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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th September 1867.*

No. 119. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 26th August 1867, No. 5,514.

Read again the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 9th July 1867, No. 1572, Revenue Department.

1. Resolved that the foregoing Proceedings be communicated to the Collectors concerned, for their information and guidance. The attention of the Collector of Ganjam is called to paragraph 1 of the Government Order, and he is requested to furnish the information therein called for regarding the Purlah Kinedy Forests.

2. The Court regret to state that, as the Government have suggested, the discrepancy noticed in paragraph 3 of the Order, is owing to inadvertence in printing the first Statement made by them in their report. The second Statement is correct.

3. The Collector of Tinnevely is requested to furnish the Board with the information called for in paragraph 5 of the Order regarding the Oorkad Minors. The Court trust that the educational progress of the lads has not been neglected since their removal from wardship, and that the Collector has continued to take an interest in their improvement.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1867, No. 2,103.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

• PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT OF WARDS, dated 26th August 1867.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 9th July 1867, No. 1,572.

Revenue Department:—

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 showing 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 Purlah 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 The Cleeve, 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 Uttacadoo, Munnarcottah, and Poliaranam estates show 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 Kimed) 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 Bodenaicknoor, Neikraputty, Andiputty, 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 favorable 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 Ganjam to furnish the information desired by the Secretary of State as to the extent and capabilities of the Purlah Kimidy Forests. Dr. Cleghorn's Rules, for managing the forests in the 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 show good reason why it should be so. Thus in Jalandra 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 Marangapuri 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.)

To the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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(True Extracts.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Ganjam.

- .. Collector of Vizagapatam.
- .. Collector of Godavery.
- .. Collector of Madras.
- .. Collector of Tanjore.
- .. Collector of Trichinopoly.
- .. Collector of Madara.
- .. Collector of Tinnevely.
- .. Collector of Coimbatore.
- .. Collector of Malabar.

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