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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. 2,336.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that D. Kristniah 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 Kristniah, 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 Kristniah's declining the appointment in the Kimedy Estate.

No. 1,818, dated 12th September 1872, requesting that Overseer D. Kristniah might be directed to proceed to relieve Supervisor Ramiah without delay.

ON the 2nd October 1872 Mr. Grahame, the Acting Collector of Ganjam, 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

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 Kimedy, 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 estate in the names 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 unsatisfactory 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.

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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 Kimedy 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.

Mxd. F. R. Bantleman.

Superintending Engineer's Office, 1st Division.
Dowlaishwarum, 23rd September 1872

No. 2300

From

Lieut. Col. J. T. Fischer R.E.
Acting Superintending Engineer
1st Division

To

Colonel J. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government D. P. W.
MADRAS

SIR,

With reference to G.O. of the 15th Ultimo No 1974, I have the honor to state that I have not yet been able to find an establishment overseer to relieve D. Krishnaik, and as the Local Fund Board of the Rajahmundry Circle have sanctioned estimates amounting to 2½ lacs of Rupees for that Taluq which are in progress; besides several irrigation works, it is very inexpedient to remove that subordinate at present, who would rather return to his post of Local Fund Overseer if taken away from the District.

2 I now beg to submit for the consideration and orders of Government an application from 1st Class Delta Superintendents Cálastry Bheemiah for the post which has become vacant in the Purlakemedy Estate

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Court of Wards

Dated 23 December 1872

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——Do—— from the Acting Master of Ganjam, dated 24 November 1872 No 2025 submitting with remarks letter from Vera Mallesalingum Overseer in Kunidi Range.

——Do—— from the District Engineer, Godavery, dated 10 December 1872 No 81 requesting to know if Calustee Burnials Services are to be availed of for the Kunidi Estate.

Government Order, dated 4 December 1872 No 25 regarding the Local Fund Overseer Kistnaiah declining the appointment in the Kunidi Estate.

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No 1818, dated 12 September 1872, requesting that Overseer D. Kistnaiah might be directed to proceed to relieve Superior Ramiah without delay.

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From The Superintending Engineer, First Division. To The Secretary to Government Public Works Department MADRAS

Dated 23rd December 1872.
Received 27th December 1872.

No. 2300

ENCLO.

Subject.

Requesting that an acclimatized Overseer is sent as speedily as possible to relieve D. Kistnaiah who wants to return to his post of Local Fund Overseer in Kunidi Division, and submitting the Calustee Bills for Burials &c.

Transferred to the Revenue Department with reference to G. O. No 1913 of 15th August 1872.

W. Mackenzie Esq. C.S.I. Secretary to Govt. Revenue Department

Received 28th December 1872. Entered & Returned 12th October 1872

Submitted for the C. of W. Records. L. Brittain Esq. Secretary

Recd 29-12-72

Entered & Returned 30-12-72

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J. Gose
for Sg. Sub-Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government
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21. P.W. Dept Do 10 Jan 73
14. Court of Wards Do 13 Jan 73

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