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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16th May 1867.

No. 243. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department:—

Sanctioning payment to Reverend Mr. Coles, of London Mission Society at Bellary, of the sum of Rupees 210 on account of the maintenance of three destitute and orphan children. } (Here enter 8th May 1867, No. 738.)

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1867, No. 1,104.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Judicial Department, No. 738.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 82. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George ; dated Hospett, 15th April 1867, No. 22.

I have the honor to forward the enclosed letter from the Reverend J. B. Coles, on the subject of the reimbursement of his Mission Society for the care of two worse-than-orphaned children, the female (now aged six) of whom was sold by their unmarried parents to a dancing girl, as recorded in the note of the late Acting Session Judge, Mr. Davidson.

2. Had this matter been brought to the notice of the late Magistrate in May 1865, I have no doubt he would have considered the maintenance of these children, during the imprisonment of their convicted parents, a fit subject of reference to Government, or of Magisterial charges. The name of the boy is Honnurgadu, aged 6 or 7, now 8 or 9; the girl's name Santumma, aged then 4 years, now 6.

3. Mr. Coles considers that the sum of Rupees 3½ per mensem for each of the children, in consideration of the high prevalent prices during late years, would be a reasonable compensation ; this, for 2 years, would amount to Rupees 168. I venture to recommend that a sum of Rupees 200, on their account, should be made over to Mr. Coles from the surplus of the Famine Relief Fund, as the Mission funds have been greatly tried during the past scarcity.

4. With regard to the last named abandoned orphan child, who has been received into the Mission Orphanage on the 15th October last, I would recommend a similar allowance of Rupees 3½ per mensem for a year, commencing last October, during which time provision will be made to enable her to earn her own living. If Rupees 40 were sanctioned for this purpose, or, for both purposes, Rupees 240, to be paid from the balance of the Relief Fund, I do not think it would be a misapplication of the funds of the Relief Society. Should Government deem otherwise, I should wish sanction to pay the 1st amount of Rupees 200 out of Magisterial charges " for the support of children of convicts."

From the Reverend J. B. COLES, Missionary, London Missionary Society, to the Magistrate of Bellary ; dated Bellary, 29th March 1867.

In April 1865, R. Davidson Esq., then Civil and Session Judge of Bellary, asked me if I would receive into our Native Orphanage two children, whose parents were confined in Jail at this station ; I agreed to do so. The children were sent to me accordingly. I enclose Mr. Davidson's note, and a memorandum describing the children, forwarded to me at the same time. I did not then apply for any allowance towards their maintenance, because our resources were such as to enable me to provide for them.

2. Lately, however, our funds have been greatly diminished, and our expenses in maintaining the children have been largely augmented. On applying to H. E. Sullivan, Esq., to know if some allowance could not be obtained on account of the maintenance of these two children, I was referred to you. The children were admitted in May 1865. The average cost of each child in our Orphanage, for board, clothing, education, and medicine, has of late been rather more than Rupees 5 per mensem. Perhaps the sum of Rupees 3½ per mensem for each of the children would be thought a reasonable allowance. I have the honor, therefore, to request that you will be good enough to obtain a grant of that, or some similar amount, as a reimbursement of the cost incurred in maintaining the children. The imprisonment of the parents will terminate, I believe, in about one month more.

3. I wish, also, to request your kind attention to an application on behalf of another child received into our Orphanage during the late severe distress. This child, a girl, was discovered in

the road near the Mission House, on the evening of the 15th October, in such a state of extreme exhaustion, that, if she had not then been rescued, she probably would not have survived the night. She was taken into our Institution, and has remained there from that time. I subjoin the particulars we have been able to learn from her own statements. I should be obliged if you could obtain for this child, also, an allowance for maintenance, dating from the 15th of October last.

Particulars.

Name.....Bhimakka.
Caste.....Berder.
Age.....Probably eleven years.
Abode.....Adoni.
Parents.....Dead.
Relatives.....Two uncles, Ramanna and Sunjivappa.

Additional.....Lately in the house of a Gowder who fed her. In the late scarcity, this man sent her away. Brought to Sunganakull by a man of her own caste, named Lukshmappa, and left there. Stayed there one day, and came into Bellary with villagers coming to market; this was 4 or 5 days before the 15th October, when, as stated, she was found apparently dying.

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1867, No. 738.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the payment to the Reverend J. B. Coles, of the London Mission Society at Bellary, of the sum of Rupees (168) one hundred and sixty-eight, for the two children referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of Mr. Wedderburn's letter, and of the sum of Rupees (42) forty-two, for the orphan alluded to in paragraph 4. The former item will be debited to "Magisterial charges," and the latter will be met from the balance of the Famine Relief Fund.

2. The Officer in charge of the Jail should have referred to the Magistrate of Bellary regarding the children of the convicts.

3. Mr. Wedderburn is requested to ascertain and report on the parentage of the orphan child.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Bellary.
" Session Judge of do.
" Inspector General of Jails.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Proc. of Govt. for May
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Proceedings in the
Judl. Dept.

Dated 8th May.
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Sanctioning
payment to Revd. Mr.
Coles of London Mission
Society at Bellary of the
sum of Rs. 240 in account
of the maintenance of
3 destitute orphan
Children for 12 Mos. 16th May
With order

Nr. 243 & 244

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