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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st August 1870.*

Read the following :—

No. 110. Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 4th April 1870, No. 2,244.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Chatterpore, 23rd February 1870, No. 191.

THERE has been of late so much intriguing in connection with the education and guardianship of the minor Zemindar of Jalantra that I have considered it advisable, in the interests of the Minor, to remove both the tutor and guardian : the first, because it is evident from his own statements and letters to me that he has been interfering in matters wholly beyond his province ; and, the second, because from age and infirmity, he has not been able to check these intrigues, or had the boldness to report their existence to me.

2. I have appointed one Siyarajadhani Ranganadum Pillay (a very respectable man, possessing no connection whatever with Jalantra, and lately Translator in the Civil and Session Court of Berhampore,) teacher and guardian of the Minor, for I see no good reason for separating the two offices, when the duties of both can be efficiently performed by one and the same individual.

3. The Court are aware that the salaries of the tutor and guardian are Rupees 30 and 15, respectively. I propose that the salary of the person I have appointed be raised to 60 Rupees per mensem.

4. It is almost impossible in this district to obtain the services of a person of respectability upon such small salaries as have hitherto been allotted, and the evil consequences likely to result from appointing persons on inadequate salaries have been rather forcibly illustrated by the recent conviction of the young Barwah proprietor and his guardian for forgery, full particulars of which case I shall do myself the honour of laying before the Court, so soon as I obtain a copy of the Calendar from the Session Judge.

THE Court doubt the expediency of appointing a man, who, however respectable, has had no educational experience whatever as a tutor. The services of an Undergraduate in the University might probably be secured for a small sum.

2. The reasons for dismissing the present guardian should have been given more in detail. As he must be now about 63 years old, however, it will probably be the best course to supersede him in favour of a younger man. The Collector's nomination of Ranganadum Pillay is accordingly confirmed. The amount of salary to be assigned to him will be fixed when the Collector's reply to paragraph 1 of these Proceedings is received.

3. The Court await the Collector's report on the Barwah case, of which they have heard with great surprise and sorrow.

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8th August 1870.*

No. 110A. Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 9th July 1870, No. 4,764.

Read again Proceedings of the Court of Wards, No. 2,244, of the 4th of April.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Chettpore, 10th May 1870, No. 569.

With reference to paragraph 1 of the Court's Proceedings, dated the 4th ultimo, No. 2,244, I have the honour to state that though I might possibly have secured the services of an Undergraduate of the Madras University for the instruction of the Jalandra Minor, yet as I wished that the individual selected should perform the duties of guardian as well as instructor, it was necessary to appoint a person of rather maturer years than are usually possessed by Undergraduates.

2. Ranganadam Pillay, whose appointment I requested, and do now again, in the interests of the Minor, respectfully request the Court to sanction, is fully qualified to instruct the boy in Oorya, his vernacular language, as well as in Telugu and English. His age is about thirty-five; and since he has taken charge of the Minor, I have had reason to think that the new arrangement I proposed for the confirmation of the Court is likely to be productive of much good.

3. In answer to paragraph 3 of the above Proceedings I cannot put the Court in possession of much more information than contained in the copy of the Calendar Case No. 39 of 1869, already furnished with my letter of the 18th March last, No. 295. The eldest of the second branch of the Barwah family rented certain villages from the Zemindar of Chigatty, and it was for the alleged forgery of the receipts for the payment of the rent due that he was brought to trial and convicted. The Chigatty Zemindar had complained to me of the non-payment by the Barwah proprietor of the rent due, and the young man appeared before me and declared that he had paid, though at the time he made this statement he did not produce the receipts for payment, and the reasons for their non-production, if genuine and in existence, were most unsatisfactory.

4. It is not for me to comment upon the evidence on which the Judge thought fit to convict, though I am very strongly of opinion that there was reasonable ground to infer that, but for the evil counsels of his late guardian the Barwah youth would not have ventured to play so hazardous a game, and that whatever may have been the activity which the Judge considered he showed in playing it out, a larger and more merciful discrimination might have been shown in meting out the punishment for the offence.

In consideration of the Collector's strong recommendation, and as Ranganadam Pillay appears to be a person of some education, the Court withdraw their objection to his appointment to be tutor as well as guardian; and under the circumstances stated by the Collector in his letter, No. 191, of the 23rd February last, the increased salary of 60 Rupees is sanctioned.

2. A copy of these Proceedings and of the Proceedings of the Court, dated 4th April, No. 2,244, will be submitted for the information of Government

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together with the copy of the Calendar referred to by the Collector in paragraph 3 of the letter now under reply.

3. The conviction of one who was so recently their ward on so grave a charge has caused the Court much concern; but they desire to refrain from any comments on the case, pending the result of his appeal to the High Court.

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1870, No. 1,189.

Miscellaneous.

THE nomination of Sivarajadhani Ranganadam Pillay to be guardian and tutor to the Minor Zemindar of Jalandra

is approved, subject to report at the end of the year as to the success of the arrangement.

2. The Right Honourable the Governor in Council shares the regret expressed by the Court of Wards that the young Barwah proprietor should have been convicted of forgery.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.
.. the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1189

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 8th August 1870.

Read the following. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue*
(Here enter 9 July 1870 No. 1189)

The nomination of
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and tutor to the Minor
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11. To the Court of Wards with an Encl.
to the General
12. To the Secy. to Govt.

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