Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st September 1872.

No. 130. Read the following letter from R. TAYLOR, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 13th September 1872, No. 358:—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of Government Proceedings No. 1,304, dated 9th instant, giving cover to a copy of this Government's letter No. 324, dated 21st February, to Government of India, Financial Department, and of the reply thereto of the Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce No. 303, dated 22nd March, which papers I herewith return as requested.

2. From these papers it would seem that this Government had recommended large advances to the Ramnad Zemindar on the security of his estates, and as an alternative to attachment for arrears, so that the Department of Agriculture, etc., may be held, by approving the action of this Government in abstaining from receiving an assignment of the Ramnad Estate, to have conveyed the sanction of the Government of India to its being attached for arrears of revenue.

3. But I submit that the Department of Agriculture, etc., went no further, and neither notified the Government of India's approval to the special deputation of a gazetted officer on a special salary to manage the estate on the part of Government, nor (on the theory that the attachment was an amicable arrangement for the benefit of the Zemindar) laid down whether or not the officer so employed was to pay any special contribution, under Chapter VII. of the Pension Code, in consideration of the larger leave allowances which this employment may enable him hereafter to claim. Whichever view, therefore, be taken by Government, I submit, as the case at present stands, reference to the Government of India is necessary.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1872, No. 1,342.

Land Revenue.

THE Government observe, with reference to Mr. Taylor's further remarks, that in the Proceedings of 14th December 1871, No. 2,106, which were before the Supreme Government when their letter of 22nd March 1872, No. 303, was written, the Collector of Madura was expressly directed to attach the Ramnad estate for arrears of revenue, and to place his Assistant, Mr. Lee-Warner, in charge of the estate as his agent, on an allowance of Rs. 1,000 monthly to be charged to the estate as part of the cost of management; the necessity of a special arrangement of some kind being inevitable from the great size of the estate, and the arrangement itself being in accordance with precedent.

2. Under these circumstances, the Governor in Council considers that Mr. Taylor's insistence on the necessity of a further reference to the Government of India is unreasonable; but, under the standing instructions of the Government of India, this Government feel bound to make it.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
21st February 1872.

No. 324.

No. 248.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—Referring to the Resolution of the Government of India, dated 10th August 1871, authorizing this Government to receive an assignment of the Ramnad estate from the Zemindar, to advance the funds necessary for the settlement of the debts legally chargeable on it, and to arrange for the gradual liquidation of the Zemindar's other debts, the payment of peishcush being held in temporary abeyance, I am directed to forward the papers noted in the margin, for submission to the Supreme Government, in explanation of the fact of this Government having, for the present, abstained from availing themselves of the permission granted at their request.

G. O., 11th September 1871, Nos. 149-150.
,, 20th November ,, ,, 189—192.
,, 14th December ,, ,, 146-147.
,, 10th January 1872, ,, 130—132.
,, 7th February ,, ,, 100-101.
,, 12th ,, ,, ,, 145—147.

2. Briefly it may be stated that a suit has been filed against the Zemindar in possession to establish an asserted right by inheritance to the estate, that the original claimant was the widowed husband of one of the daughters of the Zemindar's adoptive mother, who died in June last, and that he claimed by virtue of a testamentary document executed by his late wife, and also on behalf of a son whom she is said to have adopted shortly before her death.

3. This original claimant having lately died, the adopted son has been admitted by the Court as a supplemental plaintiff, and the suit is down for hearing in September next, the issues having been settled last month.

4. The Government are advised that there is little or no reason to anticipate that any success will attend the claim; but, in view of the possibility of a decision adverse to the Zemindar, they cannot properly receive an assignment of the estate, and advance large amounts of public money on its security; and, in the interest of all concerned, they have deemed it advisable to exercise the powers conferred by the law, and to attach the estate for the heavy arrears of peishkush now due, and to assume its management.

5. The delay is greatly to be regretted, as the Zemindar's debts are rapidly increasing by accumulation of interest; but it is in no way attributable to him, and, under the peculiar circumstances, it appears to be inevitable.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

19th April 1872.

No. 198. Read the following letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Land-revenue and Settlement,) to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 22nd March 1872, No. 303 :—

WITH reference to your letter addressed to the Financial Department No. 324, dated the 21st ultimo, I am directed to state that the Governor-General in Council approves of the Madras Government having, under the circumstances stated, abstained for the present from receiving an assignment of the Ramnad estate.

No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1872, No. 637.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

G. No. 3016.
Land Rev:

Revenue Department.

No. 1342.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21 Sept 1872.

Read the following letter from the Acg. Accountant General

Submitting that reference to Govt of India is necessary in the case of Mr. Lee Warner's appointment to manage the Ramnad Zemindari.

F. E. 13 Sept. 1872. No 356.

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6 To the Accountant General dtd. 27th Sept 72.

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