

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th August 1871.*

No. 323. 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, 13th July 1871, No. 18 :—

I HAVE considered in Council the despatch of your Excellency in Council, numbered 5 and dated the 6th of February, forwarding the report of the Court of Wards on the management of the estates under their charge for the year 1868-69, together with your proceedings thereon and other correspondence relating to it.

2. I regret to have again to notice that the report is submitted and sent home at an inconveniently late period after the conclusion of the year.

3. Four estates were restored to the management of the owners during the

Royampettah.
Andipatty.
Beredy.
Pulicherla.

year, and nineteen others remained under the Court's management to the end of the year. Of the four estates given back during the year, you have called

attention to "the prosperous condition, *as regards finance*," of three. The condition of two of these was brought to notice by the Court in the report of the previous year. The third, Beredy, is now shown to have been received with a debt of nearly Rs. 29,000, and to have been restored with a balance in hand of Rs. 13,000, and arrears to the amount of nearly Rs. 14,000. Of Pulicherla no accounts have yet been received, and it was not a whole year under the Court's care.

4. It would have been more satisfactory had the report given a fuller statement of the capacity, progress in education, and intellectual condition of these minors at the conclusion of their wardship.

5. On this most important point, the education of the minors, the report of this year seems to show some improvement, which cannot fail to be augmented by the interest which your Excellency in Council has displayed in the subject. You have properly urged upon the Court that the education of the heir to the great estate of Purla Kimedy should be at once begun, and that the resources of the estate justify the most generous expenditure upon this object.

6. I must also express my approval of the views which, in concluding your report, you have expressed as to the most advantageous way of employing surplus funds, viz., in improving the estates and in giving the wards a liberal education.

7. The only other point which calls for special observation is the condition of the Zemindary of Maniachi in Tinnevely, which, but for the heavy liabilities which attach to it, is described as flourishing. The scheme originally proposed by Mr. Puckle for saving this estate was found to be impracticable, and the Board of Revenue deprecated the alternative, at first suggested by Mr. Longley, the present Collector, of the Government advancing the large sum then required for the liquidation of the debt, and repaying itself out of the estate, which is almost certain to be in its hands until 1876. Outlying portions of the estate have been sold, and the debt reduced to Rs. 25,000. It would be, as your Excellency in Council observes, very detrimental to the interests of the Zemindar that the home-farms or pannei lands should be sold, and, with comparatively so small an amount of debt left on the estate, the estate itself in an improving condition, and so long

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a period of minority remaining, it seems to me that the Government might, without creating an inconvenient precedent, advance the money to clear the property, obtaining repayment before it passes out of the Court's hands.

No. 324. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1871, No. 1,482.

Miscellaneous.

2nd August 1870, No. 1,144.
25th " " " 1,324.
28th October " " 1,661.
24th Nov. " " 1,855.

COMMUNICATED to the Court of Wards, with reference to the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin.
2. The Court's attention will be directed to the concluding sentence of this despatch, and they will be requested to report on the suggestion therein made in reference to the Maniachi estate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.

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No. 1482

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To the Court of Wards

No. 10.

Revenue
13th July 1871.

The
Letter to Lord St. George
No. 18.

R 15th Aug 71

Reviewing the report of the Court of Wards on the management of the Estates under their charge for the year 1868/69, and noticing the inconveniently late period of its submission after the conclusion of the year.

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Prof. Sec. 15 Aug 71
W. H. Ordey

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REVENUE.

To

THE COURT OF WARDS.

Dated August 28th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 28th August 1871, No. 1,482.

AUGUST.

Nos. 323-324.

Management of estates under Court of Wards for 1868-69.—Despatch from Secretary of State respecting—, communicated to Court, and their attention directed to the suggestion therein made in reference to the Mamachi estate in Tanjore.