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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2919 Press Mis.

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Dated 21-11- 19 1868

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st November 1868.

No. 374. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th October 1868, No. 7,492 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 14th September 1868, No. 919.

1. Referring to the orders of the Board of Revenue, No. 4,705, of the 25th of June 1868, I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Ferguson, the Assistant Conservator at Nellumbur, reports that the lad, James Fowler, sent from the Lawrence Asylum to be trained at Nellumbur, can never possibly qualify himself for the independent charge of a Forest or Plantation, and adds that he is quite wanting in mental abilities ; under these circumstances I have thought it proper to order him back at once to the Lawrence Asylum.

2. If an Overseer is required for the Kimedy Plantations, (which, from a recent conversation with the late Collector of that district, I have some doubt,) I would suggest that an East Indian or Native should be sent from that district to be trained. It appears that the lads, who are put into the Gardener's Class at the Lawrence Asylum, are generally those that show no aptitude for accounts or book-work, and these lads will hardly answer as Forest Overseers.

Communicated to the Collector of Ganjam, who is requested to ascertain and report if there is any person in his district whose age, position, and abilities are such as to induce the Collector to recommend his being sent for instruction under one of the Forest Officers, to qualify him as a Forest Overseer for the Kimedy Forests and Teak Plantations ; the plantation alone would not furnish adequate occupation ; and if so, whether the youth selected is willing to proceed for this purpose on conditions similar to those laid down in the Proceedings of Government of the 4th July 1868, No. 1,874, Revenue Department. The range to which the youth shall be sent may be determined hereafter in connection with the Conservator; the advantages of Nellumbur do not appear to be such as to counterbalance the great disadvantage of distance from Ganjam.

2. A copy of these Proceedings will be sent to the Director of Public Instruction, with reference to the remarks made by the Officiating Conservator of Forests in the last paragraph of his letter, regarding the qualification of lads in the Gardener's Class of the Lawrence Asylum.

3. The Board also resolve to lay these Proceedings before Government for consideration as to whether the Estate of the Kimedy Zemindar can in fairness be charged with the expenses incurred in connection with the lad James Fowler, who has been sent back to Ootacamund as incompetent: the Board consider that these charges should be borne by Government.

Training school for ... Forest

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 21st.

Read.

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G. O., 21st November 1868, No. 2,910.

Forwarded for the Opinion of the Board of Revenue.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 374-375.

Training of a lad for Kimedy Forests.—Expenses incurred in connection with James Fowler, who was sent back to the Asylum as incompetent, to be borne by Government.

Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the November 1868.—

Read the following

Pro: of the Board of Revenue

Requesting orders as to whether Pitchai Kiriedy Estates in Ganjam should be charged with expenses incurred in connection with lad who was sent from Lawrence Asylum to be trained at Nellumbur and ordered back as incompetent.—

(A. G. 19th October 1868 No. 7492.)

1.

The Board are requested to state the grounds of the recommendation contained in the last paragraph of their Proceedings. It is observed that the lad James Fowler and another were reported by the Secretary to the Lawrence Asylum to be ready to join the proposed Training school for the Forest

Forest Department, and that when a proposal was circulated by the Board to meet the cost of their salaries and expenses from Local funds, the Agent to the Court of Wards in Ganjam proposed to do so on account of the Kinnedy Estate in Fowler's case and that this proposal was eventually sanctioned by the Court of Wards.

The Govt. of Madras selected a lad who was to succeed on his attaining majority. The Govt. showed under such circumstances Khundkhasi enhanced their selection should be cancelled equitably be cleared off the remedy by Govt. showed appeal with the Govt. [illegible]

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Counsel -

Revise the
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Draft Enclosed

Mr Forbes
M.D.

No 2919

No 3391.

The Govt agree with the Board that the expenses referred to in para 3 of their Proc^g cannot equitably be charged to the Kinnedy Estate, and must account therefor per the same being borne by Govt

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