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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

18th May 1878, No. 1050.

Escheats.

Read again—

Notification of the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 15th December 1871, No. 3099, republished in the "Fort St. George Gazette" of 16th April 1873, page 743.

Proceedings of Government, dated 27th August 1877, No. 2029.

Read also the following paper:—

No. 103. *Proceedings of the Government of India in the Financial Department, dated Simla, 2nd May 1878, No. 232.*

Read the following Despatch from the Secretary of State for India to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 7th March 1878, Financial No. 67:—

My Lord,—I have considered in Council your Financial letters, dated 27th September and 28th December 1877, Nos. 314 and 444.

2. In the former you report that the proceeds of the escheated estate of Robert Forbes have been credited in the Indian accounts as Indian revenue, instead of being remitted to this office; and you propose to deal with all escheats in a similar manner in future, except in cases in which claimants domiciled in Europe may be expected.

3. In your letter, No. 444, you solicit confirmation of your orders regarding the disposal of the escheated estate of Charles McMillan, and request to be furnished with instructions as to the course to be pursued in future when claims are made by illegitimate relatives of a deceased bastard.

4. I approve of your proposal to remit the proceeds of escheated estates to this office only in cases in which claimants on the bounty of the Crown domiciled in Europe may be expected, but particulars respecting each escheat should be forwarded for my information, and the proceeds should not be credited in the Indian accounts as Indian revenue until the receipt of the sanction of the Secretary of State in Council.

5. Your proceedings in the case of the escheated estate of Charles McMillan are confirmed.

6. With respect to the general question of the claims of the illegitimate relatives of deceased bastards, you will observe from the copy of correspondence herewith enclosed* that no positive rules are recognized by the Treasury in dealing with such claims, but that each case would be dealt with on its own merits.

* Mr. Macpherson's letter to the Treasury, dated 8th February 1878.
Mr. Stephenson's reply, dated 9th February 1878, and copy of extract of Mr. W. H. Smith's speech.

7. I am of opinion that a similar course should be followed in India, and I have to request that the Notification of the 15th December 1871, which you propose to modify, may be altogether withdrawn; and that in all cases of escheats you will in future, after investigating any claims which may be preferred in India on the

bounty of the Crown, whether by legitimate or illegitimate relatives of the deceased, submit your proposals for dealing with the proceeds for the approval of the Secretary of State in Council.

ORDER.—Ordered that this despatch be communicated to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information and further orders, and to the Administrator-General of Bengal for information and guidance.

(Signed) E. J. SINKINSON,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 104. ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1878, No. 1050.

Communicated to the Administrator-General, to the Accountant-General, and to the several Departments of the Secretariat, in continuation of Proceedings of Government, 27th August 1877, No. 2029.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Administrator-General, } with copy of G.O., 27th August 1877, No. 2029.
" Accountant-General, }
" Public Department.
" Revenue "
" Military "
" Public Works "

Ed. T. O'Connor.

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Revenue Department
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To The ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL,
&c. &c. &c.

Dated Fort St. George,
the 31
day of May 1876.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of the Proceedings noted in the margin, and to request that you will take charge of the property mentioned therein.

I have, &c.
(Signed) [illegible]
Secretary.