Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th September 1871.

No. 149. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Simla, 10th August 1871, No. 2,618:—

READ endorsement of the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, No. 78, dated the 17th July 1871, forwarding, for consideration and orders, an application from the Government of Madras for sanction to a loan to the present Zemindar of Ramnad in the Madura District on the security of his property.

RESOLUTION.—It is observed that the present Zemindar of Ramnad has been impoverished and embarrassed by expensive litigation with Government, in the course of which his property was mismanaged till it is now hopelessly involved.

2. The Governor-General in Council agrees with the local Government that the Zemindar should be helped by Government out of his difficulties.

3. His debts are estimated at 14 lakhs, of which about 2¾ lakhs are arrears of peishcush, and the remainder is due to private creditors.

4. Of this residue, about 7½ lakhs are chargeable on the inheritance of the Zemindar, and no risk is involved in advancing money for this part of the debts. It should be paid off accordingly without delay, the requisite advances being made by Government, and the debts so to be paid off being those only which the law officers declare to be properly chargeable to the estate.

5. The peishcush amounts to Rs. 3,24,440 a-year, and the Government demand for it may be suspended till the remaining debts are cleared off.

6. The amount to be advanced under paragraph 4 of this Resolution and the whole arrears of peishcush are to bear interest at five per cent. per annum.

7. The Government of Madras should endeavour to compromise some of the debts which are not chargeable to the estate.

8. There should not be any increase of the personal allowance of the Zemindar above Rs. 60,000, nor (after the private creditors shall have been paid) must there be any diminution of the total payments to Government below Rs. 1,40,000 a-year, exclusive of peishcush, until the debt to Government is paid.

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, the Comptroller-General, and the Accountant-General, Madras.

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Asst. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. E. O'CONNOR,
Asst. to the Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce.

No. 150. ORDER THEREON, 11th September 1871, No. 1,580.

Land Revenue.

ORDERED that the above Proceedings of the Government of India be communicated to the Acting Collector of Madura, through the Board of Revenue, with the following remarks:—

2. The Government, in addressing the Government of India on the subject of assistance proposed to be given to the Zemindar of Ramnad to extricate him from the embarrassments in which he is involved, estimated his debts at 14 lakhs of Rupees; the statement furnished exhibiting the amounts noted in the margin as the total on 1st January 1870, but with an upward tendency. From the Board's Proceedings of 22nd July 1871, No. 3,072, it appears that the peishcush in arrears on 30th June last amounted to Rs. 5,64,937, and that a further amount is due on account of interest, bringing up the whole arrear account to Rs. 6,25,430. The Government trust that the suspension of the State-demand against the Zemindar has enabled him to reduce the amount of his private debts, but they have no information on this point.

	Rs.
Private debts	10,76,947
Peishcush	2,60,781
	13,37,728

(See Board's Proceedings, 20th April 1870, paragraph 2.)

3. The Government are now in a position to offer the Zemindar assistance on the following conditions:—The Zemindar must execute to Government a legal assignment of his interest in the Ramnad estate, pending the liquidation of his debts in such form as the Government law officers may advise.

4. On receiving this assignment and a written undertaking from the Zemindar, that he will not incur fresh debts while his estate is under management by Government, the Government will assume the entire management of the estate, and will allow the Zemindar out of the revenues a personal income of Rs. 60,000 yearly, besides providing the sum of Rs. 18,400 yearly, being the maintenance due under decree of Court to certain members of his family.

5. They will advance the sum necessary for the immediate payment of that portion* of the debts which has been decided by their law officers to be legally chargeable against the estate, and they will arrange for the gradual settlement of the claims of the remaining creditors out of the income of the estate, suspending their claims on account of peishcush until these private claims have been settled.

* Aggregating about 7½ lakhs of Rupees.

6. They will charge the estate with five per cent. interest on all advances, and they will carry to the credit of Government not less than Rs. 1,40,000 yearly out of the revenues, exclusive of peishcush, until the debt to Government shall have been fully paid, until which time the Zemindar's personal allowance shall, on no pretence, be increased above Rs. 60,000 yearly.

7. The whole of the expenses of managing the estate at the discretion of Government shall be charged against it.

8. The Acting Collector will forthwith communicate these terms to the Zemindar, and ascertain from him whether he is willing to accept them and bind himself to them; and, on receiving his answer in the affirmative, will immediately

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11th September 1871.

inform the Board of Revenue, in view to their taking steps to obtain from the law officers the necessary form of Bond of Assignment, and will himself proceed to procure from the Zemindar an amended schedule of his debts, as at present existing, and such detailed information as to the position of affairs in the estate as may enable him to assume the entire management immediately on the assignment being completed. In all this part of the transaction Mr. McQuhae will doubtless receive most valuable assistance from his Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Bliss, who so thoroughly examined into the condition of the estate in 1869-70. The Board of Revenue, on hearing that the Zemindar accepts the Government offer, will place themselves in communication with the Government law officers, in order to arrange the terms of the assignment, which must be as complete as may be necessary to effect the object which the Government have in view, namely, to restore the family, if possible, to their former position of ease and freedom, and to place the estate and its inhabitants in condition of prosperity, which it will rest with the Zemindar to maintain after he resumes his control.

9. The Government trust that their intervention may be speedy, if it is accepted by the Zemindar.

(True Extract)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secy., P.W.D.,
for Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Madura.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Advocate-General, through Government Solicitor.
,, the Government Pleader.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No. 2518

Government of India.
Financial Department.
Simla the 10th August 1871.

Read endorsement of the Department of Agriculture, Revenue and Commerce No 78 dated the 17th July 1871, forwarding for consideration and orders an application from the Government of Madras for sanction to a loan to the present Zemindar of Ramnad in the Madura District on the security of his property.

Resolution

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2. The Governor General in Council agrees with the Local Government that the Zemindar should be helped

by Government out of his difficulties.

2 His debts are estimated at 14 lakhs, of which about 2¾ lakhs are arrears of peshcush and the remainder is due to private creditors.

3 Of this residue about 7½ lakhs are chargeable on the inheritance of the Zemindar and no risk is involved in advancing money for this part of the debts. It should be paid off accordingly without delay, the requisite advances being made by Government and the debts so to be paid off being those only which the law officers declare to be properly chargeable to the Estate.

4 The peshcush amounts to Rs 3,24,440 a-year and the Government demand for it may be suspended till the remaining debts are cleared off.

5 The amount to be advanced under para: 4 of this Resolution and the whole arrears of peshcush are to bear interest at 5 per cent per annum.

6 The Government of Madras should endeavour to compromise some of the debts which are not chargeable to the Estate. 7C

7 There should not be any increase of the personal allowance of the Zemindar above Rs 60,000, nor (after the private creditors shall have been paid) must there be any diminution of the total payments to Government below Rs 140,000 a year exclusive of peshcush until the debt to Government is paid.

Order

Ordered, that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Department of Agriculture, Revenue and Commerce, the Comptroller General and the Accountant-General, Madras.

Sd/ R. H. Hollingbery
Asst Secy to the Govt of India.

(True Copy)

H Conner
Asst to the Secy to the Govt of India,
Department of Agriculture,
Revenue, and Commerce.

Revenue 1871 Dept

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From

The Under Secy: Govt of India
Dept: of Civil Ecy. Finance

Dated 10th Augt 71 No 2618
Rec'd 28th Augt 71 No 2618

Ft Wm 15th September 1871

Communicating Resolution
in the Finl Dept: on the subject
of grant of a loan to the
Municipal Commissioners

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furnished & stating the
amount standing in the
margin as the estate in
1st January 1830. Lastly
the Rentroll which being
from the Bp. Rs. of 22 July
Rp. 3023. it appeared that
the Rebbuck in arrears on
30 June last - amt. Rp.
Rp. 5,64,937 - and that
a further sum of Rp. 2,60,787
of the latest Rents &c
account of Rp. 8,25,720
The first must be the
last portion of the State
demand after the Zemindar
has satisfied his private
debts. But they have
no information on this
point.
The Rents are in a
precarious state. If after the
Zemindar accounts

Rp.
Privatedebts - 1076947
Rebbuck - 260787
1837728

(Ben Bd. Rs. 20 Sept. 30.
para 2)

instructed Mr Bishop
to consider whether
what could not be
obtained by the sale
of some portion of the
Estate which might
be specially selected
for that purpose.

and a written undertaking
from the Zemindar that he will
pay certain specific debts
& his private estate & undertaking
& Security &c.

He should also
require to
give security
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the following conditions
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Be called upon for a Return
annually of his
debts incurred in the Company
Debts previous to the Cession
time of his debts
such from another
Court of Wards. Having
advised
Rs Collectorship acting
Collector for which
attend the settlement
management of
Estate during the
time of the Zemindar
a servant in which
of Rs 5000 per
Zemindar forming the
Rs 5,000 per
being the Zemindar and
duly authorized Agent
Court of Wards
Zemindar
Thy Rs Collector

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* aggregating about ½ less of the sum.

That he discharge the Estate with 5 per cent interest on all advances: and that he will carry to the credit of the Estate the sum of £6,000 yearly out of the Rents, & Issues of such lands until the debts & Legacies shall have been fully paid: until the funds for the Guardians personal allowance shall be increased to such sum as shall exceed above £6,000 yearly

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That he will communicate from time to time & at all times with the Guardian and Executors & Trustees of the Testator Richard Cleveland & will accept & take such directions & advice from them or any of them touching the affairs & concerns of the Estate of the Testator Richard Cleveland as he shall think proper & necessary to obtain from the Executors & Trustees of the said Richard Cleveland & will duly & punctually perform

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The Board observing
that the Zemindar access
to the Govt. Records place
him in a more favourable
situation than the Govt. Officers

in order to secure to
them the effectual
discharge of the duties
assigned to them
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