Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th May 1872.

No. 144. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 25th April 1872, No. 669 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Court of Wards, Madras, dated 23rd March 1872, No. 81:—

With reference to paragraph 6 of the Proceedings of the Court of Wards dated 4th January 1872, No. 7, I have the honour to inform you that, though the minor has come of age, the estate has not been made over to him. He is intellectually a very backward boy, is still at school, and has no wish to enter into possession, and it is very undesirable that he should do so as he has not sense enough to keep him out of the hands of designing men, of whom there are plenty in Wynaad of all colours.

2. I consider that the boy's state of mental backwardness amounts to an infirmity sufficient to warrant his being still considered an incapacitated proprietor.

3. I regret that, owing to the press of work about the time my report was sent, I overlooked that the minor came of age almost immediately.

4. In regard to the arrears of collections, as the report of the Deputy Collector was not received till shortly before the annual report came due, the explanations were embodied therein.

5. It will be observed that of a total of Rs. 9,242 a sum of 3,652 Rs. was recommended for being written off as irrecoverable. The remainder, Rs. 5,590, contained altogether a sum of Rs. 1,979 Government revenue; but a considerable amount of this will, under the practice of the district in similar cases of abandonment, be remitted.

6. Steps are being taken to collect the remaining balance. The late depression of the coffee interest accounts for these arrears. This part of the country is very unhealthy, and has lately suffered from drought; but recently the prospects have improved.

7. I visited this part of Wynaad in December and saw some very good estates on the minor's property, and a demand for land is again springing up. Care is being taken to reject applications from men without substance.

8. It is not that the estate is deteriorating; but that here, as elsewhere, the prospects of coffee, at one time so flattering, have during some years proved deceptive.

9. Much of the land on which these arrears appear has not been touched, the parties having found themselves unable to open.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The proprietor of Nellyalom in Wynaad attained his majority in October last, and under ordinary circumstances he ought to have been placed in possession of his estate at once.

3. It appears however from the Collector's report that the proprietor is still at school and that he has no desire to assume charge of his estate, a responsibility for which the Collector considers him disqualified by natural infirmity.

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4. The Court observe that the estate having been taken charge of on account of the proprietor's minority, it is not competent to the Court to retain it on the ground of his incapacity from natural infirmity without the fresh orders of Government.

5. The Court however resolve to recommend that the estate be retained under their management as suggested by the Collector until further orders.

6. The mental state of the proprietor and his wishes regarding his property will be specially noticed by the Collector in his annual reports on the estate.

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1872, No. 775.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government permit the Collector to retain management of the estate for the present under the Court of Wards on the ground of the mental incapacity of the proprietor.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Court of Wards.

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE COURT OF WARDS.

Dated May 14th.

Recd. *Encl.*

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With Order