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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th August 1872.

No. 84. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 3rd August 1872, No. 1,493:—

Read the following letter from A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Calicut, 29th July 1872, No. 180:—

I HAVE the honour to forward a report from the Acting Head-Assistant Collector on the death of the Kavalpara Nair.

2. It will be observed that the sole heir to the property is one Parvaty (female) aged 6 years and 3 months, and that there is an income roughly estimated at 20,000 from land, in addition to a Malikhana allowance of Rs. 4,567. The assessment payable to Government is not yet known, but it amounts probably to upwards of 4,000 Rupees.

3. It is believed that the landed estate has been badly managed and that the property is capable of yielding a far larger rental.

4. I strongly recommend that immediate orders be issued authorizing me to assume charge of the estate. For the present, the arrangement proposed by the Head-Assistant for leaving the girl under charge of her reputed father, seems the best.

5. There appears to be an unnecessarily large retinue, whose services will cost a good deal of money, unless immediate reductions are made.

6. As there are no funds in hand, it will be necessary that sanction should be given for an advance to cover necessary expenditure until some income accrues. A sum of Rupees 1,000 would be sufficient. If the public funds are not available, a temporary loan on interest can be made from the estate of the Nelialom Minor under the Court of Wards.

7. A further report will be submitted on full details being obtained. Meanwhile I trust that early orders may be passed and that the Secretary to Government may be requested to inform me by telegraph, if Government sanction taking over the estate, as the sooner we can authoritatively deal with the estate the better.

P.S.—Since the above was drafted, a letter has been received from the Head-Assistant Collector stating that 2,500 Rupees will be required for funeral ceremonies on the 4th August, so that a larger advance will be required.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From D. BUICK, Esq., Acting-Head Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Malabar, dated Vanienkolam, 25th July 1872, No. 395.

I HAVE the honour to report the death on the night of the 20th instant, of the Kaval para Nair, of Karikad Amshom, in the Walluvanad Taluq, the representative of an old and respected Nair family, and the recipient of a considerable Malikhana allowance from Government.

2. The sole heiress of the property is the late Nair's niece (mother's sister's grand-daughter) a little girl aged 6 years and 3 months, and in event of her death, the whole property would escheat to Government.

3. The value of the property is roughly stated to be about Rupees 20,000 a year, exclusive of the Malikhana allowance of Rupees 4,567-10-1. The estate is however alleged to be charged with debt to the extent of about Rupees 50,000.

4. I presume that the management of the property will be at once assumed by the Court of Wards, and in protection of the interests of the Minor, I am at present engaged in securing the movable property belonging to the estate. No doubt a considerable quantity of property has been removed during the life-time of the late Nair, and the property has also probably been mismanaged, but I have no reason to believe that any property has been removed from the house after the Nair's death. The ornaments secured may be roughly valued at Rupees 5,000, but many of these are temple ornaments. Only about Rupees 10 in cash and a very small quantity of rice has been produced. The number of servants employed about the place is very great. I believe about 150 in all. They are paid partly in money and partly in kind, and as the duties of a large number are merely nominal, I purpose dismissing all who are clearly superfluous. A list is being prepared showing the names, duties, and pay of the various members of the establishment.

5. The heiress Parvaty is admitted to be the daughter of one Karayanoor Trivikraman Nambudiri and she appears to be fond of him. She has on him the claim which natural affection affords, and I can see no one who is likely to take better care of her. I have therefore directed that she be considered under his guardianship till better arrangements can be made.

6. The list of the property will be forwarded to you as early as possible.

The Board of Revenue recommend that this property may be placed under their charge as Court of Wards; and that the order of Government authorizing this course may be communicated to the Collector direct by telegram, as suggested by Mr. Macgregor.

2. It is obvious that many irregularities may take place before the Collector can intervene under the present law. This point, with others in which Regulation V. of 1804 is susceptible of improvement, was fully noticed in the Board's Proceedings of 23rd February last, No. 369, submitting a reply to G. O., No. 203 of the 1st idem.

3. The Court cannot sanction the proposed advance from the funds of the Nelialom Estate. The child's father must borrow or otherwise obtain money for immediate wants; this expenditure, so far as reasonable, will be admitted as a charge against the estate, if it be placed under the Court of Wards.

No. 85. Order thereon, 9th August 1872, No. 1,187.

Miscellaneous.

The Governor in Council fully approves and sanctions the intervention of the Court of Wards in this case. The Collector will be authorized by telegraph to assume charge.

2. The Government empower him to advance the funds needed for immediate expenditure to an amount not exceeding Rs. 5,000, to be adjusted from the income of the estate in his hands.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.
,, the Collector of Malabar.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Court of Wards
dated 3d August 1872.

Read the following:-

No 180

From

A. MacGregor Esqre
Collector of Malabar

To

F. Grose Esqre
Secretary to the Court of Wards

Sir

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a report from the Acting Head
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of the Kavalpara Nair

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6. As there are no funds in hand it will be necessary that sanction should be given for an advance to cover necessary Expenditure until some income accrues. A sum of Rs 1,000 would be sufficient. If the public funds are not available a temporary loan on interest can be made from the Estate of the Nellialom Minor under the Court of Wards.

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I have &c
(Sd) A MacGregor.
C Collector

Malabar Collectors office
Calicut
29th July 1872

P.S. Since the above was drafted a letter has been received from the Head Assistant C Collector stating that 2500 Rs will be required for funeral ceremonies on the 4th August & that a larger advance

advance will be required.

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No. 395

From.

D. Smith Esqre
Acting Head Accountant (Master

To

A. MacGregor Esqre
Master of Wardaban
Calcutta.

Sir,

I have the honor to report the death on the night of the 20th instant of the Nawab Nazim Ameshow, in the Wallinamad Salary, the representative of an old and respected Nair family, and the recipient of a considerable Malikhana allowance from Government.

2. The sole heiress of the property is the late Nair's niece (mother's sister's grand daughter) a little girl aged six years and three months, and in event of her death the whole property would escheat to

to Government.

3. The value of the property is roughly stated to be about Rs 20000 yearly exclusive of the Malikhana allowance of Rs. 4567-10-1. The Estate is however alleged to be charged with debt to the extent of about Rs 50000.

4. I presume that the management of the property will be at once assumed by the Court of Wards, and in protection of the interests of the minor I am at present engaged in securing the moveable property belonging to the Estate. No doubt a considerable quantity of property has been removed during the lifetime of the late Nair and the property has also probably been mismanaged but I have no reason to believe that any property has been removed from the house after the Nair's death. The ornaments secured may be roughly valued at Rs 5000, but many of these are temple ornaments. Only about Rs 10 in Cash and a very small quantity of rice

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4. The heiress Parvathi is admitted to be the daughter of one Narayanoor Sriniketaraman Namboodiri and she appears to be fond of them. She has on him the claim which natural affection affords and I can see no one who is likely to take better care of her. I have therefore directed that she be considered under his guardianship, till better arrangement can be made.

5. The list of the property will be

be forwarded to you as early as possible.

Malabar
Head assistant Collector's Office
on Circuit
Vanisiri Palace. 25 July 1872

I have &c
(Sd) D. Smith
Asst Collector

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the Estate, if it be placed under the Court of Wards.

True copies / Extracts

H. E. Holm

Acting Sub Secretary

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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No 2593

Proceedings of the
Court of Wards.

Dated 3d August 1872
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Malabar Dt may be
placed under charge of
Court of Wards & Coll=
informed of this by telegram

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m. S. Copy to the Court of Wards Rec'd 9th August 72
14 S.C " " " 15th "
m. S. Copy to the Coll'r of Malabar " 9th August 72
4 S.C " " 15th "
6 " Accountant General " "

AUGUST.
Nos. 84-85.

Property of deceased Kavalpara Nair in Wallunaad Taluq in Malabar District.—Collector authorized to assume charge of it and to advance funds for immediate expenditure in connection with it.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE COURT OF WARDS,

&c., &c., &c

Dated August 9th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 9th August 1872, No. 1,187.

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Dated 9—8— 1872.

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