

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 3187

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th December 1869.*

No. 222. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 28th October 1869, No. 45 :—

I HAVE had under my consideration in Council the despatch from your Excellency in Council, dated the 24th August last, (No. 50,) with which you forward a Memorial from Narrainsawmy Chetty and his two brothers, sons of the late Gopala Chetty, lessee and part proprietor of the Samudrum Mootah in Salem, praying for the restoration to them of the estate of their late father.

2. The information contained in your despatch is not on all points sufficiently explicit to enable me to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. It appears that, during the life of Gopala Chetty, the father of the memorialists, the revenue due from the Mootah was punctually paid, but that, after his death in 1846, arrears began to accrue, and the estate was attached by the Collector. In 1852, the eldest Memorialist attained his majority, his three brothers being still minors. By this time the arrear had increased to about Rupees 10,000, and the estate was put up to sale and purchased by Government.

3. You observe that, under " Regulation X. of 1831, this sale was strictly " legal, for the estate, which did not come under the charge of the Court of Wards, " was not sold until after its part holder, on whom its sole management appears to " have devolved, had attained his majority."

4. Much difficulty seems to have been experienced in obtaining the appointment of a suitable guardian for the minors by the Civil Court, but I particularly desire to be informed why, on the death of Gopala Chetty, no steps were taken by the Collector of Salem for placing the estate under the management of the Court of Wards, as would seem to have been the most appropriate course. If that had been done, I apprehend that the sale of the Mootah, for arrears which had accumulated under Government management during the minority of the proprietors, would have been contrary to law, and that the estate must have been restored to them, on their attaining their majority, discharged of all such demands.

5. The case appears to me to bear in many of its features a strong resemblance to that of Rungasawmy Moodelliar, which was dealt with by the late Court of Directors in their Revenue Despatches of the 31st December (No. 30) 1847, and 22nd August (No. 10) 1849, paragraphs 23 to 27.

6. I desire that the Collector of Salem may be called on, through the Board of Revenue, for a full report on the case, not only in regard to the points above adverted to, but to the general merits of the claim put forward by the memorialists, which you will submit to me with your opinion as to the mode in which it should be dealt with.

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No. 223.

ORDER THEREON, 16th December 1869, No. 3,187.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue who are requested to obtain
the required information from the Col-
lector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Depart.

No. 3187.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 16th December 1869.

Read the following
Despatch from the Right Hon^{ble}
the Secretary of State for India.

H. L. 28th Oct 1869. No. 45.

Desiring to be furnished
with a full report in connection
with the Memorial of Narraiah
Sawmy Chetty and his two brothers
praying for the restoration of the
Simmudrum Mootah in Salem
District.

Communicated to
the Board of Revenue who
are requested to obtain
the required information
from the Collector.

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W. H. Hall

in Foll^o of Rev. Dep^t

Govt. of (1869) Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

21st December, 1869.

S. O. 16th December 1869. No. 3187.

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From the Board of Revenue
C. 436/1.

From the Board of Revenue
27th Dec 1870 C. 22/1345

Memorial from Narraiah Chetty for
the restoration of the Simmudrum Mootah.—
Despatch from Home Government requesting to be
furnished with a full report in connection with it,
communicated to Board of Revenue.