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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th January 1872.*

No. 167. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 6th December 1871, No. 38 :—

I HAVE considered in Council the despatch from your Excellency in Council, numbered 26 and dated the 4th of July, forwarding a copy of the report of the Court of Wards for the year 1869-70, together with the observations and orders which your Government recorded in reviewing it.

2. I entirely approve the orders which your Excellency in Council has issued on this occasion. You have clearly shown that the efforts hitherto made for the education of the Wards of the Court are very inadequate to this important object, which has for many years been pressed upon your Government by me and by my predecessors in office. With the small expenditure noticed by you in paragraphs 32 and 33 of your order, the smallness of the result attained is not surprising.

3. On another point also the remissness in recovering debts due to estates of minors, you have very properly animadverted, and I am glad to observe the warning given by your Excellency in Council that, even in cases where the estates, though under the Court, are allowed to be directly administered by the relations of the minor, Collectors are not relieved from the duties of seeing that the minors are properly educated and their estates well managed.

From your Proceedings of August 28th, I learn that the Court had admitted the justice of your animadversions on the points mentioned, and on the mode in which the annual report is prepared. I trust that the directions issued by them and approved by you will place the management of these estates on an improved footing.

5. I observe likewise by your Proceedings Nos. 323 and 324 of the same date, that you have called for a report on the suggestion in the last paragraph of my despatch of the 13th of July, No. 18, with respect to the measures for clearing the Maniachi estate in Tinnevely from debt. The result should be reported to me.

No. 168.

ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1872, No. 85.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Court of Wards, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 16th June 1871, No. 1,069.

2. The Government observe, with reference to the concluding paragraph of the above despatch, that the Secretary of State has been informed by letter dated 14th November 1871, No. 46, that the Maniachi estate is now free from debt.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 13th January 1872.

Read the following

Despatch
from the Secy. of State

Reviewing report
of the Court of Wards for the
year 1869-70, together with
the observations and orders
which Madras Government
recorded thereon

(H. E. 6th December 1871. No. 38)

Commenced
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reference to the Prog^d. of
Govt, dated 16th June 1871,
No. 1069.

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with reference to the con-
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above despatch that
the Secretary of State
has been informed by
letter, dated 14th Nov^r 71,

No. 46

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14. ~~Copy of~~ ~~Maniachi~~ ~~deed~~ ~~of~~ ~~15~~ ~~January~~ ~~1872~~