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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th November 1870.*

No. 364. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 22nd October 1870, No. 6,270 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 25th August 1870, No. 1,324, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Minor Estates.*—Report of their management by the Court of Wards during Fasli 1278, reviewed.

RESOLVED that the foregoing Proceedings of Government be communicated to the Collectors concerned for their information and guidance.

2. The Royempettah and Andipatty Estates, to which the Government refer in paragraphs 2 and 3, were made over to the proprietors in the months of September and November 1868, and were thus under the Court of Wards for a period of only three and five months, respectively, during Fasli 1278. The Collectors did not include the transactions of the estates for these short periods in their annual accounts for Fasli 1278, and the Court did not think it necessary to call for them, as the financial condition of the estates at the time they were transferred to the proprietors had already been detailed in their Proceedings, dated 24th March 1869, No. 2,021.

3. In future, Collectors will be requested to exhibit, in their annual accounts, the transactions of those estates also which may have been handed over to their proprietors during the course of the year. The transactions will, of course, be brought down to the date of transfer.

4. The Pulicherla Estate referred to in paragraph 5 was under the Court for eight months in Fasli 1278, and for only three months in the previous year. Regarding this estate also no accounts were furnished by the Collector. The transactions up to the date of transfer are explained in some detail in the Collector's letter recorded in the Court's Proceedings, dated 18th August 1869, No. 6,181, and a copy of it is herewith submitted to Government. This information, however, is not very precise, and the Collector is accordingly requested to submit, as soon as possible, a sheet account showing the collections and disbursements under the several heads, together with particulars of current and arrears demand, and the progress made in their collection. The actual financial condition in which the estate was handed over to the proprietor should also be noted.

5. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Government Order, the Court observe that more than 17 per cent. of the gross revenue of the Purla Kinedy Estate was expended on repairs in Fasli 1278, and about 20 per cent. was sanctioned for expenditure in Fasli 1279; whilst in the Budget for the current Fasli the Court have just sanctioned an expenditure of Rupees 67,368, of which Rupees 34,272 are for purely agricultural improvements.

6. Prior to 1863, the public works of the estate were under the direction of a Special Engineer Officer of high standing, and the charges on account of the establishment amounted in Fasli 1271 to no less than 31½ per cent. of the expenditure. In their Proceedings of the 21st September 1863, No. 5,983, the Court determined to reduce the establishment very considerably by dispensing with the services of the Special Engineer and by arranging for ordinary repairs being

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executed by a small establishment in charge of a Supervisor acting under the general orders of the Government District Engineer. There were at that time no great new works contemplated, and the Court remarked (in paragraph 6) that should any such be proposed, a special establishment might be entertained again temporarily.

7. The arrangements then made finally resulted in a reduction from Rupees 14,882 to Rupees 4,896 per annum, as sanctioned by the Court in their Proceedings, No. 7,685, of the 7th December 1863. This was subsequently increased by 30 Rupees a month, and this revised establishment has been so far found sufficient to execute all ordinary repairs.

8. The present charge for establishment as detailed above amounts to 10 25 per cent. on the average expenditure of the five years from Fasli 1274 to Fasli 1278. The Collector's particular attention is directed to the remarks of Government as to the education of the Zemindar's son, and he is requested to submit definite proposals as soon as possible, with special reference to the instructions laid down in paragraph 16 of the Government Order.

9. It appears from the Progress Reports, submitted by the Collector, that the public works expenditure in Barvath and Jalandra has been chiefly on ordinary repairs and improvements to existing works, and that there has been no work of such magnitude or importance as to be deserving of special notice. Copies of these Reports for Faslies 1277 and 1278 are submitted for the information of Government. Collectors will be requested, in future, to report concisely on the character and effect of expenditure on public works.

10. The discrepancy pointed out in paragraph 12 is the result of a clerical error, Rupees 13,372 having been entered instead of Rupees 63,372.

11. The expenditure on public works in Bodinaikanur during Fasli 1278 was Rupees 3,265. The expenditure during the previous four years is detailed below:—

	RS.
Fasli 1274...	1,519
„ 1275...	599
„ 1276...	3,770
„ 1277...	3,670

showing an average expenditure of a little over five per cent. of the gross income for the last three years. The Guntamanaikanur Estate was only brought under management in November 1867, and the expenditure on public works has been very trifling. The Collector of Madura will now be requested to furnish a minute and comprehensive report on the irrigational capabilities of both estates and the

* *Vide* statements appended to these Proceedings.

condition of existing works; and also to submit statements* of repairs required, and of new works which are likely to prove remunerative.

12. A similar report will be submitted for every estate now under management, and, for the future, within six months from the date of an estate's coming under the Court's management.

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13. A liberal share of the gross income ought always to be expended on agricultural and other repairs; and the opportunity of putting estates in thoroughly good order, and also of setting an example of enlightened management to other landlords, should not be lost.

14. The attention of Collectors is particularly directed to the remarks of Government in paragraph 16 of their Order on the subject of education.

No. 365. ORDER THEREON, 24th November 1870, No. 1,855.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT OF WARDS, dated 18th August 1869.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Palmanair, 17th July 1869, No. 205:—

I HAVE the honour to state, for the information of the Court of Wards, that Chendra Sekharamma Garu, mother of the late minor Poligar of Pulicherla, lays claim to the revenues collected in the Polliem during the life-time of her son Venkata Ramappa Nayanivaru, who was recognised as Poligar of that estate in the Government Order, dated 16th June 1868, and died on 11th November of the same year.

2. On assuming charge of the estate, I found its affairs in such disorder that I resolved to defer my report until a first settlement could be made. The settlement for Fusly 1277 was accordingly made, but before the results could be embodied in a report, the Minor died. As it was then almost certain that the management of the estate would revert, as it has done, to the family, I took no further steps in the matter.

3. As regards the claim now advanced by the late Minor's mother, I beg to state that when the Treasury was taken charge of, on the death of Venkata Chendrappa Nayanivaru, the late minor Poligar's immediate predecessor, there was no cash in it, nor any entry in the chittah which would show that there had been balances of Revenue at the time of the Poligar's demise.

4. During the time the estate has been under the management of the Court of Wards, the peishcush and charges of establishment, etc., up to the end of October were paid out of the collections made during that period, and there was a balance to the credit of the estate of Rs. 2,741-12-2 on the date of the demise of the late Minor. This sum is now in deposit in the Huzoor Treasury. From this sum charges of establishment, Saderward, etc., amounting to Rupees 21-9-3, for the interval between 1st and 11th November, will have to be deducted. The net balance in deposit will then be Rupees 2,720-2-11.

5. The Pulicherla estate is in point of Revenue and Peishcush very nearly equal to that of Naraganty, and the deceased Minor was a boy of about much the same age as the present Minor of Naraganty. The late Minor would therefore, had he lived, been entitled to the same monthly allowance as that now paid to the Naraganty Minor, namely, Rupees 150. The mother now states that as no allowance was paid to the late Minor, she was obliged to borrow money for his maintenance. If this allowance be fixed, as I beg to recommend, at the rate of Rupees 150 per mensem, the amount due on this account for the period which intervened between 10th June 1867 and 11th November 1868, or from the date of the late Poligar Venkata Chendrappa Nayanivaru's demise up to that of the Minor's decease, would be Rupees 2,560. This amount I now solicit the Board's permission to disburse to Chendra Sekharamma Garu, who is lawfully entitled to receive it. If this and the commission, amounting to Rupees 82-13-1, due to Government on the collections made during the life-time of the Minor be deducted, the balance shown in the preceding paragraph will be reduced to Rupees 77-5-10. This balance Chendra Sekharamma Garu claims likewise on the ground that it is portion of the Revenues collected during the time the Minor, her son, was alive.

I beg to recommend that this balance of Rupees 77-5-10 be paid to her as she was put to considerable expense in securing her son's recognition, and is by his premature death left in very reduced circumstances. It is not likely that the present Poligar will do more for her than he can help as the recent contest for the succession has produced much estrangement of feeling in the family.

6. And now I will briefly notice the financial position of the estate since the death of the Minor. After adjusting from the collections made between the date of the late Minor's death and that of the assumption of the Polliem, by the present Poligar, the instalment of the peishcush and charges of establishment, etc., a fresh balance of Rupees 1,905-4-7 remained to the credit of the Polliem on the latter date. This is now in deposit in the Huzoor Treasury. Of this, Rs. 1,138-2-0 have to be remitted to the Chittoor Civil Court as directed in the accompanying copy of Proceedings, dated the 31st March 1869, in satisfaction of the amount decreed on account of the maintenance of the eldest daughter-in-law of the late Poligar Venkata Chendrappa Nayanivaru in a suit brought against him during his life-time. From the balance thus reduced to Rupees 767-2-7, I propose to appropriate Rupees 555-9-5 in adjustment of arrears of Road Cess due upon the estate and to pay the remaining Rupees 211-9-2 to the present Poligar.

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THE COURT OF WARDS.

Palmanair, 17th July.

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G. O. 211, November 1870, No. 1870.

For the Court of Wards -
The Court of Wards, Palmanair, 17th July 1869.
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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Civil Court of Chittoor, under date the 31st March 1869, No. 33.

Read letter No. 68, dated 23rd instant, from the Collector of North Arcot, stating that the sum of Rupees 1,138-2-0, due to Rangamma Garu for her maintenance, should be recovered from Venkata Thimmappa Naidoo to whom the Pulicherla Polliem has been made over on the demise of the minor Poligar.

The Collector is informed that under Section 237 of the Civil Procedure Code, he was duly served with a notice to keep this amount in deposit which order of the Court stands final, and in accordance therewith, therefore, the Court can only look to him as the proper custodian of this money and hold him responsible for the same, and therefore he is requested to forward the amount.

Ordered that an extract from these Proceedings be sent to the Collector of North Arcot for his information and guidance.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) E. F. ELIOTT,
Acting Civil Judge.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

On the 9th June 1867 the Poligar of Pulicherla, Venkata Chendrappa Nayanivaru, died, and the Collector assumed management of the estate pending the decision of Government as to who should be his successor.

2. On the 16th May 1868, the Collector of North Arcot was directed by the Civil Court to hold Rupees 1,138-2-0 out of the funds of the Polliem which was still in his hands subject to the further order of the Court. This amount was made up of maintenance awarded to Rangamma Garu, one of the widows of the deceased Poligar, and of the costs of the suit brought by her against him.

3. On the 16th June 1868, Government recognised Venkata Ramappa Naidoo, a minor, as the new Poligar, and the Collector retained the management of the estate as Agent of the Court of Wards.

4. On the 11th November the Minor died, but the Collector continued to hold the estate on behalf of Government till the succession of the present Poligar was recognised.

5. The Collector now reports that the net balance which accrued up to the death of the Minor, deducting the expenses of management, is still in his hands, and amounts to Rs. 2,720-2-11; that the net balance which has accrued since up to the assumption of the Polliem by its present owner is Rupees 1,905-4-7; that the mother of the late Minor having received no subsistence allowance during his life-time is now entitled to Rupees 2,560 on arrears; and that the Court in pursuance of its order of the 16th May 1868, has required him to pay up Rupees 1,138-2-0. He recommends that the whole of the balance which accrued before the Minor died should be given to his mother, and that the amount payable to the Court should be deducted from the balance due to the present Poligar.

6. The Court consider that the Minor's mother is entitled to the subsistence allowance specified by the Collector, and accordingly sanction payment to her of Rupees 2,560, but they do not think they would be legally justified in giving her any more.

7. Deducting Rupees 2,560 and Rupees 1,138-2-0 from the total balance of Rs. 4,625-7-6, the remainder, Rupees 927-5-6, is due to the present Poligar.

8. The Collector may, as he proposes, retain Rupees 555-9-5 out of this sum for arrears of Road Cess. The rest should be paid at once.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

Arrears of subsistence allowance, amounting to Rupees 2,560, due to mother of late minor Poligar of Pulicherla, from 10th June 1867 to 11th November 1868.—Payment of, sanctioned.

AUGUST.
No. 6,181.

Received

Proceedings, 18th AUGUST 1869, No. 6,181.
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Board of Revenue

Enclosure in the Proc. of the Board of Revenue to the Secy to Govt of Madras dated 22nd Oct. 1869. 1870/11-1870

STATEMENT A.
Particulars of Irrigation works in the Estate of in the District.

Description of Irrigation works in the Estate.	Number of works.	Total Irrigable area.		Actual cultivation.		Actual total expenditure on works during the last three years.		Total.	Particulars of works in Column 2.		Ruined or abandoned works if any.	Remarks.
		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	On new works.	Repairs.		No. of works in good order.	No. of works out of repair.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rain-fed Tanks ...		ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.				
River-fed do. ...												
Spring Channels...												
River do. ...												
Wells, etc., ...												
Total...												

These Statements (A., B., and C.,) should invariably accompany the reports called for in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 22nd October 1870, No. 6270.

STATEMENT B.

referred to in Column 11 of Statement A.

Particulars of Irrigation Works in the Estate of
in the District of
and standing in need of repair.

Village.	Description and name of each work.	Total Irrigable area.		Actual Cultivation.		Probable cost of repair.	Probable increase of Revenue if repaired.	Description of repair required and present condition of work.	Expenditure during the last five years.	Remarks.
		Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.					

STATEMENT C.

Particulars of new Irrigation Works which it is desirable to construct in the Estate of
in the District of

Village.	Description of work.	Probable extent irrigable thereby.	Probable increase of Revenue thereby.	Probable cost of construction.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		ACRES.	RS.	RS.	

Ruined Tanks, the restoration of which may be desirable, should also be shown in this Statement.

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Enclosure in the Order of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government dated 22nd Oct. 1870 - 91:6740 - Dec-35267

14. The attention of Collectors is particularly directed to the remarks of Government in paragraph 16 of their Order on the subject of education.

(A true Extract.)

J. H. Cunningham
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Board's Proceedings No. 6,181 of 1869, and Progress Reports
of Public Works expenditure in Barwah and Jalandra Estates for
Faslis 1277 and 1278 and Statements -
To all Collectors. with Statements -

Exd.T. Cartledge.

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OCTOBER.
No. 6,270.

Estates—under management of Court of Wards during Fasli 1278,—Proceedings of Government, reviewing report on —, communicated to Collectors concerned with certain instructions. A copy of Court's Proceedings dated 18th August 1869, containing an account of transactions of Pulicherla estate up to date of its transfer to proprietor, submitted to Government together with Progress Report of Public Works expenditure in Barwah and Jalandra estates for Faslis 1277 and 1278.

14. To the Acting Secretary to Govt.