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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th September 1867.

Read the following papers:—

No. 452. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th February 1867, No. 926.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd February 1867, No. 24.

Adverting to my predecessor's letter to you, noted in the margin, I have the honor to report that Velandiammal, the third wife of the deceased Zemindar of Guntamanaickanur, was delivered of a male child on the night of the 23rd ultimo.

Dated 21st November 1866, No. 379.

1. Before submitting the above letter to Government, with reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 416, dated the 21st ultimo, the Board wish to be informed which of the widows it is who has been delivered of a male infant.

2. They observe that in the Collector's letter, dated the 21st November 1866, No. 379, it is stated that the second wife of the deceased Poligar is with child, and in the foregoing letter, the third wife is declared to be the one who has been delivered.

No. 453. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th April 1867, No. 2,179.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Nattam 5th March 1867.

Referring to the Order of the Board, conveyed in their Proceedings, dated the 15th February 1867, No. 926, I have the honor to state that the deceased Zemindar married five wives, the first of whom died during his life-time, while the other four* survived. It was Velandiammal, the third wife, who is the second of the surviving widows, that has been delivered of a male child. She was, therefore, called third wife in my letter of the 2nd February, No. 24, while Mr. Levinge spoke of her as "second surviving widow" in his letter, dated the 21st November 1866, No. 379.

1. Second wife, Virasinnammal.
2. Third ,, Valandiammal.
3. Fourth ,, Pemmyammal.
4. Fifth ,, Nagammal.

1. The Board observe that the name of the infant has not been stated. The Collector is requested to be so good as to supply this omission.

2. He is also requested to report the revenue of the Polliem, and the Peishcush, and to let the Board have his opinion as to whether the property should be taken under the management of the Court of Wards, or made over to the relatives of the infant. In the latter case, he should suggest a person as guardian, setting forth the grounds of his recommendation.

No. 454. Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 9th September 1867, No. 5,813.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th July 1867, No. 183.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,179, dated 6th April last, I have the honor to report that the name of the infant is Thirumalaguntama Condalnagaya Ramakristnamasami Naik.

2. I myself conducted the settlement of the estate for the past Fusly, and the demand of the year is Rupees 38,711. The general opinion is that the estate will yield 50,000 Rupees annually if well managed. The annual Peishcush of the estate is Rupees 13,414-13-3.

3. From paragraph 5 of Mr. Levinge's report to the Board, recorded in their Proceedings, dated 4th September last, No. 6,289, it will be seen that all the personal property was left in the possession of the widows. After the birth of a son, I directed the Tahsildar to secure all the personal property.

4. No money was found in the treasury of the estate, with the exception of a few uncurrent coins to the value of Rupees 1-6-9, and some jewels; of the latter, such jewels as were asked by the widows for their use have been given to them.

5. No accounts of receipts and disbursements of any kind, relating to the treasury, or of the large personal property of the deceased, were found, except some Jummahbundy accounts and some bonds connected with the lands acquired by the deceased by mortgage and purchase.

6. I understand from inquiry that the deceased had contracted a loan of a large sum of money, and squandered it foolishly. That the deceased has contracted heavy debts, is admitted by the widows themselves, but no account shewing the particulars of these liabilities are forthcoming among the records of the Pollium. The agent of the widows, who was also the agent of the deceased, estimates the debt at [illegible]. There are hills in the estate. On some of these hills cardamoms grow spontaneously. The hills are difficult of access, there being no good roads, and they abound with wild animals. I am informed that three days are required to reach the places where the cardamoms grow from the plains. The produce is not much sought after, owing to the great amount of labor involved. I will, however, do my best to ascertain the real difficulties of reaching the cardamom grounds, and make a further report on the subject.

Vansanda Hills.
Narasingapuram Moongimalai Hills.
Silayampalli Malai Hills.
Teppampatti Malai Hills.

8. The forest productions of the hills named in the margin, and the exclusive privilege of cutting timber therein, have been leased out to different parties, by the deceased, to the aggregate sum of Rupees 1,604 per annum. All the leases expire at the close of the current Fusly.

9. There are extensive waste lands in the estate, but the sparseness of the population, the heavy expenses required for clearing jungle, the fear of wild animals, and the feverish character of the locality, have hitherto combined to check cultivation.

10. All the widows of the deceased pray that the management of the estate be intrusted to Veerachinnammal, the first widow, who had for some time, during the life-time of their husband, been managing the affairs of the Pollium owing to his constant illness, and that the estate may not be assumed by the Board in their capacity as Court of Wards, as they fear that the paid agency, which must be employed to superintend the business of the Pollium, will not manage the affairs of

the Pollium economically. The management of this estate was, in 1837, when the deceased was a Minor, intrusted to his mother Velluiammal, as per Order* of Government communicated by the Board on the 7th August 1837. I see no objection to adopt a similar course in the present instance, and would accordingly recommend the estate be made over either to Veerachinnammal the first widow, or the Minor's mother, on the conditions enumerated below:—

* 2nd August 1837.

I. That such arrangements as the Collector may approve for the education of the Minor be adopted.

II. That she shall render to the Collector true accounts of her management within three months of the close of each Fusly.

III. That no debts shall be incurred, nor any portion of accumulated capital be spent, without the previous written sanction of the Collector.

11. The Minor's mother is since desirous to undertake the administration of the estate herself, while Veerachinnammal, the first widow, solicits that the management of the Pollium be intrusted either to her, or to the Minor's mother.

12. If, however, the Board be disposed to take the estate under their management in their capacity of Court of Wards, I beg to submit the following proposals for their consideration and orders:—

13. Several additional Inams have been [illegible] granted by the late Poligar and his predecessors, which I recommend to be resumed. The Inams are as follow:—

Lands given to Brahmins...	63	4	10
Lands given for the support of village deities	299	8	7
Lands given to certain persons in appreciation of particular services, &c.	4	3	11
Tax on trees remitted for religious purposes	0	10	2

14. Similar grants of land, to the value of Rupees 1,305-4-0, have also been made to the village servants. I am informed that such Inams have been granted to put the village service in an efficient footing. I will, after due inquiry, report to the Board as to the necessity, or otherwise, of continuing these Inams.

15. According to the accounts furnished by the Tahsildar, the lands forming the private farm of the deceased amounts to 663 cawnies, of which 389 cawnies are situated in the estate, and 274 cawnies in Government villages. The widows of the deceased pray for orders to put them in possession of a portion of lands in the Government villages, namely, 200 cawnies, it being their private property acquired from their dowry money. Some of the bonds relating to these lands have been executed in the names of the widows, and some in the names of the deceased Polligar and his Karbar. From the inquiry held by the Tahsildar on the subject, it has been proved that the widows have held occupation of the lands, and that the produce has been harvested under the superintendence of their own servants. I therefore propose, subject to the orders of the Board, to make over these lands to the widows, and to lease out the remaining lands for five years to persons desirous of renting them.

16. The mother of the Minor solicits that Moothoovenkatathree Naick, the Poligar of Ediakottei, in the Dindigul talook, who is her paternal uncle, be appointed guardian to her minor son. I see no objection in complying with her request. The Poligar is reported to possess the necessary qualifications required in a guardian, and from the relationship which he bears to the Minor, there is cause to think that he will take every care to promote the welfare of the Minor. Agreeably to the request of the Minor's mother, I request that she and her son may be permitted to remain at Ediakottei. When the Minor attains a proper age to be educated, he can, of course, be removed to such place as the Board may appoint.

17. The allowance proposed for the maintenance of the family of the deceased is given in the lists marked A. and B.

18. List C. shews the money grants to be made on particular occasions, either monthly or annually, for performance of certain ceremonies.

19. I beg to recommend the appointment of one Pathangili Ayen, the first class Revenue Inspector of the Periakolum talook, to the Managership. His remuneration and cost of his establishment are given in the list D. Pathangili Ayen is an efficient Revenue servant, and has been in Government employ for fifteen years. The Inspector has been, under the orders of the Tahsildar, managing the business of the Polliem since the date of its attachment, and is paid Rupees 10 per mensem from the funds of the estate in addition to his pay as Revenue Inspector, as per Order of the Board, No. 7,107, dated 4th October last. The Inspector has also for some time managed the business connected with the Bodinaikanur Polliem, and is well fitted for the work.

20. All brass utensils, cloths, &c., have been secured; a sufficiency having been given out for the present use of the family. I propose to dispose of a number of the cattle now on the estate, merely retaining as many as may be required by the widows for their domestic use.

21. The Board's sanction is requested for the registration of the Polliem in the name of the Minor.

22. The Board Petitions Nos. 2,241 of 1866, and 501, 1,020, and Board Nos. 43 and 45 of 1867, are herewith returned. Ramasami Naik, the petitioner, does not appear to have received from the deceased any maintenance or assistance on occasions of marriages, &c., in his family, and the widows object to give him an allowance from the estate. I do not, therefore, think it necessary to make any provision for his maintenance.

Enclosure No. 1, A.

List shewing the allowance for the deceased Poligar's second widow and her son.

1 Velandiammal, the second widow of the deceased Poligar.
1 Minor her son named Thirumal[illegible]aguntama Condalnagaya Ramakristnamasaul Naik.

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With a requisite number of domestic servants, and conveyance

Allowance to be fixed is 100 Rupees* per mensem.

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Collector.

* In this is included the pay (10 Rupees per mensem) of the nine Cavalgars, for guarding the Poligar's house.

Enclosure No. 2, B.

List of monthly allowance for the deceased Poligar's relations.

	Rs.
1 Veerachinnammal, the first widow, with domestic servants, &c.	50
1 Pemmyammal, the third widow, with domestic servants, &c.	30
1 Nagammal, the fourth widow, with domestic servants, &c.	30
1 Vellaiammal, the mother of the deceased Poligar, with domestic servants, &c.	20
1 Sennammal, the aunt of the deceased Poligar, with domestic servants, &c.	20
Total...	150

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Collector.

Enclosure No. 3, C.

List shewing the sums proposed to be disbursed, either monthly or annually, for the celebration of certain ceremonies.

	Rs.
For celebration of certain ceremonies on the birth-day of the Minor, annually	50
Do. of Dipavali and Sankarandi festivals, annually	100
To make daily pooja to the tomb on the shrine of the late Poligar, monthly	5
To make annual pooja to do., and to feed indigent persons, annually ...	50

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Collector.

Enclosure No. 4, D.

List shewing the strength of Establishment to be entertained for the management of the Gundamanaickenoor Estate.

	Salary per mensem. Rs.
1 Manager	50
1 Head Gumastah	20
1 Gumastah	15
1 Gumastah	12
1 Dufterbund	7
1 Shroff	8
6 Peons, at 5 Rupees each	30
1 Sweeper and Mashalchy	5
	145
1 Tappal runner from Guntamanaickanur to Allinagaram	6
1 Gumastah in the Huzoor to keep correspondence connected with the estate ...	10*
	16
Cost per mensem	161
Cost per annum	1,932

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,
Collector.

* A Gumastah on a salary of Rupees 20 per mensem has been, from the joint fund of the Bodinaikanur and Saptur Estates, entertained in the Huzoor, as per sanction of the Court of Wards conveyed in their Proceedings, No. 1,115, dated 23rd February 1865.

As the Saptur Estate will be restored to the Proprietor in October next, the sum of Rupees 10, proposed in the list, is to be added to the pay of the existing Huzoor Gumastah.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th September 1867.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 5 to 9.—Petitions.

1. Submitted to Government, with the recommendation that the unsettled Polliem of Guntamanaickanur may be registered in the name of Thirumalaguntama Condalnagaya Ramakristnamasami Naik, the posthumous son of the late Poligar, and that the Court of Wards may be authorized to assume the management of the estate during his minority.

2. It is true that during the minority of the late Poligar the estate was managed satisfactorily by his mother; but she was a woman of exceptional ability and character, and the experiment is not likely again to be attended with success. The personal property of the deceased which is supposed to have been large has altogether disappeared since it fell into the possession of his widows. The estate is evidently one on which careful management will result in great improvement.

3. On receipt of the orders of Government, the Court will take the Collector's propositions with regard to maintenance and establishment into consideration.

No. 455. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1867, No. 2,264.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government approve and sanction the Board's proposal that the Guntumanaickenur estate be registered in the name of Tirumalaguntama Condalgaya R[illegible]sami Naik, the posthumous son of the late Poligar, and that the estate be taken under the charge of the Court of Wards.

2. The question of granting a permanent Sunnud for this estate will be brought under consideration when the Minor Poligar attains his majority.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.
,, the Accountant General.

Rgd. T. O'Connor.

No. 2264.

The Govt. approve & sanction the Bd's proposal that the Guntamanaickenur Estate be registered in the name of Tirumalaguntama Condalnagaya Ramakristnamasami Naik the posthumous son of the late Poligar & that the Estate be taken under the charge of the Court of Wards. The question of granting a permanent Sunnud for this Estate will be brought under consideration when the Minor Poligar attains his majority.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 9th September 1867.

No. 5,813.

Submitting to Government letter from Collector of Madura, and recommending that the unsettled Polliem of Gundamanaickenoor may be registered in the name of the posthumous son of the late Poligar and that the Court of Wards may be authorized to assume the management of the estate during his minority.

To the Court of Wards.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. T. O'Connor.