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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

20th November 1877, No. 3,278.

Read the following paper :—

No. 203. Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 1st November 1877, No. 4,889.

Read the following letter from H. ST. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Vizianagrum, 12th October 1877, No. 1,116.

REFERRING to the Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 17th July last, No. 3,316, I have the honor to inform you that Narsayya Patta Mahadevi, Zemindarni of Chemudu, and her next heir Chandraraju, with his adopted son, came here and represented to me personally that they were anxious to carry out the arrangements proposed by them as per kararnama referred to in paragraph 4 of my letter to the Court, No. 633, dated 18th June last.

2. I conversed with Chandraraju twice, and am satisfied that he is a fit person to manage the estate. He has paid Rupees 6,589-8-5 in liquidation of the arrears of peishcush, land-cess, and quit-rent due to Government up to date, and deposited Rupees 5,573-4-2 to clear up the debts due to the Rani of Bobbili, the Zemindar of Sangamvalsa and some others. I have summoned the cre[illegible] Chandraraju.

[illegible] is still claimed by the domestic servants of the Zemindarni and Rupees 765-6-3 by the ryots of the estate. Chandraraju begged that he might be allowed the indulgence of settling these debts himself, and assured me that he would deal with the servants and ryots very liberally and justly and clear off the debts to their satisfaction after he has assumed the management of the estate. There is no doubt that these debts can best be settled by the person in charge of the estate, which will thus be left free from incumbrances ere long. The sum paid into my hands (Rupees 5,573-4-2) is the amount of all the debts due to creditors holding documents as security.

3. I had an interview with the lady the day before yesterday, when she expressed her approval of the choice Chandraraju had made in adopting the boy he has adopted. She testified that the kararnama transferring the estate to Chandraraju bore her signature, and was executed by her of her own free will for the good of the estate. Chandraraju undertook to pay special regard to the lady's comfort and protection, and to be a good landlord.

4. I have therefore ordered the estate to be handed over to Chandraraju as directed by the Court, and shall register the transfer of the estate to him on my return to the head-quarters.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the Liabilities on the Chemudu Estate up to 15th October 1877.

Particulars of the Liabilities.	Amount. RS.	A.	P.
1. On account of Government dues—			
(a) Peishcush	6,250	0	0
(b) Land-cess	233	2	2
(c) Quit-rent	106	6	3
Total ...	6,589	8	5

II. On account of private debts—			Rs.	A.	P.
Rani of Bobbili as per decree			1,089	6	0
M. Appalanarasimharaju as per decree			14	6	0
Y. Chinna Dalinayudu	do.		21	12	11
B. Mutyaliah	do.		662	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zemindar of Sungamvalsa, 1st and 2nd instalments			2,027	3	1
Sri Rajayyar amigaru			162	[illegible]	5
M. Appadu			100	[illegible]	[illegible]
G. Koormannah			89	0	0
J. Gurannah			50	0	0
B. Subbayya			20	0	0
G. Sanyasi			160	0	0
B. Appalanayudu			114	0	0
P. Seetaramiah			500	0	0
Rani of Bobbili			571	1	3
To ryots			765	6	3
To domestic servants			2,364	6	6
			8,703	0	11
			15,292	9	4

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. ST. A. GOODRICH,
Acting Collector.

RECORDED.

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2. The collections on the estate in Fasli 1285 amounted to Rs. 11,827 and the charges to Rs. 11,753 as explained in paragraph 6 of the Minors' Estates' Report for last fasli. The Government dues outstanding against the estate on account of peishcush, &c., at the commencement of the current fasli amounted to Rs. 5,413, and the debts due by the estate to Rs. 8,224.

3. Rs. 9,552 have been collected up to end of March last, of which Rs. 6,915 were paid towards arrears of peishcush, &c., and Rs. 2,622 on account of other charges, leaving a balance of Rs. 89 in favor of the estate. The actual amount due by the estate is as follows :—

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On account of Government dues, viz., peishcush, quit-rent, and land-cess.	Arrears	... ...	1,000
	Current	... ...	5,484
		Total ...	6,484
Debts due to private persons	... ...	...	8,079
		Grand Total ...	14,563

8. The demand of the estate is Rs. 12,100 and the annual charges amount to Rs. 9,100. The present debts amount to Rs. 14,563, and at an average of 9 per cent. the interest on the sum would amount to Rs. 1,310. A balance of somewhat less than Rs. 1,690 remains for payment of principal of debts and of law expenses connected with their recovery. Thus if the estate is continued under direct management of the Court of Wards the debts due cannot be liquidated in less than seven years, and the creditors are so clamorous for payment that I apprehend parcels

of the estate may be brought to the hammer by them through decrees of Courts. If the proposal to borrow money from Bobbili is accepted the debts can be cleared off at once and the estate will be free from encumbrances and redeemed in ten years. But there is an obstacle in the way of this arrangement. The Bobbili Rani asserts that she would not lend the money unless the document is executed in the name of the Court of Wards and in the joint names of the present Chemudu Zemindarini and her next heir, Chandraraju, mentioned in Board's Proceedings, No. 4,312, dated 16th June 1869. Translation of the draft document is herewith submitted. Both Chandraraju and the lady are quite averse to borrow money from the Bobbili family, and it will be impossible to make them sign the document. Should I, as Agent to the Court of Wards, sign the document on behalf of the ward and negotiate the transaction with Bobbili, we cannot give the Bobbili Rani all the security which she requires, as the death of the Chemudu lady would make the security worthless. The Rani will not lend money unless it is guaranteed to her that the estate will be left in her possession until the debt is cleared.

4. Chandraraju,* the next heir to the Chemudu lady, has lately adopted a boy, and documents were executed between the lady and Chandraraju, the former transferring to the latter her right, title, and interest in the estate, reserving a few lands for her maintenance. Translation of the kararnama is herein enclosed. I have informed the parties that documents executed by wards under protection of the Court of Wards are of no effect unless executed with the consent of the Court of Wards. Both of these parties have presented petitions to me requesting me to transfer the estate to Chandraraju. Chandraraju is ready to pay up all liabilities on the estate, provided the estate is left to his management as per kararnama executed by the lady.

* No. 6 in the list given in the margin of Collector's letter, No. 289, dated 18th May 1869, printed in Board's Proceedings, dated 16th June 1869, No. 4,312.

5. There are thus three courses left for the management of the estate :—

1*st*.—To keep the estate under the direct management of the Court and to liquidate pressing debts as money is available.

2*nd*.—To borrow money from the Bobbili Rani on the terms proposed and to liquidate the debts now outstanding.

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6. I respectfully ask the instructions of the Court on the facts reported.

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		Rs.
Average annual demand from all sources	... ...	12,100
Annual charges (usual)—		
Peishcush	... ...	5,000
Land-cess	... ...	700
Quit-rent	... ...	191
Government commission	... ...	175
Management charges	... ...	740
Maintenance allowance	... ...	1,500
Marumut charges	... ...	400
Unforeseen charges	... ...	894
		9,100
Annual balance to be set off against debt	... ...	3,000
Amount of debt	... ...	14,000

VIZAGAPATAM,
18th June 1877.

(Signed) H. ST. A. GOODRICH,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From W. A. WILLOCK, Esq., Acting Senior Assistant Collector, to H. ST. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, dated Parvatipur, 14th May 1877, No. 164.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith a proposal for a loan of Rs. 14,000 to be obtained by the Chemudu Estate from the Rani of Bobbili.

2. The present circumstances of the estate are such as to render a consolidation of its debts absolutely necessary to avoid its being brought to the hammer under one or other of the several decrees which have been obtained against it.

3. The present demand of the estate is Rs. 11,923, out of which the following expenditure has to be met:—

	Rs.
Peishcush	5,700
Quit-rent	216
Land-cess	298
Maintenance of Rani, &c.	600
Government commission	600
Management establishment	600
Total ...	9,314

leaving a balance of Rs. 2,600 to set against bad debts, repairs to irrigation works, law expenses, and payment of principal and interest to creditors.

4. The present debts of the estate amount to Rs. 14,000* (about), and at an average of Rs. 9 per cent. the interest on the sum would amount to Rs. 1,260. Allowing Rs. 200 for bad debts and Rs. 400 for repairs to irrigation works, which are at present most urgently in want of them, a balance of somewhat less than Rs. 800 remains for payment of principal of debts and of law expenses connected with their recovery—an item which will probably be heavy if the creditors are forced to proceed against the estate in the Civil Courts.

* In the Collector's report for last year the amount is wrongly entered as Rs. 8,328. This was the amount of private debt, but in addition there was a balance of Rs. 8,413 due on account of peishcush, &c. (vide paragraph 16 of my report printed in Board's Proceedings, 6th February 1877, No. 512).

5. The income is capable of an increase of between Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 1,500 per annum by the resumption of Service Inams improperly granted, but this enhancement cannot be immediately realized.

6. It is therefore clear that the estate is not at present in a position to do anything worth speaking of towards the payment of its creditors, several of whom already have obtained decrees in their favor from the Civil Courts, and I therefore apprehend that steps will be taken by some of them to bring it to sale if nothing is done towards meeting their demands.

To avoid this, I have tried to negotiate a loan of Rs. 14,000 from the Bobbili Rani, and she consents to advance that amount on the following terms:—

The estate is to be mortgaged to her till the debt is paid off.

Interest is to be charged at Rs. 9 per cent.

A commission at the rate of Rs. 10 per cent. is to be allowed on the amount of the demand, in return for which the estate is relieved from all charges on account of cost and risk of management, and all ordinary repairs to irrigation works, which, however, are to be put in fair order before it is made over.

Under this arrangement the expenditure would be as follows:—

	Rs.
Peishcush	5,700
Quit-rent	216
Land-cess	698
Maintenance of Rani, &c.	1,500
Interest on debt	1,260
Commission for management	1,200
Total ...	10,574

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The rate charged for commission may ... rather high, but compared with what the estate is charged with while it remains under the ... nagement of the Court of Wards, I think it the reverse. It has now to pay the same am... the Manager and his staff and the Government commission, and has in addition to bear th... arising from bad debts and the cost of repairs to irrigation works.

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(True Copy.)

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ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Translation of Bond.

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(True Copies a... Extract.)

(Signed) C. D. MACLEAN,
Additional Sub-Secretary.

No. 204. ORDER THEREON, 20th ... mber 1877, No. 3,278.

Miscellaneous.

THE Court's Proceedings are ...pproved and sanctioned.

(True ...ract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

No. 3,316.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) [illegible]
Additional Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Vizagapatam.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

Received.

JULY.
No. 3,316.

Chemudu Estate—under charge of Court of Wards in Vizagapatam District.—Authorizing Collector to register the transfer of — to Chandra Ráz as soon as he has made arrangements for satisfying Government dues and other liabilities now encumbering the estate.

1877.
Court of Wards,
MADRAS.

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Read the following letter from H. St. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Vizianagrum, 12th October 18[illegible], No. 1,116:—

Referring to the Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 17th July last, No. 3,316, I have the honor to inform you that Narsayya Patta Mahadevi, Zamindarni of Chemudu, and her next heir Chandraraju, with his adopted son, came here and represented to me personally that they were anxious to carry out the arrangements proposed by them as per Kararnama referred to in paragraph 4 of my letter to the Court, No. 633, dated 18th June last.

2. I conversed with Chandraraju twice, and am satisfied that he is a fit person to manage the estate. He has paid Rupees 6,589-8-5 in liquidation of the arrears of peishcush, land cess and quit-rent due to Government up to date, and deposited Rupees 5,573-4-2 to clear up the debts due to the Rani of Bobbili, the Zamindar of Sanganivalsa and some others. I have summoned the creditors to appear before me with documents they may have in support of their claims, and I shall pay their debts and send receipts taken from them to Chandraraju. A sum of Rupees 2,364-6-6 is still claimed by the domestic servants of the Zamindarni and Rupees 765-6-3 by the ryots of the estate. Chandraraju begged that he might be allowed the indulgence of settling these debts himself, and assured me that he would deal with the servants and ryots very liberally and justly and clear off the debts to their satisfaction after he has assumed the management of the estate. There is no doubt that these debts can best be settled by the person in charge of the estate, which will thus be left free from incumbrances ere long. The sum paid into my hands (Rupees 5,573-4-2) is the amount of all the debts due to creditors holding documents as security.

3. I had an interview with the lady the day before yesterday, when she expressed her approval of the choice Chendraraz had made in adopting the boy he has adopted. She testified that the Kararnama transferring the estate to Chendraraz bore her signature, and was executed by her of her own free will for the good of the estate. Chendraraz undertook to pay special regard to the lady's comfort and protection, and to be a good landlord.

4. I have therefore ordered the estate to be handed over to Chandraraju as directed by the Court, and shall register the transfer of the estate to him on my return to the head-quarters.

Enclosure No. 1.

Statement showing the Liabilities on the Chemudu Estate up to 15th October 1877.

Particulars of the Liabilities.	Amount. Rs. A. P.
1. On account of Government dues—	
(a.) Peishcush	6,250 0 0
(b.) Land cess	233 2 2
(c.) Quit-rent	106 6 3
	6,589

II. On account of private debts—			Rs.	A. P.
Rani of Bobbily as per decree	...	...	1,080	6 0
M. Appalanarasimharaju as per decree		...	14	6 0
Y. China Dalinayudu	do.	...	21	12 11
B. Mutyaliah	do.	...	662	8 6
Zamindar of Sangamvalsa 1st and 2nd instalments			...	2,027	3 1
Sri Rajayyammigaru	...	...	...	...	...	162	14 5
M. Appadu	...	...	...	...	...	100	0 0
G. Koormannah	...	...	...	...	...	80	0 0
J. Gurannah	...	...	...	...	...	50	0 0
B. Subbayya	...	...	...	...	...	20	0 0
G. Sanyasi	...	...	...	...	...	160	0 0
B. Appalanayudu	...	...	...	...	...	114	0 0
P. Seetaramiah	...	...	...	...	...	500	0 0
Rani of Bobbily	...	...	...	...	...	571	1 3
To Ryots	...	...	...	...	...	765	6 3
To Domestic servants	...	...	...	...	...	2,364	6 6
						8,703	0 11
						15,292	9 4

(True Copy)

(Signed) H. St. A. GOODRICH,
Acting Collector.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Vizagapatam.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Court's Proceedings,
dated 17th July 1877, No. 3,316.

Revenue Dept
No 4,423
1877.
Court of Wards,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 1st NOVEMBER 1877, No. 4,889.

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Bobbily Estate—under charge of Court of Wards, in Vizagapatam District.—Recording letter from Collector reporting that he has ordered the — to be handed over to Chandrarao.

Ed. A. Raitt.