No. 327. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1872, Miscellaneous No. 2,068:—

Read Government Order, dated 1st March 1872, No. 371.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Chittoor, 28th February 1872, No. 86.

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of the Court of Wards dated 13th instant, sanctioning the assumption of the management of the Arni estate during the minority of its present proprietor, I have the honour to state that the only person with whom I am personally acquainted in the district, and whom I consider eligible for the Manager's post, is P. T. Chittambala Moodelly, the ex-Tahsildar of Gudiatham. He has had a long and various official training as Sub-Divisional Sheristadar and Tahsildar, and has been distinguished throughout for the upright and conciliatory manner in which he has discharged his duty. My opinion of this officer will be found recorded in my letter published in the Board's Proceedings dated 21st August 1871, No. 2,933.

2. Chittambala Moodelly is about fifty-three years of age, but is still a strong hale man, and in this respect quite equal to the duties of the post for which he is a candidate. His great defect is that he is a slow workman himself, and is too easy with his subordinates. If these shortcomings do not disqualify him for the appointment, I think that Chittambala Moodelly would probably turn out a good and suitable Manager. He retires on good service pension from 20th instant as per Orders of Government dated 8th August 1871, No. 1,060, and his services are thus at immediate disposal. He is himself desirous to get the appointment.

3. At the same time I beg to forward an application from Dharmârow Moodelly just received.

I am not personally acquainted with this candidate, nor do I know what are his qualifications for the Manager's post. He appears to have been employed for some time as Manager of Pittapore estate in the Godavery District, and I learn that he has been attached to the Board's Office for several years past.

4. From Mr. Carmichael's endorsement upon the enclosed application, it would appear he entertains a good opinion of Dharmarow.

5. I therefore leave it to the Court to appoint the one or other of these two applicants, who, in their opinion, may appear best fitted for the Manager's post.

6. Now, as regards the emoluments to be attached to the Managership, the Court of Wards state that they will be prepared "to sanction a suitably high salary."

7. Looking at the nature and amount of work that will devolve on the Manager in this estate, I think that Rs. 200 a month will not be excessive when the salary is subject to no deductions to maintain the incumbent's lien on pension; but if, on the other hand, a man from the Government service is appointed, a higher rate of payment must be allowed. In this district there are at present

only two such men, but neither would, I think, care to take up the appointment for anything less than Rs. 350 a month.

8. I refer to the Tahsildars of Wallajah and Arcot. Either of these officers would make an excellent Manager; but as they are now in receipt of Rs. 250 and 225 respectively in substantive salary, besides registration fees, averaging about Rs. 40 a month, it would not be worth their while to accept the Manager's appointment with any salary under Rs. 300, as the post is one of difficulty and delicacy, and there would be heavy deductions to pay to maintain their title to pension on retirement from the Government service.

9. I think, however, that Rs. 200 might be considered a fair rate of pay in the event of either Chittambala Moodelly or Dharmarow Moodelly being selected by the Court.

10. Next, as regards the establishment, the Court of Wards direct that the Manager should begin his work with the existing Huzoor and Taluq Establishments, no changes being made except those rendered necessary by misconduct or inefficiency.

11. I have no objection to urge against this arrangement if it can be worked with success. The proposal to place the estate under management has already created much dissatisfaction among the late Jaghiredar's subordinates, and from what I have personally seen of these men, I think that, with some rare exceptions, their retention under a new regimé would only be a source of obstruction and embarrassment to the Manager in the conduct of affairs. Several of these employés can with difficulty read or write Tamil (the language spoken by the ryots of the estate) or Telugu. They are all, it is true, conversant with Mahrattah, but that is a language unknown to either of the applicants for the Manager's post, and of no general use in the ordinary business-transactions of the estate. As now constituted the establishments maintained both at the Huzoor and in the Taluq Offices are unnecessarily large and costly. I think a 3rd-class Government Taluq Establishment with *four* Revenue Inspectors would be all that is required for the efficient performance of the work, and, if this scale were to be adopted, there would be an economy of upwards of Rs. 5,000 under this item of charge. The organization of this establishment should be left to the discretion of the Collector. Such of the subordinates in the Jaghiredar's establishment as are really efficient might be retained, but the introduction of some new element is most desirable in the interests of the estate. This principle was observed when organizing the Manager's establishment of the Bungari, Naragunti, and Kalloor estates, and much difficulty was experienced in getting any work from those taken out of the old establishments as they were not only ignorant and unmethodical in their business-habits, but became actually obstructive as the time for handing over the estate to the proprietors drew near. As Arni will remain only for two years under management, and much remains to be done within that short time, it is of the highest importance that the Manager's establishment be made as efficient as possible.

12. If the Court of Wards still insist upon retaining the present establishment, I would request their permission to employ a Taluq Sheristadar on Rs. 60

to arrange and systematize the accounts already in great confusion, and to entertain an establishment as per margin in my own Office. These additional hands will be required in either case, whether the existing establishments are maintained in their integrity or not, as much heavy and responsible work will devolve upon this Office under whatever be the arrangement ultimately adopted.

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1 Clerk	25
1 Do.	15
1 Attender	7
Total...	47

13. My establishment is already over-taxed, and could not without such additional aid undertake the work without seriously compromising the general efficiency of the Office.

14. I desire to record my opinion that the Huzoor Sheristadar is entitled to consideration in these arrangements. The work connected with the Naragunti estate is, as the Board will know, onerous and responsible. Several complicated civil suits have already arisen, and there is every prospect of more coming; and in the management of the Arni Jaghire there will certainly be much of this and other work which will seriously tax the time and attention of the Sheristadar of the Controlling Office, who has already too much to do. I think, therefore, that Sampath Row is most fairly entitled to some remuneration for such work, and would beg to recommend that he be allowed Rs. 100 per mensem to be charged against the Jaghire and the Naragunti estate in the proportion two-thirds and one-third respectively.

15. I learn that the Sheristadar of Tanjore gets extra allowances for work connected with the management of the Rajah's estate. I therefore earnestly trust that similar indulgence may be shown to my Sheristadar in consideration of the large portion of his time which he has already to devote to such work out of Office-hours, and the heavy additional labour which will inevitably attach to management of the Arni Jaghire.

16. As I am now quitting the district on leave, I beg to offer one or two suggestions in connection with the affairs of this Jaghire, which I think might be adopted with advantage. First, as regards the allowance to be granted to Ramachandra Row Sahib, the brother of the late Jaghiredar. There can be no question as to the legality of his claim for maintenance allowance, which, in consideration of his position and near relationship to the Jaghiredar, ought not to be less than Rs. 250, the amount fixed by Government in the case of Suban Row Sahib, the step-brother of the deceased Jaghiredar.

17. Ramachandra Row Sahib would prefer to get a lump payment once for all in commutation of the monthly allowance, and this he requests may be fixed in proportion to the available movable property in the shape of old coins, etc. This request simply amounts to a claim for a division of the whole movable property of the late Jaghiredar; whether a suit to enforce such a division of family-property can be sustained in the Civil Court I am not yet in a position to say. But be this as it may, it would be well to endeavour to settle this question of maintenance by compromise rather than to run the risk of a law-suit which will be the inevitable

result of the state of feeling now existing between the brother and the widow, etc., of the late Jaghiredar.

18. Secondly, as regards the education of the minors, I would respectfully ask the Court to reconsider that part of their instructions in which they observe that the minor and his brothers may be permitted to remain and pursue their studies at Arni. I have just had a conversation with the tutor who accompanied the Minor when he came here to receive the new Istimrar Sanad, and this was one of the points most particularly discussed by us.

19. He tells me, being himself a Brahmin, that there is nothing in the nature of the periodical family ceremonies during the first year of mourning which requires that his pupil should remain at Arni; that such an arrangement would be fatal to any systematic course of studies, and would seriously affect his power for good during the short period he will have the minor under his direction. In these views I most fully concur, and think that both on educational and moral considerations, these youths should make Madras their place of residence.

20. They can always visit Arni with ease on any occasion of special importance requiring their attendance, and the distance from the railway station is not much more than a pleasant drive. I therefore trust that the Court will *insist* on their residing and pursuing their studies at Madras, and will make this a very prominent condition in the arrangements which have now to be made.

The Court are unable to assent to the nomination of Dharmaroyen Moodelliar to the office of Manager of the Arni Jaghire, nor do they think the pensioned Tahsildar would be equal to so difficult a charge. The arrangement which occurs to them as most suitable would be to appoint the present Tahsildar of Arcot to the office of Manager on a suitable salary, leaving it to the Collector, if he is so disposed, to employ Dharmaroyen Moodelliar as an Acting Tahsildar, or, if he prefers it, to recommend to the Board any duly qualified person. They will not object to the appointment of an officer of the grade of a Taluq Sheristadar, if the Manager requires one to aid him in getting the accounts into order.

2. At the end of three months the Manager should submit a scheme for the reduction of inefficient officers and useless establishments generally.

3. The Head Sheristadar's claim for a special allowance of Rs. 100 a month cannot be entertained.

4. One Vernacular Clerk in the Collector's Office ought to suffice for the conduct of the correspondence arising out of the retention of the estate under Government management.

5. Government have already (in the order quoted above) issued orders regarding the removal of the minors to Madras for their education. The Collector will expedite the necessary arrangements for the residence of the minors during their stay here, in regard to which the Board will be happy to afford him any assistance in their power.

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

6. With regard to Ramachandra Row Sahib, the Court are of opinion that he should be given a liberal maintenance allowance.

No. 328. Order thereon, 26th March 1872, No. 530.

Miscellaneous. Approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 86.

North Arcot
Collector's Office
Chittoor 28th February 1873.

From,

J. D. Robinson Esqr.
Collector of North Arcot.

To

J. Grose Esqr
Secretary to the Court of Wards

Sir,

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conciliatory manner in which he has discharged his duty. My opinion of this officer will be found recorded in my letter published in the Board's Proceedings dated 21st August 1871 No. 2933.

2. Chittambala Mudeli is about 53 years of age but is still a strong hale man and in this respect quite equal to the duties of the post for which he is a candidate. His great defect is that he is a slow workman himself and is too easy with his subordinates. If these shortcomings do not disqualify him for the appointment, I think that Chittambala Mudeli would probably turn out a good and suitable manager. He retires on good service pension from 20th Instant as per orders of Government dated 8th August 1871 No. 1060 and his services are thus at immediate disposal. He is himself desirous to get the appointment.

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I am not personally acquainted with this candidate nor do I know what are his qualifications for the Manager post. He appears to have been employed for some time as Manager of Pittapoor Estate in the Godavery district and I learn that he has been attached to the Board's office for several years past.

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5. I therefore leave it to the Court to appoint the one or other of these two applicants, who, in their opinion, may appear best fitted for the manager post.

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North Arcot Collr's Office
Chittoor 28th Feby 1872

(Sd) J. D. Robinson
Collector

To
J. Grose Esqre
Secretary to the Court of Wards
Madras

True copy

J. S. Cummings
Sub-Secretary

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Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 2068.

Proceedings of the Court of Wards

dated 19th March 1872.

Read letter from the Collector of North Arcot, dated 28th February 1872 No. 86

Read also Government order dated 1st March 1872 No. 371.

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Enclosure in Proceedings of the Court of Wards to the Offg Chief Secretary to Government Revenue Department dated 19th March 1872 Miscellaneous No. 2068

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(True Extract)

(Signed) J. W. Pennington
Sub Secretary

To the Collector of North Arcot

(True Copy)

J. W. Pennington
Sub Secretary

To the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government Revenue Department with Copy of Collector's letter

Dated 10th January 1894

Revenue 1872 Dist.

No. 957.

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