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No. 413. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 29th January 1869, No. 610.

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated 13th October 1868, No. 206.

1. I have the honor to report, for the consideration and orders of the Court of Wards, the circumstances connected with the following Ryotwary Estate, with my recommendation that it should be taken under their management.

2. In the village of Yarayangudi, in the Negapatam Talook, there was a landed proprietor, by name Dakshanamurti Pillai, possessed of Velis 65, Maws 13, and Gulis 46 of land in eight different villages, as shewn in the enclosed Statement, paying a revenue of Rupees 1,783 to Government, and yielding to the owner, on a rough estimate, a net annual income of Rupees 3,000. This landed property, according to the present value of land in this district, is worth about Rupees 43,000.

3. Dakshanamurti Pillai died in the month of March 1866, leaving three minor

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| 1. Alaghasundaram, aged 14. | sons as per margin, a widow named Par- |
| 2. Visvalingam, alias Subbarayan, aged 7. | vatatachi and another female named |
| 3. Nadarajan aged 3. | Sivagnanattachi, being the childless |

widow of his deceased undivided elder brother. Of the three sons, the first is the child of Dakshanamurti Pillai's elder wife who predeceased him, and the other two are the children of his second wife, Parvatatachi.

4. Since the death of the deceased proprietor, the estate has been managed by the two females above-named. The existence of this estate was brought to my notice only at the end of May last, in consequence of a Circular which I had issued, calling for a return of all estates which had devolved on disqualified heirs, and which had not been included in the Annual Returns till then furnished.

5. This estate is stated to be in debt to the extent of Rupees 15,000, while the debts due to it are only Rupees 300.

6. According to an account given by a private Agent of Parvatatachi, there is only about Rupees 1,720 worth of movable property, including cattle, furniture, and jewels, besides two houses said to be worth Rupees 1,500. Perhaps, the widow of the deceased has in her possession jewels and other movable property of greater value : no means exist for ascertaining whether such is the case, and if so, what the actual value of the whole is.

7. The two females on whom the guardianship of the minor heirs as well as the management of the estate has devolved, were at first averse to the estate being placed under the charge of the Court of Wards, very probably through the interested advice of intriguing private Agents ; but latterly they have agreed to the measure. It is not to be expected that in the absence of any male relation interested in the welfare of the minor heirs, two Hindu females, however willing to secure their interests, can efficiently manage a valuable, though not a large, landed property like this, or get the minors properly educated. The eldest should already have commenced his education, but no arrangement has yet been made for it ; and altogether, I have no doubt but that it will conduce to the future well-being of the minor heirs to take the estate under the management of the Court of Wards.

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8. Should my recommendation be sanctioned, I will submit, for the approval of the Court, a plan for the management of the estate, the education of the minors, and the gradual liquidation of such of their alleged debts as may, on inquiry, be found to be really due.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

From the same Officer, dated Vallum, 9th November 1868, No. 234.

1. I have the honor to report, for the orders of the Court of Wards, the circumstances connected with a Ryotwary Estate belonging to minor proprietors, which it appears to me desirable should be taken under the Court's management.

2. In the village of Agaram, in the Mannargudi Talook, there was a landed proprietor, by name Annavaiyangar, who died in February 1864, leaving a widow and four sons: of the latter, the first, Srinivasaiyangar, was the son by his first wife,

1. Ramanaaiyangar, eleven.

2. Krishnaiyangar, nine.

3. Tiruvengadathaiyangar, five.

and the other three who are minors aged as per margin, were the children of his second wife by name Rangattammal, the

widow now surviving, and who was married to Annavaiyangar after the death of his first wife.

3. For some time after Annavaiyangar's death, Rangattammal, with her minor children, lived in an undivided state with his eldest son, Srinivasaiyangar; but a disagreement arising between them, a partition of the estate took place in January 1865, by which, three-fourths of it were made over to Rangattammal's separate possession on behalf of her three minor sons, and one-fourth was retained by Srinivasaiyangar. Rangattammal, with her children, has ever since been living separate.

4. The landed property, which has thus come under Rangattammal's management, consists of Velis 34, Maws 4, and Gulis 92,* in six villages, paying a revenue of Rupees 1,100 to Government, and yielding to the holder a net annual income which may be roughly set down as Rupees 2,000.

5. It having been represented to me that this estate, which forms also the subject of the Board Petition marginally

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and its income wasted; I ordered an inquiry to be instituted into the matter, and the facts elicited, have led me to the conclusion, that the said allegations are, on the whole, not without foundation.

6. The debts which fell to the share of Rangattammal's minor sons during the partition of the estate, inclusive of interest, were Rupees 4,500, but they have since increased to Rupees 6,580, notwithstanding that, according to her own account, her actual income after deducting the Government dues during the four years which have lapsed since her separation from her step-son, has been Rupees 6,000, a sum which, it is very likely, has been under-stated.

7. Rangattammal has abandoned the two houses of her husband which came to her sons' share during the division, and has been living in a rented house at a distance of about two miles from her proper residence with a number of her own relations, namely, two brothers and one sister with her husband, two sons, and a

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daughter, all living admittedly at the expense of the minors, on the pretext of their services being required for the management of the landed property, &c. The two houses first mentioned having since been put up to public sale, by Court's decrees for debts due by the minors, have been purchased by a brother of Rangattammal, a fact which is explained as having been adopted to prevent their being again attached for other debts, the purchase having, as is now alleged, been in reality made for the benefit of the minors, ostensibly in the name of another person. It is very strange that Rangattammal should have had so much attachment to the houses which, as admitted by herself, she was compelled to abandon, in order to shun the neighbourhood of her step-son, Srinivasaiyangar. She cannot but have been aware that if the houses were not available, the landed property would be attached for the debts.

8. From the facts above detailed, it is sufficiently clear that the estate in question is not quite safe in the hands of Rangattammal. The lands of which it consists are excellently irrigated and lightly assessed, and considering the notoriously high profits which the Mirassidars in this part of the district have realized from high prices during the past four years, it is certainly unaccountable that the debts of this estate should have increased during this period instead of being reduced, if not entirely discharged.

9. I beg, therefore, to request that I may be authorized to take this estate under my management, as the Agent of the Court of Wards.

10. Should this recommendation be sanctioned, I will submit, for the approval of the Court, a plan for the gradual liquidation of such of the debts as may, on inquiry, be found to be due, as also for the maintenance and education of the minors.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Petition.

In these letters the Collector of Tanjore advises the Court of Wards to take charge of two Ryotwary estates in his district.

2. One of them is situated in the village of Yarayangudi. The Land-tax is Rupees 1,783, and the income Rupees 3,000. There are three minors, the eldest of whom is fourteen years old, and they are under the care of a mother and aunt who are unequal to the management of the property, and agree to the interference of the Court of Wards. There are debts amounting to Rupees 15,000 due by the minors.

3. The other estate is in the village of Agaram, and pays Rupees 1,100 to Government. The income is about Rupees 2,000. There are three minors, the eldest of whom is eleven years old. They are under the care of their mother, and she spends double her income, and supports many of her own blood relations at the cost of the minors.

4. The Court are of opinion that it is desirable that they should take charge of these estates, and resolve to solicit the sanction of the Governor in Council for the exercise of their powers in both cases; they see in this course the only hope of saving the estates from ruin, and securing the proper education of the minors.

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No. 414.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1869, No. 462.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government sanction the proposal of the Collector and the Board of Revenue to assume charge under Regulation V. of 1804 of the Ryotwary Estates in the villages of Yarayangudi and Agaram in the Tanjore District, formerly held by the deceased proprietors Dakshanamurti Pillai and Annavaiyangar respectively.

2. The Government have reason to believe that Section 3 of Regulation V of 1804, is not properly attended to in some districts, and they request the Board to issue instructions to Collectors on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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