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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording Pro. of the Court of Wards stating
that the Court cannot withdraw from the
condemnation which it has already expressed
in regard to the management of the
Pittapur estate by Muddy S. Gannadha Rao.

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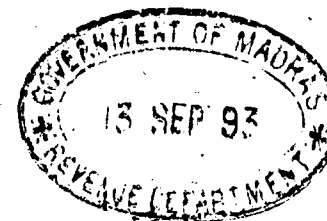
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Court of Wards,
MADRAS.

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Recd 13/9/93
Proceedings, dated 11-9-1893
No. 2976.

Subject.

Stating that the Court
cannot withdraw from
the condemnation which
it has already expressed
in regard to the manage-
ment of the Pilepur
estate by Shri
D. Jagannadharas.



Proceedings of the Court of Wards,

Dated 31 July 1893.

No. 2489

READ Endorsement of the Collector of Godavari dated
9 June 1893 No 153.

Resolution

The settlement of the
tannas in question is approved with the follow-
-ing remarks:-

- (1) It is stated that in the case of Vemavaram,
and Vizianagaram, a hamlet of Mallavaram,
reductions of Rs 250 and 400 respectively have
been allowed in order to compensate the villagers
for the loss of crops sustained in previous years.
In such cases the proper procedure would be
to permit the rent due by the villagers for the
years in which the loss occurred.
- (2) A report giving full information in
regard to the lands taken up for the East Coast
Railway, the compensation awarded, &c.
should

should be forwarded in due course

(2) Sanction is accorded for writing off the sum of Rs 25 referred to in the concluding sentence of para 13 of the Manager's letter.

(3) The delay on the part of the Manager in submitting his report was excessive, but Mr Jagannadha Row has since left the service of the Court of wards.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. S. Meyer.

Ag Secretary

To
The Collector
of Godavari

(True Copy)

L. V. S.
Ag Secretary

To Government

1893.

Court of Wards,
MADRAS.

To

Copy of

Proceedings, dated 31 July 1893,
No. 2489.

Subject.

1893.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
Enclosure No. 1
To Current No. 6822



Proceedings of the Court of Wards,

Dated 25th April - 1893.

No. 1324

READ Letter from the Collector of Godavari dated 17
March 1893 No. 68

Resolution

The Manager's explanation is altogether unsatisfactory. It was his business to see that the accounts were sent up in proper time from the taluqa offices, and this he completely failed to do. Moreover, when the accounts were forwarded by him, they were sent up in a disgracefully incomplete state.

(2) M.Ry. S. Jagannadha Rao's management of the Pithapur Estate has hitherto been marked by an utter absence of zeal and efficiency, and if he does not speedily improve, the Court will not hesitate to remove him from

J. from his appointment. In the meantime,
in order to ensure the proper submission of
the accounts current in future, the Collector
is directed to stop the Managers pay when-
-ever the accounts current for any month
are not received by him in proper form
before the end of the month next succeed-
-ing, and not to disburse it until they
have been duly rendered.

(2) The late Collector Mr. Higgins
is also much to blame for his remissness
in not taking steps to keep the Manager
up to his duty and in not reporting
his neglect to the Court.

(4) With reference to para 9 of his Memo
to the Manager dated 24 January 1893
N^o 24, the Collector is directed to deal
with the adjustment of the advances
without further delay.

(True Extract)

(Signed) W. S. Meyer

Ag Secretary

To The Collr of Godavari
A. W. B. Higgins Esq.
(True Copy)

W. S. Meyer
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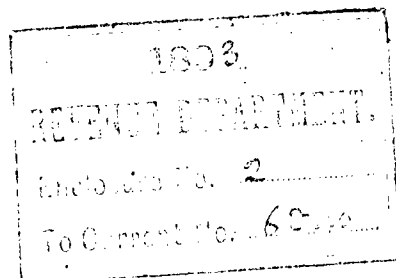
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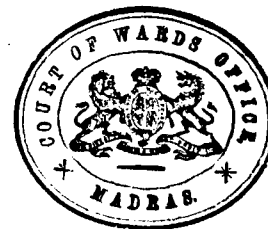
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No. 1324.

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N.B.—The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary, Court of Wards.



Memorandum.

Dated the 24 December 1892.
No. 4556.

It is observed that there is habitual and excessive delay in the submission of administration reports, accounts-current &c. from the Godavari collectorate. The

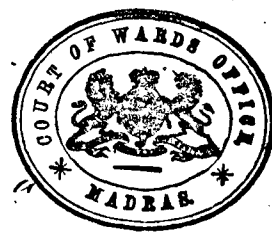
- (1) Accounts-current from May '92 & sub-
vouchers for previous months of the
Pittapur Estate. marginally noted -
returns which have
- (2) Accounts-current from August '92
of Lakshavaram & Tenggallamudi. been long overdue have
not yet been submitted
- (2) Administration Reports for fiscal 1891
of all estates. and in regard to the
accounts current at
- (4) S.C.B. statements, Public Works
Progress Reports &c. &c. any rate which are of

a very simple character, there can be no
excuse for delay. The Court has already had
to comment on the collector's dilatoriness in con-
nection with the Pittapur Estate (Court's Proceedings
dated 17 December 1892^{No. 4400}) and trusts that he will
now take steps of a character sufficiently string-
ent to ensure punctual compliance with the
Court's orders.

To the Collr of

Godavari (True Copy)

(Signed) W.S. Meyer
Ag Secretary
L. Meyer
Ag Secretary



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Proceedings of the Court of Wards,

Dated 8 September 1893.

No. 2976.

READ

the following extract of the Collector
of Godavari dated 2nd July 1893:

No. C. 15 on letter from Mr. R. R. R.

D. Jagannatha Rao, dated
26 June 1893.

Forwarded to the Court of
Wards.

Resolution:

In the paper read above
Mr. R. R. R. D. Jagannatha Rao,
Pantulu, late Manager of the
Pittapur Estate, request a reconsi-
deration of the Censuses passed
upon him by the Court of Wards

in.

is that capacity in Court's Progs:
25th April 1893, No. 1324 and 28th
April 1893, No. 1357.

2. The gist of Mr. R. Jagannatha
Rao's defence is that the accounts
current, in regard to which the
former Progs: was passed, and
which were also referred to in Court's
Progs: 24th December 1892, No. 4556
among other papers, were submitted
with much greater promptitude
and correctness in his time than
in that of Mr. Miller, and that
there was also considerable im-
provement in the collections, as
in other matters, during his adminis-
tration which lasted from Dec 1892
to July 1893. He contended further
that he was most seriously hampered

(1) by the "instructions" issued by
Mr. Miller in regard to the sub-
ordination of all other matters to
the interests of the Succession Suit,
and (2) by the inefficiency of the
State Establishments.

3. With reference to para 11 of Mr. R. Rao's
Jagannatha Rao's explanation the
Court has to observe that the state-
ment now made as to the prepara-
tion of a list of debts is in direct
variance with what its present
Fourth Member was told when he
visited the District in March last.
Mr. Anandul could then get no
information from the Manager
on this important matter.

4. That there was some gradual
improvement both as regards account
work and collections during the
35 months that elapsed from the
time

in the time the Estate was taken under
25th management August 1890 to
the termination of Mr. Jagannatha
Rao's management, may be admitted,
and the Court also observes that
this improvement was specially
marked during the months that
followed an inspection (in March
1893) by a member of the Court of
wards which the extreme maladmini-
stration of the Estate up to that
time had rendered necessary.
Had this not been so it would have
been a case not merely for censuring
Mr. Jagannatha Rao or for
removing him from the post of
manager, but for recommending
to Government his reduction from
the rank of Deputy Collector. The
purpose of employing highly paid
Special

special managers for this Estate was
of course to evolve order out of the
chaos that prevailed at the time of
the late Raja's death, and what a
the Court has had to regret and
censure is that after 3 years of
management so very little has been
done in this direction.
Nor has the Court failed to take
into account that Mr. Miller's
management was in every respect
painfully inefficient and that
Mr. R. Ry. Jagannatha Rao was
very much impeded to start with
by the evil traditions of his pre-
decessor's regime and by the
policy which the latter had adopted
in regard to the succession suit and
which was embodied in the 'deans'
referred to in Court's Progs: 20th April
1893 No 1357 and in para 4 of
Court's Progs: 25th April 93, No 1323. The
Court's

Court has already in the last mentioned Progs: expressed in strong terms, its opinion of Mr. Miller's management and its remarks have received the Concurrence of Govt.

6. But it is idle for Mr. Jagannadha Rao to plead his predecessors' mistakes and incompetency as an excuse for having followed in the same line. He was a much older and more experienced man than Mr. Miller, and must have already obtained during his considerable service as Chief Sheristadar a very good idea of the general position and politics of the State. Mr. Miller had no power to give him "instructions" on any point, and it is seriously to his discredit that he simply accepted the state of things resulting from that gentleman's

gentleman's unwise 'memorandum' above referred to without making any attempt to bring them to notice, ~~and~~ in view to effecting a new departure. Had he done so, there can be no doubt that the disavowal of Mr. Miller's policy, which the Court promptly made, on its discovery, in 1893, would have been obtained much sooner to the great benefit of the State & administration.

7. Granting again that Mr. Jagannadha Rao had a very incompetent establishment working under him, it is again to his discredit that he did not promptly bring the fact to the Collectors notice and to suggest remedies & therefore. As he failed to do this he cannot shield himself behind the shortcomings of his subordinates.

H. C. K. S.

8. Further the worse the sub-
ordinate officials, the greater the
necessity for a close supervision of
their work. But in this the managers
altogether failed. The Court's
Fourth Member found, on his
inspection above referred to, that
Shri. Jagannath Rao had
never taken the trouble to
examine the D.C.B. accounts of
the headquarter tanna or of
any single village. And from
some papers which have lately
been before the Court it appears
that a considerable amount
of debts that might otherwise
have been recovered have been
lost to the estate by lapse of time
owing to failure on the part of
the management to take any
steps

steps for their recovery. The person
chiefly responsible for this is the
Assistant Manager whose services
have since been dispensed with,
but there seems to have been a
complete want of control over his
work not only by Mr. Diller but
subsequently by Shri. Jagannath
Rao both of whom as managers
were primarily responsible for the
finances of the estate.

9. A further instance of
Shri. Jagannath Rao's
negligence is furnished by the
excessive delay in carrying out
the settlement of certain estate
tannas (taken credit for in
para 9 of his explanation) which
was noted in Court's Procs. dated
31st July 1893 No 24 & 29.

In.

For orders.

The Court of wards submits an explanation from Mr. Ry. D. Jagannatha Rao Pantulu, late manager of the Pittapuram Estate, together with its Proceedings declining to accept the explanation. Mr. Ry. J. Rao Pantulu's defence is summarized in the Court's Pros. Orders are requested as to whether the Court's opinion may be accepted & recorded. The explanation ~~indates~~ bears date subsequent to Mr. Ry. J. R. Pantulu's resignation of his post as Manager.

hls 20/9.

I think it may be useful for the present. If Jagannatha Rao Pantulu's explanation is accepted, it may be a precedent. The Court's opinion is that Mr. Ry. J. Rao Pantulu's resignation was not voluntary. It is suggested that he ought to have been given first notice to remove him from his position. It is also suggested that the Court should inquire into the circumstances of his resignation. It is further suggested that the Court should inquire into the conduct of Mr. Ry. J. Rao Pantulu. It is suggested that the Court should inquire into the conduct of Mr. Ry. J. Rao Pantulu. It is suggested that the Court should inquire into the conduct of Mr. Ry. J. Rao Pantulu.

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Ends 18-9-93.

10. In short Mr. Ry. Jagannatha Rao until he was galvanized into action by Mr. Amudal's inspection, took things mainly as he found them and the Court cannot therefore with draw from the condemnation which it has already expressed in regard to his management.

11. A copy of these Proceedings will be submitted for the information of Government.

(J. M. Subrah)

L. M. S.
Secretary.

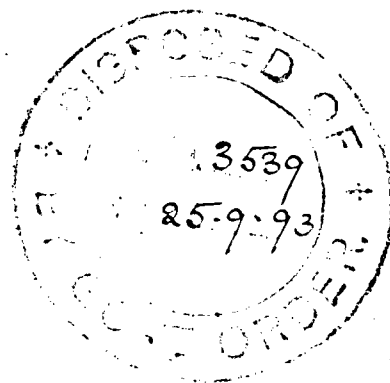
To
Mr. Ry. D. Jagannatha Rao Pantulu
with copy of C.P. 31.7.93
24.8.93.

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CWR No 2155 to 4 encls, CWR No 1095 to 4 encls. all in reply to be returned
with copies of C.P. 4536, 1324, 2489.
24.12.92, 25.4.93, 31.7.93.

Mr. Dy. L. Jagannatha Rao's
 Pantulu's Explanation regarding
 his management of the
 Pettapur Estate.

G.O. No. 3539 dt. 25-9-93
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25/9.



The Hon. Mr. Garton C.S. J.,
 The Hon. Sir H.E. Stokes K.C.S.J.

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