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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th January 1873.*

No. 47. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 23rd December 1872:—

Read the following papers:—

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated 26th September 1872, No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that D. Kristiah prefers reverting to his former post of Local Fund Overseer than take up an appointment in the Purlah Kimedy Estate, etc.

Telegram from W. F. GRAHAME, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, dated 2nd October 1872.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting that new arrangement for Kimedy Public Works may be suspended for some time.

Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 7th October 1872.

ABSTRACT.—Referring to the Court of Wards letter from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, stating that no Overseer is available to relieve Kristiah, etc.

From the Acting Collector of Ganjam, dated 24th November 1872, No. 2,025.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting, with remarks, letter from Vira Mallesalingam, Overseer in Kimedy Range.

From the District Engineer, Godavery, dated 10th December 1872, No. 81.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting to know if Kalastry Bheemiah's services are to be availed of for the Kimedy Estate.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 4th December 1872, No. 25.

ABSTRACT.—Regarding the Local Fund Overseer Kristiah's declining the appointment in the Kimedy Estate.

On the 2nd October 1872 Mr. Grahame, the Acting Collector of Ganjam, No. 1,818, dated 12th September 1872, requesting that Overseer D. Kristiah might be directed to proceed to relieve Supervisor Ramiah without delay.

telegraphed to the Court of Wards with reference to the Proceedings noted in the margin, and asked that the new arrangement for Public Works in

Kimedy might be suspended till he wrote. On the 10th October a communication was received from Government forwarding a recommendation from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, in favour of Kalastry Bheemiah for the charge of the estate. No orders were passed, the report promised being awaited. On the 19th November, consequent on a further communication from the

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Superintending Engineer, the Acting Collector's report was called for by telegraph; and on the 24th November, after a delay of more than seven weeks, Mr. Grahame wrote at length, giving reasons for his wishing the arrangement by which Overseer D. Kristniah's services were placed at the disposal of the Court to be set aside.

2. Mr. Grahame will be called upon to explain this very great delay. If he wished to supersede the arrangement by the appointment of a man on the spot, as now appears to be the case, he should have written at once, but he was silent till a special telegram was sent. It now appears that D. Kristniah is unwilling to take up the appointment, and it is, therefore, possible to carry out the Acting Collector's recommendation, which is to appoint one Vira Mallesalingam, at present Overseer in Kimeddy, to the charge of the estate with a salary of Rupees 100, and the travelling allowances of a Supervisor. The Court on the 11th July last declared their intention of not retaining T. Ramiah, and since that time have been in active correspondence with officers of the Department Public Works, endeavouring to obtain a competent successor. Had Mr. Grahame intimated that there was a competent man upon the spot, all this trouble would have been saved. The Court gather from Mr. Grahame's letter that T. Ramiah is still in charge. He should at once be relieved and Vira Mallesalingam placed in charge as a temporary measure on the terms proposed. These orders will be sent to the Collector by telegraph, and Government and the District Engineer of the Godavery District informed that the services of Kalastry Bheemiah are not now required.

3. Mr. Grahame again urges the appointment of a European Assistant Engineer for the charge of the estate; but the Court have already decided against that measure, and are not disposed to re-open the discussion at present. If circumstances occur to render the appointment of a European indispensable or desirable, it can be carried out at any time, as the arrangement now sanctioned is temporary only. Mr. Master is requested to state his opinion of Vira Mallesalingam, and whether he considers that he may be left in charge, or steps taken for the appointment of another man.

4. The Court now learn, for the first time, that T. Ramiah has acquired large tracts of land in the name of his children and relations, that the fact first came to Mr. Grahame's knowledge in February last, and that the inquiry into these transactions led to Ramiah's committal to the Sessions Court on a charge of forgery. The District Officers must surely be aware that circumstances of so grave a character should at once have been reported to the Court of Wards. Mr. Master will obtain from the Principal Assistant a distinct report on the charges affecting T. Ramiah's character for submission to Government, with full detail regarding the acquisition of the lands and the criminal proceedings.

5. Mr. Grahame comments on the inefficient manner in which many of the works in the estate have been executed, and says that the Principal Assistant cannot be expected to check or criticise engineering works. This is true as regards works requiring much professional skill; but it is clear that the defective works complained of were very simple and attracted Mr. Grahame's notice at once. Matters of this kind should have been reported to the Court before. The Court cannot acquit the District Officers of blame for their silence regarding the unsatis-

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factory proceedings of T. Ramiah; and the Manager, who must have long known what has been taking place, should be called on to explain his not having communicated the information.

6. The Court resolve to request Government to place at their disposal the services of a competent officer of the Public Works Department to make a thorough examination of, and report upon, all the works in the estate: anicuts, tanks, channels, and roads, completed or in progress. This work would occupy probably three months, and the Court and the Collector would then be in possession of reliable information on which to act. In future, it is probable that the District Engineer will be able occasionally to visit Kimeddy and to assist the Overseer with instructions.

No. 48.

ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1873, No. 23.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Department
Public Works for information and for
advice on paragraph 6.

2. The further reports promised are awaited.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department
.. the Court of Wards.

Ed. F. R. Bantlem.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th January 1873.*

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Purlah Kimeddy Estate in Ganjam District—Proceedings, Court of Wards, on the subject of appointing a Public Works Overseer in charge of it, communicated to Public Works Department for information and for advice on the point specified.

(Here enter No. 23, dated 9th January 1873.)

ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1873, No. 241.

THE Government are unable to spare a Public Works Officer for special duty in Kimeddy from the existing establishment, as they have not yet been able to fill up such important Ranges as St. Thomas' Mount, Bellary, Nellore, Calicut, etc.

2. The plan advocated by the Court of Wards that an Overseer only should be maintained in Kimeddy, whom the Ganjam District Engineer should occasionally visit and instruct, is not in accordance with the present Public Works system. Supervising Officers cannot advise subordinates without the power to command. The most feasible plan for managing the works of Kimeddy is that of attaching it as a sub-division to the adjacent Chicacole Range, and placing both in charge of an Engineer Officer of the Public Works Department possessed of local experience, such as Ensign Lever. A fully qualified sub-divisional officer can be selected from the Public Works Department of the rank of Supervisor, 2nd grade, who will be reckoned as a supernumerary of that grade till promoted, when he can be replaced. Such a subordinate may be efficiently worked and supervised by the Range and District Officers; and he may well be selected from the ranks of those students of the Civil Engineering College of local parentage and training as have been hitherto employed in subordinate ranks though holding certificates of qualification as Assistant Engineers. See paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 54, of 8th January 1873, referring to the Ramnad Zemindary.

(True Extract.)

C. S. Austin *Capt.*
Colonel, R.E.,
As Secy to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

- " District Engineer, Ganjam.
- " Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
- " Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- " Principal of the Civil Engineering College.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Madras 30th Jan.

Recd.

G. O. No. 54, dated 8th Jan. 1873.

JANUARY.

No. 147-43.

The Court of Wards in Ganjam District has recommended the appointment of an Overseer in charge of the Purlah Kimeddy Estate, and has communicated to the Public Works Department for information and for advice on the point specified.

With Over

10 To the Court of Wardens & Sheriffs

Attending that the
are unable to spare a
Post Office for open
in Henry's Diet, from
sinking & maintaining
the plan to maintain
overseer only is not in
conformance with the
Public Works & Station
No 17 4th of January
with an order

Revenue 1873 Rep
No 323.
No 1 of Govt. P. 7
Date 30th
Recd 15th of Jan

Comm. to the Court of Wards in reference
to the Prop. of 23rd Decr last. The Court
will consider the suggestion made.

10th Feb 1873