

Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations
8th Jan 1858

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Order no 2157th Jan 1858

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th January 1858.

No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 12th December 1857, No. 4461.

*In Cons. 1st October 1857.

Read again letter from the Collector of Tinnevely 15th April 1857.*

†In Cons. 12th December 1857.

Read also letter from the same officer dated 5th November 1857.†

(Here enter No. 343.)

Resolved that the above letters be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. In the letter first recorded, the Collector brought to the notice of the Court of Wards, the fact of the Minor Zemindars of Paryoor and Munnarcottah having discontinued their attendance at the Mission School and their unwillingness to return. It appears that in March last two conversions to Christianity took place in connection with this School, and the relatives of the Minors took alarm at this and withdrew them almost immediately, stating their dread of conversion, and strongly objecting to the boys being sent back. The Collector, upon this, proposed to send them to Madras where they would have opportunities of receiving a good sound education, but the objections to this arrangement on the score of the distance were so strongly urged that the point was yielded and the only alternative which appeared to the Collector to be left him was to secure the services of an English tutor on a salary of Rupees 50 per mensem, which should be defrayed in equal proportion by the two estates, and to keep the boys at Tinnevely under his (the Collector's) immediate supervision and control.

3. The Court of Wards, however were most unwilling to forego the advantages afforded by the very excellent School established by the Mission, and sufficient time having as they thought elapsed to allow of those feelings of alarm which were naturally caused by these conversions subsiding, they requested the Collector to ascertain how far the feeling had passed off, and whether after a short interval, the boys relatives might not be induced to allow their return to the School.

4. In this hope they have been disappointed, Mr. Cruikshank's report shows that the number of pupils attending the School in October of the present year was about half that of the corresponding month of 1856. He states that since March when the pupils were withdrawn a re-action has set in and from 10, the numbers have gradually risen to 64 actually attending; the number borne on the rolls of the school being 71. His statement however sufficiently indicates that the feeling of distrust, though daily becoming less strong has not yet died out, and the Court most reluctantly turn their attention to the next best arrangement for providing for the Minors education that circumstances will admit of.

5. It seems to them idle to expect that any teacher possessed of even ordinary qualifications would undertake the charge of these Boys on so inadequate a salary as Rupees 50. The estates though thriving and with considerable surplus in hand could hardly be made to bear a heavier charge on this account, and it is therefore impossible to make any arrangement such as that introduced in Madura for the education of the Shevagunga and Ayacoody Minors.

	Value.	Surplus in Feb'y 1855.
Paryoor.....	19,385	33,577
Munnarcottah.....	11,720	21,132

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6. Under all the circumstances, the Court would suggest that they be sent to the Provincial School at Combaconum and placed for the present under the wardship of the Acting Collector of Tanjore. The same objection cannot be urged against this school. The Minor Zemindar of Capistatum a lad of 11 or 12 is a pupil there, and the light in which it is regarded by the Tanjore people is clearly indicated by the strong desire manifested by all classes to take advantage of a school where a first rate education may be obtained.

7. It may be observed here that the Zemindar of Paryoor is about celebrating his marriage, and that as he will shortly attain his majority and thus pass from the control of the Court of Wards, it is not important that this measure should be insisted upon as regards him, in the event of any objection being offered to his being removed from Tinnevely. The Minor of Munnar-

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8. The arrangement now proposed leaves no room for objection on the score of religious scruples, and the Board have therefore no hesitation in recommending that the Collector may be authorized, in the exercise of the power given by Section II. Act XXI. of 1855, to place the boys at the Combaconum School. They will thus be removed for a time at least from the temptations and evil influences to which their position would expose them, if allowed to remain at home surrounded by their own people and dependants. Their being instructed in classes, and being made to mix and associate with boys of their own age could not, the Court think, but have a happy effect. It would tend to develop and improve their natural powers and to foster a desire to seek distinction among their fellow pupils which could only be attained by pains taking and steady application to their studies.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) L. FORBES, Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 47.

ORDER THEREON, No. 21; dated 7th January 1858.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the Minor Zemindars of Paryoor and Munnarcottah in the District of Tinnevely being temporarily placed under the Wardship of the Acting Collector of Tanjore, with a view to their being educated in the Provincial School at Combaconum.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Revenue Department
No.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Court
of Wards, dated 1st October 1857.

Read letter from the Col.

lector of Tinnevely, dated 15th April 1857
upon the subject of the education of the
Minor Zemindars of Poryoor and Mun-
narcottah.

(Here Enter No 128)

In the above letter the
Collector reports that in consequence of the
conversion to Christianity of 3. natives,
who attended the school of the Church
Missionary Society, the Minor Zemindars of Paryoor and Munnarcottah have discontinued their attendance and that their Relatives strongly object to their being sent back, and beg that measures may be adopted for the education of the boys within the District, so that they may not be required to go to so distant a place as Madras.

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Mr Silver remarks
that there are several schools conducted by

by other Mission Societies but none equal to this and none which he could recommend for these boys, who are respectively 16 and 12 years of age. He further observes that he cannot advocate their being sent to the Presidency against the wishes of their Relations, and therefore proposes that the services of an English Tutor be obtained at a salary not exceeding Rupees 50 a month, to be defrayed in equal portions by the 3 Estates, and that the boys should live at Tinnevely with permission occasionally to visit their own homes, and that education be carried on under his (the Collector's) Superintendence.

3. The Mission School referred to is under inspection of the Government Educational Department, and is spoken of in high terms in the Report of Mr. Richards the Inspector. The Court are most unwilling to forego the advantage afforded by the existence of such a school without its being absolutely necessary to do so.

It would be impossible to

to give a higher salary than that proposed in the letter under reply, or to make any arrangement similar to that adopted in Madura for the education of the 2 Minors there.

5. The choice then rests between a good sound education at the Mission School, or a mere smattering of knowledge to be imparted by an inferior Instructor and the Court of Wards while they are fully alive to the delicacy and difficulty of the question incline strongly to the former. Education is clearly the primary object in this school and as no improper means are used to induce the pupils to embrace Christianity it is more than probable that the fears of Parents and Guardians and the excitement which was very naturally aroused by the conversion of 3 of the boys at the same time will in time subside.

6. Some time has now elapsed since the event at which they took alarm happened. The present feelings

feelings of the people as regards the mode
of education pursued in the School will
the Court think be sufficiently indica-
-ted by the effect which has been pro-
-duced upon the attendance at the
School. If it should be ascertained
that the number of boys receiving instruc-
-tion now is not less than it was last year
and that the Community generally feel
as little reluctance in sending their
children now as then, they think the Col-
-lector will find no difficulty in arrang-
-ing for these boys returning to the School.
But should he think it unadvisable to car-
-ry out this measure, in consequence of the oppo-
-sition offered by the Relatives of the Minors,
he can again address the Court on the sub-
-ject.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) L. Forbes
Agent Secy

To the Select
Committee of Siniavally
(A true Copy)

L. Forbes
Agent Secretary

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(True Extract.)

S^d J. D. Dumas
Secretary.

To,
A. Forbes Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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