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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th July 1872.*

No. 226. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 11th July 1872, No. 1,276 :—

Read the following letter from C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Chetterpore, 4th May 1872, No. 655 :—

REFERRING to my predecessor's letter, dated 24th May last, No. 572½ B, I have the honour to enclose copy of the Proceedings of Government, dated 2nd September last, No. 15, Public Works Department, promoting Supervisor T. Ramayya, Naidu now in charge of the Parla Kimedy Public Works to be Supervisor of the 1st Grade.

2. The Principal Assistant Collector in forwarding this paper states, that T. Ramayya who at present receives Rupees 150, now seeks permission to draw Rupees 200, the pay of the rank to which he has been promoted.

3. The Court have in the correspondence marginally noted, remarked on the deviation from the sanctioned scale of Establishment in reference to this officer, and though they did not, under the explanation afforded, consider it necessary to disturb present rates, they have on another occasion (Proceedings 17th December 1870, No. 7,178, paragraph 2. Proceedings, 26th April 1871, No. 1,742. 30th January 1871, No. 455) declined to sanction an increase to his salary, considering the present sum sufficient.

4. Mr. Grahame is of opinion that it would be better to have a European Assistant Engineer in charge of the Kimedy Estate and of No. 1 Range *i. e.*, Chicacole Taluq. He had previously expressed a similar view shortly after joining the district. Mr. Carr who had just written the letter referred to in the first paragraph, did not consider it desirable, pending a reply from the Court, to make any further representation in the matter. As I believe that the Court have not passed any orders on Mr. Carr's letter, and as both T. Ramayya and the Superintending Engineer have addressed me on the subject, I think it best to forward copy of Mr. Grahame's letter of the 26th June 1871, No. 126, and to request that the question may be settled one way or the other.

5. My own opinion is that T. Ramayya should not be a loser by his employment in the Estate, and that he should be allowed to draw the pay of his rank from the date of his promotion. I am further of opinion that it would be decidedly for the advantage of the Estate if a European Officer of experience was put in charge of the Public Works in Kimedy, but I do not agree entirely with Mr. Grahame in his proposition that one and the same officer should supervise the Chicacole Taluq as well. I think we should have the undivided services of the officer, whoever it may be, who is employed in Kimedy. The expenditure is large, and the area of the Taluq is also extensive, and should any large works, such as a bridge at Hiramandalam be undertaken, constant supervision would be necessary. Besides no man can well serve two masters, and the interests of the Estate might often clash with those of Government, as represented by the Superintending Engineer.

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6. Under present arrangements the Supervisor in charge has, practically, the uncontrolled expenditure of Rupees 70,000 annually. Little more than a nominal check can be exercised by the Principal Assistant Collector who, naturally, is not conversant with departmental details. There is all the more reason therefore why the Officer in charge should be of a standing and position that would enable the Court to place entire confidence in his administration of the funds placed at his disposal.

7. It has occurred to me that, if the services of a properly qualified officer could be obtained, he might also exercise a certain amount of superintendence over the education of the Zemindar's eldest boy who is now attending the school at Kimedy, and making reasonable progress there. I do not think that it is essential to the boy's welfare to appoint at present a separate tutor, and as the Court have been as yet unable to hit upon a suitable person, the lad might well be left to learn in company with others of his own age, the simple elements which he can as well, if not better, acquire in class as under special tuition.

8. Since the above remarks were drafted, I have received the Court's Proceedings, dated 22nd April 1872, No. 2,913, forwarding Mr. Kershaw's report on the progress of the Minor. I am of opinion that the small marks of difference, to wit, the obnoxious teapoy and chair, need not be discontinued, nor do I think that any harm accrues to the boy or to the school by his being allowed these conveniences, as his is decidedly an exceptional case, and Parla Kimedy is not a very enlightened place.

9. I find a letter, dated 1st December last, No. 392, from the Principal Assistant Collector, on the education of the sons of the Kimedy Zemindar has been overlooked. I now forward copy of it. It will be seen that Mr. Grahame considers the attendance at school to be desirable, and this accords with my own view.

The Court of Wards do not consider that the services of a European Officer are required to supervise Public Works in Kimedy, and could not in any case approve of such an officer being placed in charge of the Chicacole Taluq in addition to Kimedy.

2. What is chiefly required at present is the maintenance of the extensive lines of road and of the irrigation works which have long ago been constructed and improved, and the perfecting the system of village roads. There appears no present likelihood of extensive new works being undertaken, and it is not to be expected that the future annual outlay in a tract of country for which so much has been done, will continue at Rupees 70,000.

3. The Court are of opinion that an Overseer, (on a salary of Rupees 150 with travelling allowance) who should work under the control and supervision of the Manager and Principal Assistant, would be the most suitable agency at present. They are not anxious to retain the services of T. Ramayya; and resolve to request Government to provide him with employment in the Department Public Works elsewhere as soon as possible. Meanwhile he will draw from the State the full pay of his rank, viz. Rupees 200 per mensem.

4. Mr. Master is informed that Mr. Carr's letter of 24th May 1871 was not received by the Court of Wards.

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5. Enquiries are being made for a competent tutor for the Zemindar's sons; and until such a person can be found, the eldest boy should, the Court think, continue to attend the taluq school at Kimedy. They agree with the Collector that there is no objection to his having a chair and a small table to himself.

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1872, No. 1,123.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government approve of the continuance of the Parla Kimedi Zemindar's son at school. Orders will

be passed in the Public Works Department on the subject of the Supervisor in charge of the works in the estate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.
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Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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