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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th July 1868.*

No. 99. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 25th June 1868, No. 4,705 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 1st June 1868, No. 750.

1. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Government Order, No. 1,275, of the 8th of May, I have the honor to inform you that I have arranged with the Principal of the Lawrence Asylums that the lad to be trained at Nellumbur should receive Rupees 40 per mensem for the three or four months that he may be in training, and also his actual travelling expenses to Nellumbur and eventually from Nellumbur to Kimeddy, and that when he has joined his appointment, he should receive Rupees 60 per mensem for the first year, and if he continues to give satisfaction, an increase of 10 Rupees at the first year, and a further 10 Rupees after two years. I request, therefore, that the sanction of the Court of Wards may be obtained for these charges; the lad is now ready to start, and the Asylum will pay the charges which should be remitted by the Collector of Ganjam.

2. Teak plantations are being opened out in the Kimeddy estate, and the training at Nellumbur will be of advantage in this case, and if hands are required for similar operations in the Central Provinces, North Canara, Travancore, or Nagpore, lads from the Asylum might be trained at Nellumbur; in the event, however, of any of our Collectors requiring Europeans for general planting operations, I am of opinion that a training under our officers in the Salem, Cuddapah, and North Arcot districts, will be of more use than a training at Nellumbur.

Transferred to the Court of Wards.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

3rd June 1868.

Secretary to Government, R. D.

1. The Court of Wards approve of the terms on which the Conservator of Forests has engaged a lad at the Lawrence Asylum to be trained at Nellumbur for employment in the Kimeddy Forests.

2. The name of the lad should be reported. The Collector of Ganjam will arrange for the payment of his salary, &c. The bill for travelling charges should be submitted to the Court for sanction.

No. 100.

ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1868, No. 1,874.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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Order

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Pro. of Govt. for July

No. 2282.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 25th June 1868.

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No. 4,705.

Approving of the terms on which the Conservator of Forests has engaged a lad at the Lawrence Asylum to be trained at Nellumber for employment in the Kimidy Forests, and directing Collector of Ganjam to arrange for payment of his salary &c. and to submit bill for travelling charges for sanction.

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Revenue Survey Office
Camp Coimbatore
18th June 1868

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir

I am forwarding the enclosed appeal, from
a (Mr. Johnson) late Head Surveyor against his dismissal
by me in October last. I have the honor to submit,
the Memo of enquiry made by me at the time, extracts
from my inspection order in October 1867, and a few
remarks on the present petition.

2. As Mr. Johnson lays particular stress on
Mr. Wright, 1st Assistant Superintendent, lately in
charge of the Kurnool Survey, being called on for
his opinion, with regard to Mr. Johnson's guilt, he
has, by my desire, written to me an explanatory letter
(also enclosed).

3. The original documents referred to, in my
Memo of enquiry, are in my Office, and can be
produced if called for, all other papers are in the
Kurnool Survey Office.

I have the honor to be
your Most Obed^t Servant
W. H. Smith
Superintendent Rev. Survey

Reference. Mr. Johnson's own statement of his own services 1866.

1. Mr. Johnson submitted the false returns before his attack of cholera; his illness, therefore, & alleged absconding of his servant with money, could not possibly affect the payments that ought to have been made, and were reported to have been made previously.

2. In Mr. Wright's letter attached, it will be seen, that Mr. Johnson was employed in office out of kindness, because he was in debt. When no Assistant Superintendent is in office, it will, of course, happen, that to a head Surveyor, who may be there, work of a similar character will be entrusted i.e. examination of maps & records.

3. Same statement 1867. See Mr. Wright's letter Paras 2 & 3. Mr. Johnson was merely entrusted with the keys as a convenience during office hours, & was appointed to act as Manager during the time the Manager was sick.

4. The statement is simply false. He was entrusted with no other duties in the field than were being at the same time carried out in the Department by perhaps a dozen Head Surveyors junior to him.

5. Mr. Johnson tried by every means in his power to avoid the enquiry on his conduct, and among other expedients tendered his resignation which was not accepted. It will be seen, by the specific

specific charges against him, that the enquiry was not, as he states, into his conduct, since he entered the Department. He disobeyed the order to attend the enquiry, sending word that he had taken a dose of medicine.

6. With regard to his having been so frequently recommended for promotion, I beg to refer to Inspection Order (appended) Para 7. one of the irregularities in the conduct of the Establishment specially noticed with disapprobation is the recommendation of men for promotion who were totally unworthy of it.

7. In September 1867, when inspecting A. 2 party, I found that a number of Surveyors, had been guilty of gross irregularities, and considered it my duty to take the responsibility and odium of the severe measures that were required in removing the guilty higher subordinates, instead of leaving the enquiry to be made by the Deputy Superintendent who had not long before taken charge.

Revenue Survey Office
Camp Coimbatore
13th June 1868

W. H. L. L. L.
Superintendent Rev. Survey

Copy of a letter from J. W. Wright Esq. 1st Asst. Supt. Rev. Survey, to the Supt. Rev. Survey, dated Madras 9th June 1868.

I have the honor to submit the following explanation, with reference to Mr. Johnson's appeal against your decision.

1. An enquiry was held, to ascertain how much money was due by Mr. Johnson on account of

of the advances sent from time to time to meet the weekly cooly expenditure, and believing his statement, about his servant having run away with the money, he was permitted to refund the amount on pay day, and the matter allowed to pass over, this was in August 1866, to the best of my recollection.

2. Mr. Johnson being in debt, he was permitted to remain in office for a long period, as he would have less expenses than if working in the field.

3. Mr. Johnson was called upon to act for the Manager while he was sick, but was not trusted solely with the keys of either the Cash Chest or the stores, for the former there was a shopkeeper, the latter a regular store Gymastah who kept the accounts of all the stores &c. The keys were in my own possession except in the day time when given for either the issue of money or stores.

4. From the examination of the documents I have now perused, there can be no doubt that Mr. Johnson did falsify the returns.

J.B.

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Submitting with remarks
re an appeal from Mr. S.
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