be fairly realized, and the remainder will be recommended for remission in my next report.

16. The following statement shews the irrecoverable balances recommended for remission:—

Estate.	Fuslies.	Ryotwar and joint-rent.	Rents.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Purlah Kimedy	1274	3 12 3	... ...	3 12 3
	1277	157 10 8	... ...	157 10 8
Total ...	...	161 6 11	... ...	161 6 11

17. Of the above balance, Rupees 132-10-4 are due by eight paiker ryots in five villages; the lands belonging to one of the defaulters, who owes Rs. 105-11-6, were put up for sale, but there were no bidders; Rupees 27-15-3 are due by ryots who have absconded; Annas 13-4 is the shist of a piece of land taken up for a road.

18. Under the above explanations, I request the Court will be pleased to accord their sanction for writing off the accounts the abovementioned sum of Rupees 161-6-11.

19. *Statement No. V.*—The amount inserted in column 6 is the interest realized on Government Securities, but the sum shewn against Beredy is only a portion of the interest drawn on Government Securities, and the discount effected in the purchase of fresh notes; the 1,000 Rupees remitted by means of a transfer receipt with the Court's Proceedings, dated the 14th May 1866, No. ——, having been duly credited in the accounts of Fusly 1275.

20. Of the entries in column 7, the sum shewn against Purlah Kimedy consists chiefly of the grant of 50,000 Rupees made in reimbursement of the Police charges, (formerly debited to the Purlah Kimedy Estate,) under the orders of Government, dated the 29th May 1865, No. 1,122; as well as rents of houses, &c.; and the entry against Beredy is the money borrowed from the Purlah Kimedy Estate to meet expenses. The Court in their Proceedings of the 22nd September 1866, No. ——, having stated that the necessary adjustment had been made in their accounts, nothing has been done here, but it will be adjusted on the receipt of the accounts current from the Court, and the rest is the deposit made by fishery renters.

21. The amount entered against Barwah represents costs of a civil suit recovered from the Jarada Zemindar, as well as the recovery, from the Zemindar of Mandasa, of the proportionate cost of erecting a sluice, which regulates the supply of water to the villages of both properties.

22. The entry against Jalantra consists of the deposits made by the renters of certain villages, whose leases are still to run; of the sale proceeds of an old tent; and of discount effected in the purchase of certain Government Promissory Notes.

23. The particulars of items shewn in columns 10 to 19 are given in Statement No. 7.

24. *Enclosure A of Statement No. V.*—The entry against Beredy represents the money borrowed from the Jalantra and Purlah Kimedy Estates, during Fuslies 1275 and 1276, and that against Jalantra is the one alluded to in paragraph 23 of the report for Fusly 1274.

25. *Enclosure B of Statement No. V.*—The items against Purlah Kimedy and Jalantra are the sums lent to the Beredy Estate.

26. *Statement No. VI.*—The increase in the current demand of Purlah Kimedy is chiefly the result of increased receipts on account of the Forest Conservancy Department; of the assessment of waste lands brought to account subsequent to Jummabundy, and of the recovery of the advance made to Lieutenant Wynch; though there is a decrease in the Land Revenue demand, owing to the transfer of thirteen villages from Jeroyati to Inam, as explained in paragraph 5 of the report.

27. The decrease in that of Beredy is mainly due to the grant of large remissions during the Fusly under review, in reference to the considerable extent of land that has been left fallow, and to the reduced state of ryots.

28. The increase in the demand of Barwah arose from the keen competition at the time of renting out of the cusbah village of the estate.

29. The trifling increase in the demand of Jalantra requires no comment.

30. The increase in the collections of Purlah Kimedy and Barwah is referable to the causes given in paragraphs 26 and 28.

31. The increase in Beredy and Jalantra is referable to the comparatively favorable nature of the season.

32. The decrease in the total charges of the Purlah Kimedy Estate is chiefly referable to a comparatively smaller amount paid on account of the Survey Establishment; though grants to the extent of 3,000 Rupees were made for the ceremonies of boring the ears of the Zemindar's son and naming his infant, (against 3,500 Rupees during the preceding year); though the pay of the Manager's Establishment has been raised under the orders of the Court, dated the 11th June 1866, No. 3,979; and though certain charges incurred by the Court have been included in the account of the Fusly under notice, whereas no such debits were made in the preceding year.

33. The decrease in the total charges of the Beredy Estate is mainly the result of smaller amounts expended, during the Fusly under notice, in the purchase of seed-grain advanced to the ryots, and in maintaining the relief-house at Beredy, as compared with the expenses incurred during the preceding year on these accounts.

34. The increase in the total charges of the Barwah Estate is chiefly referable to grants to the extent of 3,620 Rupees made for marriages and tonsure, and for the purchase of paddy for the use of the family.

35. The decrease in the total charges of the Jalantra Estate is principally owing to the large expenditure incurred, during the preceding year, in maintaining a relief-house, and a loan of 3,000 Rupees made to the Beredy Estate, whereas no such expenditure has been incurred during Fusly under notice.

36. *Enclosure A of Statement No. VI.*—The Zemindar of Purlah Kimedy has two sons and two daughters; all of tender age.

37. The Beredy and Barwah Minors are placed under a private tutor at this station, and are subject to my occasional examination. Their progress is slow. The following table shews their studies, which the Court will find corresponds with those prescribed for the third and first classes respectively in the Government school so far as the English language is concerned:—

	English.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	History.	Telugu.
Beredy Minors.	3rd Reader. Selections in Poetry, Part I. Elements of Grammar.	As far as Vulgar Fractions.	Outlines of Geography.	Indian History, Part I.	2nd Book of Lessons. Sesha's Grammar.
Purlah do.	2nd Reader.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.

38. *Statement No. VII.*—This Statement requires no remark.

39. *Statement No. VIII.*—A separate Progress Report of Public Works executed in the Estate of Purlah Kimedy during the Fusly under review accompanies it, from which it will be found that a sum of Rupees 14,359-14-7 was laid out on the construction and repairs of Irrigation works, Rupees 17,707-9-0 on roads and

bridges; Rupees 2,718-4-2 on buildings; and Rupees 52 in the purchase of tools, stationery, and office furniture, making a total of Rupees 34,837-11-9.

40. A Progress Report of Public Works executed in the Estates of Beredy, Barwah, and Jalantra is also sent; from which it will be found that Rs. 1,588-10-3, in excess of the outlay of the preceding year, have been spent in reference to the necessities of the famine.

41. A statement shewing the results of (1) Susaram, (2) Rajapuram, and (3) Siddhibeharakottur, three petty estates (forming one property) under the management of a relative of the minor Proprietor, is also submitted.

42. With reference to paragraphs 7 and 4 of the Court's Proceedings, dated the 8th June and 12th August last, Nos. 3,517 and 5,184, respectively, a memorandum, shewing the results of the Forest Conservancy of the Purlah Kimedy Estate, during the Fuslies 1275 and 1276, is noted below, from which it will be found that the receipts of Fusly 1276 exceeded the charges by Rupees 776-5-4, while the receipts of the previous year fell short of the disbursements by Rupees 817-7-2:—

Fuslies.	Receipts.	Disbursements.	Saving.	Deficit.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1276	2,177 10 9	1,401 5 5	776 5 4	.....
1275	1,382 8 10	2,200 0 0	.....	817 7 2

43. At the close of Fusly 1275, there remained on hand 2,656 logs, consisting of 41,062 cubic feet; and at the close of Fusly under review 2,193 logs, consisting of 34,627 cubic feet, at the several depôts noted in the subjoined statement:—

Depôt.	Balance in store at the close of Fusly 1275.		Balance in store at the close of Fusly 1276.	
	Logs.	Cubic feet.	Logs.	Cubic feet.
Gummah	1,770	30,000	1,770	30,000
Jiranghi	296	4,000	296	4,000
Wandrasinghi	30	400	30	400
Gybah	420	5,420	.....	.....
Kinchalinghy	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kimedy	140	1,242	97	227
Total ...	2,656	41,062	2,193	34,627

44. The Acting Principal Assistant is of opinion, that this return cannot be relied upon, so far as the number of logs remaining in store at Gummah, Jiranghi, and Wandrasinghi is concerned; the same number has been shown on paper year after year since 1864, there being no means of deporting them. The logs are not lying in one place, but scattered through the forests. No accurate measurement was ever taken of the size, and many must have rotted.

45. Of late, operations have been confined to the Jiranghi and Gybah forests. Contracts have been entered into to fell timber in these forests, and deliver it at the Kinchalinghy depôt; from which place logs are conveyed on contract to the central depôt at Kimedy. From the Gummah forests, however, the timber is deported direct to the central depôt at Kimedy on contract; but no contractors will undertake to deport timber from the other forests, their approaches being almost inaccessible.

46. The late Principal Assistant, Mr. Leman, entered into contract with the Executive Engineer, at Vizagapatam, to supply him with 2,400 cubic feet of timber at one Rupee per cubic foot inclusive of cartage, and Mr. Wigram is now negotiating a fresh contract at higher rates. Timber has also been supplied to the Range Officers at Chicacole and Kimedy; and such logs as are of too small a girth are periodically sold by public auction at the Kimedy depôt.

47. In addition to the contract system, permits are also sold at the Manager's office at the rate of one Rupee each. The permit entitles the holder to fell and carry away a single log from the forests at his own expense. On junglewood and firewood cut below the ghauts seigniorage is paid.

48. The operations may be extended if means of transport were available.

49. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Court's Proceedings, No. 5,514, dated the 26th August last, communicating the Order of Government, dated the 7th July, No. 1,527, calling for the information required by the Secretary of State, I beg to state that there are no Forests containing valuable timber *below the ghauts*; but, according to the survey accounts, there are about 50,000 acres of uncleared jungle, and about 75,000 acres of hills, mostly covered with jungle; making in all about 200 square miles. There is hardly any valuable timber in these jungles; they principally consist of scrub and brushwood, and are conserved by the village officers overlooked by the Manager's peons. The supply far exceeds the local demand, and there is no export trade; there is, therefore, no fear of deficiency as regards the common junglewood and fuel. Leases on favorable terms are also granted to reclaim large tracts of waste, which are well-adapted for cultivation. On the hills, the Sourahs clear small patches of jungle for cultivation in one year, and abandon them in the next, but this is not considered detrimental, as the jungle soon recovers its former condition.

50. The Forests *above the Ghauts* contain good timber, principally Sâl and Akis; but these tracts have never been surveyed, and their extent cannot, therefore, be correctly stated. These forests are at present difficult of access. There are no proper communications, and operations, therefore, involve a considerable outlay to be profitable. The Sâl is in great demand for building and other purposes, but the demand for Akis is only a local one.

51. The Acting Principal Assistant proposes to visit the Hills in December or January next, when a detailed report will be submitted regarding the extent and capabilities of these forests.

52. The Revenue Survey of the Purlah Kimedy Estate has been completed, all the maps of 469 villages have been received. The classification of lands is in progress, and the revision of assessment will be commenced during the ensuing Cumbhumdy, which will take place in December or January next.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the number of villages under the several modes of settlement of the estates under management, and the age of the Minors in Fusly 1276, in the district of Ganjam.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Statement of cultivation and settlement of the Ryotwar villages under management for Fusly 1276.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—General Abstract of the whole Revenue demand of Estates under management for Fusly 1276.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the Demand, Collection, and Balance of the whole revenue of the estates under management for Fusly 1276 in the district of Ganjam.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.

ABSTRACT.—Financial Statement of receipts and charges of the estates under management of Fusly 1276, with enclosures A and B, regarding the debts due by, and to, the several estates.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

ABSTRACT.—Comparative Statement of Demand, Collection, and Charges of the estates under management, between Fuslies 1275 and 1276, with enclosure A, regarding the education and progress of the Minors.

ENCLOSURE No. 7.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the particulars of charges incurred in each estate in Fusly 1276, in the district of Ganjam.

ENCLOSURE No. 8.

ABSTRACT.—Progress Report of works executed in the estates under management of the Court of Wards in the Ganjam district, during Fusly 1276.

ENCLOSURE No. 9.

ABSTRACT.—Statement shewing the particulars of estates in charge of guardians or relatives of the Minor Proprietors, as well as of those under attachment by the Civil Court in Fusly 1276.

ENCLOSURE No. 10.

ABSTRACT.—Annual Progress Report of works in Kimedy Zemindary, Ganjam district, for the Fusly 1276 ending 30th June 1867.

1. During Fusly 1267, the Court of Wards continued to hold the estates of Purlah Kimedy, Beredy, Barwah, and Jalantra, in the Ganjam district.

2. The rain-fall throughout the district was copious and timely, but the effects of the famine were felt until the new paddy was harvested at the close of 1866. Relief-houses were kept up in all the estates, and, in Beredy, weekly doles of rice were distributed until December; Rupees 3,178 was expended in supplying the ryots with seed-grain, and Rupees 3,789 of the revenue demand was remitted.

3. Before reviewing the results of management, it is necessary to point out that a mistake has been made in Statements Nos. 5 and 7. The sum borrowed from Purlah Kimedy by Beredy was Rupees 2,500, and it was repaid out of the proceeds of the sale of a Promissory Note belonging to Beredy which realized Rupees 4,522-8-11. The Collector has, through some confusion, entered this sum, instead of Rupees 2,500, amongst the charges of Purlah Kimedy, as the amount lent to Beredy. It has thus been necessary to reduce the Purlah Kimedy charges and the Beredy receipts by Rupees 2,022-8-11. The office copy of the Statements should be similarly corrected. The re-payment of the loan will be adjusted in the Collector's accounts, when he receives copy of the account current kept in the Court's office, which will soon be forwarded to him.

4. The Land Revenue demand in Purlah Kimedy decreased in consequence of the transfer of thirteen villages from Jeroyati to Inam, but the total current demand increased slightly. The collections were satisfactorily effected. The amount at the credit of the estate at the beginning of the Fusly was Rs. 11,23,737; the receipts from all sources aggregated Rupees 3,26,609; and the charges Rupees 2,10,915; so that the balance at the end of the Fusly was Rupees 12,39,431. Of this sum, Rupees 10,70,300 was then invested in Government paper, and Rupees 1,40,200 has been invested since its close.

Fusly 1275,	Rupees	2,28,878
„ 1276,	„	2,28,539
		461

5. Irrecoverable arrears, amounting to Rupees 161-6-4, may be written off the accounts.

6. The abstract given in the margin shews the expenditure on public works. It was less than the expenditure sanctioned in the Budget by Rupees 17,940, but this was owing, in great measure, to the discovery that the works on the Butticheripuram anicut and channels would be useless, and their consequent abandonment. This undertaking was projected by the late Captain Phillips, who thought that it would make 14,000 acres of irrigated land independent of the local rain-fall. It was found, after the work had been commenced, that the source of supply for the new channels was precarious, and that a gross error had been made respecting the levels; so that the work had to be stopped after Rupees 15,328 had been spent upon it. The Court regret this unfortunate mistake, but they could not have withheld their sanction from a project which, according to competent professional opinion, promised so well.

	Rs.
Agricultural	8,432
Communications	4,691
Repairs, Buildings	2,718
Agricultural	5,928
Communications	13,016
Tools and Stores	52
Establishment	5,410
	40,247

7. A sum of Rupees 2,982-5-8, Rupees 172-5-6 in excess of the estimate, was spent in making a channel from Dasapuram to the Karagudah tank, and Rupees 423 more will be required to finish it. The Court will be prepared to authorize the expenditure of the sum necessary to finish this useful work, but application should be made, and the unexpected expenditure explained in a separate communication.

8. The only other important new agricultural works in progress were sluices on the Goppilly, Lutchmisagaram, and Urlunetta Rungasagaram tanks: Rupees 4,065 was spent in strengthening the latter. Good progress was made on the Palacondah road, where six bridges and twenty tunnels have been completed and seven miles opened for traffic, and on the Palam and Semboor road, where the track has been cleared of jungle throughout, and 9½ miles of earthwork completed.

9. If it were not for the failure at Butticherypoorum, the Court would look back on the progress made on public works with great satisfaction.

10. The only forests in the estate which contain valuable timber lie above the ghaut: they are difficult of access, and their extent is unknown. The Collector says, that contractors will not undertake to convey timber from any but the Gummah forests to the Kimedy Depôt. The Court are inclined to believe that expenditure in opening out approaches to these forests would be remunerating, and hope the point will be touched upon in the detailed report promised after the visit of the Acting Principal Assistant to the hills, which was to take place in December or January. The jungles below the ghauts cover about 200 square miles, and contain nothing better than brushwood. There is no export of firewood. Conservancy was successful in its results. The receipts amounted to Rupees 2,178, and gave a net profit of Rupees 776. In Fusly 1275, there was a loss of Rupees 817.

11. Paragraphs 42 to 51 of the Collector's report will be communicated to Government with reference to Government Order, dated 9th July 1867, No. 1,527, paragraph 1, and 19th July 1867, No. 1,615, paragraph 11.

12. The Court are glad to find that the revenue survey had been completed when the Collector wrote, and that it was hoped that the revision of assessment would be finished by this time.

13. The Zemindar, who is now thirty-seven years old, has two sons and two daughters. The Collector should give their names and ages in his next report, and say whether any opinion can yet be formed as to their character and disposition.

14. The current demand in the Beredy estate decreased in consequence of the large remissions which it was found necessary to give, and of the reduced state of the ryots. Rupees 4,991 were outstanding at the end of the Fusly, and Rupees 4,518 on the 31st October, but the greater portion of this consists of arrears which accrued before Fusly 1267, much of which must, the Collector states, be remitted.

Fusly 1275, Rupees	12,733	
„ 1276, „	11,924	
		814

15. The total receipts of the year were Rupees 13,146, and the charges amounted to Rupees 12,481, so that the balance at the credit of the estate was increased to Rupees 18,315. Only Rupees 815 of this is in cash. Rupees 5,500 was due to Purlah Kimedy and Jalantra, and the whole sum was repaid though it is not shown as adjusted in the Collector's accounts, because the half-yearly account current had not been sent to the Collector from the Court's office before his report was written.

16. The demand in the Barwah Estate increased in consequence of the higher rent obtained for the [illegible] village. The receipts amounted to Rupees 15,013. The charges increased by Rupees 3,544. This was chiefly due to disbursements on the occasion of the Tonsure ceremony of one of the minors, and the marriage of two of their brothers. The cost of establishment was increased from Rupees 607 to Rupees 803, by an average [illegible] of salaries sanctioned in the Court's Pro-

Fusly 1275, Rupees	13,040	
„ 1276, „	14,862	
		1,822
Fusly 1275, Rupees	11,287	
„ 1276, „	14,831	
		3,544

ceedings, dated 26th March 1866, No. 2,128, and the maintenance allowance was swollen by the salary of a tutor, by the rent of a school-house, and by purchases of paddy for the use of the family, as well as by an increase of Rupees 25 in the allowance of the family of each of the minors. The cost of the paddy is to be recovered from the monthly maintenance allowance. The balance at the credit of the estate increased by the end of the Fusly to Rupees 16,191.

17. The Beredy minors are sixteen and fourteen years old, and the Barwah minors thirteen and sixteen years old respectively. They are educated together at Chetterpore under a tutor appointed in February 1866. The Court are sorry to hear that their progress is slow. They request that the Collector will, in his next report, give them a more detailed account of the boys, from which they may judge better what prospect there is that their wards will reflect credit on the management under which they have been brought up.

18. The demand in Jalantra increased slightly, and the collections improved greatly in consequence of the favorable character of the season. The receipts were Rupees 20,980; the charges were Rupees 12,053, being much smaller than in Fusly 1275, when there were large disbursements from exceptional causes. The balance at credit at the end of the year was Rupees 32,458; Rupees 27,500 of this sum is now invested in Government paper.

19. The minor is a boy seven years old. Nothing is said about his education in this report, but the Court have contributed Rupees 100 towards a school-house which the ryots are about to build at Sompetta, the chief village on the estate, and have promised to give Rupees 10 a month towards the salary of a Master. They hope that, as has been suggested by the Collector, advantage will be taken of it to commence the education of their ward before many months are over.

No. 92. ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1868, No. 1,227.

Miscellaneous.

1. Paragraphs 42 to 51 of the Collector and Agent's report, and paragraph 10 of the Court's Proceedings, will be communicated to the Secretary of State for India, with reference to his Despatch 16th May 1867, No. 12.

2. The Government conclude that the results of the management of the several Estates in Ganjam during Fusly 1276, will be incorporated in the general review by the Court of Wards of the management of Estates under their charge during that Fusly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

ENCLOSURE No. 6.

ABSTRACT.—Comparative Statement of Demand, Collection and Charges of the estates under management, between Fuslies 1275 and 1276, with enclosure A regarding the education and progress of the Minors.

ENCLOSURE No. 7.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the particulars of charges incurred in each estate in Fusly 1276, in the district of Ganjam.

ENCLOSURE No. 8.

ABSTRACT.—Progress Report of works executed in the estates under management of the Court of Wards in the Ganjam district, during Fusly 1276.

ENCLOSURE No. 9.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the particulars of estates in charge of guardians or relatives of the Minor Proprietors, as well as of those under attachment by the Civil Court in Fusly 1276.

ENCLOSURE No. 10.

ABSTRACT.—Annual Progress Report of works in Kimedy Zemindary, Ganjam district, for the Fusly 1276 ending 30th June 1867.

1. During Fusly 1267 the Court of Wards continued to hold the estates of Furlah Kimedy, Beredy, Barwah, and Jalantra in the Ganjam district.

2. The rain fall throughout the district was copious and general, but the effects of the famine were felt until the new paddy was harvested at the close of 1866. Relief-houses were kept up in all the estates, and in Beredy weekly doles of rice were distributed until December; Rupees 3,178 was expended in supplying the ryots with seed-grain, and Rupees 3,789 of the revenue demand was remitted.

3. Before reviewing the results of management, it is necessary to point out that a mistake has been made in Statements Nos. 5 and 7. The sum borrowed from Purlah Kimedy by Beredy was Rupees 2,500, and it was repaid out of the proceeds of the sale of a Promissory Note belonging to Beredy which realized Rupees 4,522-8-11. The Collector has, through some confusion, entered this sum instead of Rupees 2,500 amongst the charges of Purlah Kimedy as the amount lent to Beredy. It has thus been necessary to reduce the Purlah Kimedy charges and the Beredy receipts by Rupees 2,022-8-11. The office copy of the Statements should be similarly corrected. The repayment of the loan will be adjusted in the Collector's accounts when he receives copy of the account-current kept in the Court's office, which will soon be forwarded to him.

4. The Land Revenue demand in Purlah Kimedy decreased in consequence of the transfer of thirteen villages from Jeroyati to Inam, but the total current demand increased slightly. The collections were satisfactorily effected. The amount at the credit of the estate at the beginning of the Fusly was Rupees 11,23,737; the receipts from all sources aggregated Rupees 3,26,609; and the charges Rupees 2,10,915; so that the balance at the end of the Fusly was Rupees 12,39,431. Of this sum Rupees 10,70,200 was then invested in Government paper, and Rupees 1,40,200 has been invested since its close.

Fusly 1275, Rupees	2,28,878
„ 1276, „	2,28,539
	461

5. Irrecoverable arrears, amounting to Rupees 161-6-4, may be written off the accounts.

6. The abstract given in the margin shows the expenditure on public works. It was less than the expenditure sanctioned in the Budget by Rupees 17,940, but this was owing in great measure to the discovery that the works on the Butticheripuram anicut and channels would be useless, and their consequent abandonment This undertaking was projected by the late

	Rs.
Agricultural	8,432
Communications	4,691
Repairs, Buildings	2,718
Agricultural	5,928
Communications	13,016
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	40,247

Captain Phillips, who thought that it would make 14,000 acres of irrigated land independent of the local rain-fall. It was found, after the work had been commenced, that the source of supply for the new channels was precarious, and that a gross error had been made respecting the levels; so that the work had to be stopped after Rupees 15,328 had been spent upon it. The Court regret this unfortunate mistake, but they could not have withheld their sanction from a project which, according to competent professional opinion, promised so well.

7. A sum of Rupees 2,982-5-3, Rupees 172-5-6 in excess of the estimate, was spent in making a channel from Dasapuram to the Karagulah tank, and Rupees 423 more will be required to finish it. The Court will be prepared to authorize the expenditure of the sum necessary to finish this useful work, but application should be made, and the unexpected expenditure explained in a separate communication.

8. The only other important new agricultural works in progress were sluices on the Goppilly, Lutchmisagaram, and Urlunetta Rungasagaram tanks: Rupees 4,065 was spent in strengthening the latter. Good progress was made on the Palacondah road, where six bridges and twenty tunnels have been completed and seven miles opened for traffic, and on the Palam and Semboor road, where the track has been cleared of jungle throughout, and 9¼ miles of earthwork completed.

9. If it were not for the failure at Batticherypoorum the Court would look back on the progress made on public works with great satisfaction.

10. The only forests in the estate which contain valuable timber lie above the ghaut: they are difficult of access, and their extent is unknown. The Collector says that contractors will not undertake to convey timber from any but the Gummah forests to the Kimedy Depôt. The Court are inclined to believe that expenditure in opening out approaches to these forests would be remunerating, and hope the point will be touched upon in the detailed report promised after the visit of the Acting Principal Assistant to the hills, which was to take place in December or January. The jungles below the ghauts cover about 200 square miles, and contain nothing better than brushwood. There is no export of firewood. Conservancy was successful in its results. The receipts amounted to Rupees 2,178, and gave a net profit of Rupees 776. In Fusly 1275 there was a loss of Rupees 817.

11. Paragraphs 42 to 51 of the Collector's report will be communicated to Government with reference to Government Order, dated 9th July 1867, No. 1,527, paragraph 1, and 19th July 1867, No. 1,615, paragraph 11.

12. The Court are glad to find that the revenue survey had been completed when the Collector wrote, and that it was hoped that the revision of assessment would be finished by this time.

13. The Zemindar, who is now thirty-seven years old, has two sons and two daughters. The Collector should give their names and ages in his next report, and say whether any opinion can yet be formed as to their character and disposition.

14. The current demand in the Beredy estate decreased in consequence of the large remissions which it was found necessary to give, and of the reduced state of the ryots. Rupees 4,991 were outstanding at the end of the Fusly, and Rupees 4,518 on the 31st October, but the greater portion of this consists of arrears which accrued before Fusly 1267, much of which must, the Collector states, be remitted.

Fusly 1275, Rupees	1,2738
,, 1276, ,,	11,924
	814

15. The total receipts of the year were Rupees 13,146, and the charges amounted to Rupees 12,131, so that the balance at the credit of the estate was increased to Rupees 18,315. Only Rupees 810 of this was in cash. Rupees 5,500 was due to Purlah Kimedy and Jeantra, and the whole sum was remitted though it is not shown in the Collector's accounts, because the half-yearly account current had not been received from the Collector from the Court's office when the report was written.

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Revenue Department.

No. 1227.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 5th ~~April~~ May 1868.

Read the following Pro: of the Court of Wards:—

Receiving report of Collector of Ganjam on administration of Estates under Management of Court of Wards in that district for Fasli 1276.

Above entered 17th March 1868 No. 1915.

Paragraphs 42 to 51 of the Collr's report and para 10 of the Court's Proceedings are to be communicated to the Secy of State for India with reference to his Despatch dated 14th May 1867 para 15.

2. The Govt consider that the Board of Revenue and the Manager of the Court of Wards

Several Estates in Ganjam during Fasli 1276 will be incorporated in the general review by the Court of Wards of the Management of Estates under their charge during that Fasli –

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