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No. 148. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 16th May 1867, No. 12 :—

1. I have had under my consideration in Council the Despatch from your Excellency in Council, numbered 8, Miscellaneous, and dated the 12th of February last, with which you forward the Report of the Court of Wards on the management of the estates under their charge for the year 1864-65.

2. The late period at which this report is transmitted is to be regretted, although you account for it by the delay which took place in answering your order for the statement shewing the financial condition of the Uttucadoo estate.

3. The estates in charge were seventeen in number, one less than in the previous year, two having been given back to the proprietors, and only one new one, that of Marungapuri, taken under wardship.

4. The important estate of Purleh Kimedy still continues in charge of the Court from the imbecility of the Zemindar. The administration appears to have been good. I am glad to see that considerable progress has been made in the survey of the estate, which it was expected would be completed at an early date, and that part of the increase in the charges of the estate was due to an increased outlay on public works. The working of the Forest Department is also pronounced satisfactory. I should be glad to learn what are the extent and capabilities of these forests, both with respect to timber and fuel, and it seems to me that this would be a favourable opportunity for introducing rules similar to those lately laid down by Dr. Cleghorn, Officiating Inspector General of Forests under the Government of India, for managing the forests of Native States, in the Central Provinces.

5. The statements of the condition of the Uttucadoo, Mannarcottah, and Poliavanam estates shew that they were restored "materially improved" by successful management; and I agree with you in the opinion that this report is on the whole satisfactory with respect to the administration of all the estates.

6. Referring, however, to the statement which you have prepared to exhibit the manner in which the Court have distributed the funds at their disposal among the several objects connected with the estates, I cannot deem it satisfactory that, when the amount of surplus on all the estates (except Purlah Kimedy) is as much as 45·27 per cent., the amount devoted to the maintenance and education of the proprietors should amount only to a per-centage of 4·59. I am glad, however, to recognize of late years an increased attention to this important part of a guardian's duties.

7. The report of the youngest of the Uttucadoo Minors is creditable to him, and it will gratify me to learn that, notwithstanding the attainment of his majority, he followed the advice of the Court, and continued his studies at the Presidency College.

8. There seems to me also to be a good hope of successful training for the Erungadacottah Minor, and likewise for those of Bodaicknoor, Neikraputty, Andipatty, and Nelialam.

9. There is some discrepancy in the account of the Sauptoor Minor, given in paragraph 53 of the Court's Report, since they state that "they are glad to find

"they are able to make a more favourable report of the conduct and educational "progress of the Minor than in the previous Fusly;" and yet, in the next paragraph, they say that he has been "irregular in his attendance and negligent in his studies," and that it is not desirable to keep him longer at Combaconum.

10. It is unfortunate that the Minor of the Marungapuri estate, just taken in charge, should not have had sufficient knowledge to be admitted into the Provincial School at Combaconum. The Collector should be directed to impress upon the youth the importance of profiting by the remaining years of his minority, to recover, as far as may be, the time hitherto lost by this neglect in his education.

11. It is to be regretted that the removal of the Oorkad estate from wardship, by the recent decree of Court, deprives the two surviving Minors of the education which had been intended for them, unless some arrangement could be made by which the plan might still be carried into effect.

12. I confidently commend the important subject of the training and education of these Minors to your care, as one in which Her Majesty's Government take a deep interest.

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1867, No. 1,527.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered that the above Despatch be communicated to the Court of Wards, who will instruct the Collector of Canjam to furnish the information desired by the Secretary of State as to the extent and capabilities of the Purlah Kimedy forests. Dr. Cleghorn's Rules, for managing the forests in Native States are taken from the Madras Rules, which have already been introduced into the estate, and which, as the Secretary of State has noticed, are working satisfactorily.

2. The Court's attention will be drawn to paragraph 6 of the Despatch. The Government, however, remark that no desire to save money for the estates has been allowed to interfere with the Court's arrangements for the maintenance and education of the Minors. A reference to the peculiar circumstances of each estate, where the expenditure compared with the income is small, will shew good reason why it should be so. Thus in Jalantra the Minor is only six years old, and it would be extravagant to spend a large per-centage of his income upon his maintenance, and in the rich Madura properties the expenditure is sufficiently large in itself, though small in comparison with the resources of the estates.

3. The attention of the Court will also be called to paragraphs 9 and 10. The discrepancy alluded to by the Secretary of State did not escape the notice of the Government; but they considered it obvious that the second statement conveyed the exact state of the case, so that it seemed unnecessary to remark on the fact.

4. In the Report for Fusly 1275, now before Government, the Court remark that the Marungapuri Minor is idle and backward, that they have appointed a tutor to assist him in his studies, and that the Collector has been directed to make quarterly reports of his progress, and to warn him that unless he is more diligent he will be removed to another district. These arrangements appear to be judicious.

5. Now that the Oorkad estate has passed out of the hands of the Court, they have no further authority over their former wards; but the Collector will be called on, through the Board of Revenue, to ascertain what has become of the lads, and to use his influence, as far as possible, to secure for them an education suitable to their present condition.

6. The last paragraph of the Despatch calls for no remark. The Government carefully scrutinize the arrangements of the Court for the training and education of their wards, and they are confident that both the Court and the Collectors, who, as their agents, are in immediate charge of the estates, fully recognize the importance of the trust which is committed to their care.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

No. 1527.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Order dated the 9th July 1864.

Read the following Report

from the Board of Revenue

submitting the Report of the Court of Wards on
the management of the Estates
under their charge in the year
1864/65.

From C. Brandreth Esq. Secy. to Board of Revenue
to Chief Secy. to Govt. dated 19th May 1865.

Read also the following Letter

from the Secretary to the Court of Wards
to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th May 1865.

Ordered that the Report be submitted to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and that the Secretary to the Court of Wards be informed that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has perused the Report with much interest.

Ordered also that the Report be printed.

To
The Secretary to the Court of Wards.

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to remark on the fact.
In the report for
Surveyor 1275, now before Gov:
Government, the Court remarks
that the Examinations prior
vable and backward, that
they have not proceeded on lists
of Electors then in existence,
that the Collectors
have been directed to make
up their Reports of the Poor
Rates, and to insure them that
until the same shall be
such Lists are to be
strict observance of the
to come to the Conclusion
that the Collectors
make their Precincts out of
Limits of the Court,
Lane no further Remarks

over their former
list of Co-Electors
called on Thursday
of Electors to ass
and that Lists become
and to issue Writs
for no Freeholder to
them on Saturday
to their Precincts
The Court
Freeholders
no Remarks. The
Precincts respectively
ways to be observed
of the Court for
Examining such Lists
of their Precincts,
the Completion of the
the Court and the
Electors in Q, and

charge of the estates
thus
recognize the importance
of the trust which is
committed to their care.

Respectfully,

Your Obt. Servt.