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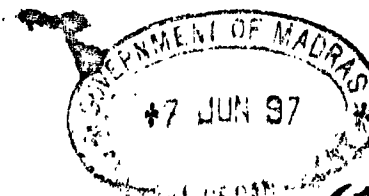
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Communicating, with remarks, to Collectors Government Order reviewing the Court of Wards administration report for fasli 1305.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT OF WARDS.

READ—the following Government Order, No. 240, Revenue, dated 8th April 1897:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, No. 2, Press, dated 6th February 1897:—

Resolution—No. 2, Press, dated 6th February 1897.

The Court resolves to submit to Government its report on the administration of Wards' estates for fasli 1305 ending 30th June 1896.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with report, a file of Collector's reports, three maps and
copy of Court's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1280,
dated 17th September 1896.

„ all Collectors in charge of Wards' estates with report and
three maps (Divisional officers and Managers).

Copy to the Collectors of other districts, with report and three maps.
„ C. Morrison, Esq., with report.

Order—No. 240, Revenue, dated 8th April 1897.

Miscellaneous.

With the Proceedings read above, the Court of Wards submits its report on the administration of the estates under its charge during fasli 1305 (1895-96). The report was received in the Government office on the 10th of February, or eight days earlier than the previous year's report; it was, however, ten days overdue.

2. *Number of Estates under management.*—The year opened with 51 estates under the management of the Court. Eight * of these passed out of the Court's hands during the year while one estate, viz., Kasimkōta in the Vizagapatam district, was newly taken up. The number of estates under management at the end of the year was thus 47. Excluding the estate of the

old, imbecile Zemindar of Parlākimedi, whose moveable property alone was in charge of the Court, there were 46 estates belonging to as many wards, of whom 43 (two being females) were incapacitated by reason of minority and the remaining three by sex alone.

- 1. Siripuram
- 2. Meduru.
- 3. Ventrapragada.
- 4. Pulicherla.
- 5. Kadakavinayakanallur.
- 6. N. Rangasami Aiyar's estate.
- 7. Singam Aiyangar's estate.
- 8. Erumaipatti.

3. *Condition of the surrendered estates.*—The statement at page 3 of the report shows the condition of the surrendered estates at the time of their restoration as compared with their condition at the time they were taken under the Court's control. There was a large fall in the current demand of three of the estates, viz., Siripuram, Pulicherla and Kadakavinayakanallur. The decrease in the last-mentioned estate (from Rs. 82,203 to Rs. 53,630) was mainly due to fluctuation in the value of grain while the decrease in Pulicherla (from Rs. 21,570 to Rs. 13,115) was due to the sale of a portion of the estate in satisfaction of debts due by it. In Siripuram, on the other hand, both the causes above mentioned contributed to the diminution in the current demand from Rs. 81,926 to Rs. 68,862. There was also a fall in the current demand of Meduru from Rs. 1,17,438 to Rs. 1,01,280, but this was only nominal, as the water-tax due to Government which was included in the former is excluded from the latter amount. The condition of the Meduru estate which was under the control of the Court for a period of close upon eight years appears to have greatly improved under the Court's management. During the period, the balance to its credit rose from Rs. 1,67,052 to Rs. 6,05,100, while a sum of Rs. 46,841 was expended on irrigation works and other improvements and a further sum of Rs. 5,590 was paid in liquidation of debts. The financial condition of the Trichinopoly and Salem estates which were restored to their proprietors during the year was highly satisfactory.

4. *Holdings and Cultivation.*—Including Palayampatti which first came under the management of the Court in the course of fasli 1304, the extent of holdings in the estates which were under management in both the faslis was acres 584,800 in fasli 1305 against acres 585,093 in the previous fasli. There was thus a decrease of acres 293 which was the net result of an increase of 5,540 acres in 18 estates and a decrease of 5,833 acres in 11 others. On the other hand, there was an increase in the extent actually cultivated during the year and the percentage of cultivation to holdings also rose from 93.4 in fasli 1304 to 94.1 in the year under review. The Government notes with satisfaction that the suggestions for extension of cultivation contained in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 180, dated 28th April 1896, were given effect to in Palayavanam and that there was a marked improvement in Mambarai, the percentage of cultivation to holdings in that estate having risen from 63.7 to 70.0.

5. *Demand of Estates.*—The gross demand of all the estates under management during the year aggregated Rs. 17,83,326, of which Rs. 15,007 were remitted, leaving a net demand of Rs. 17,68,319. In the estates * which were under management in both the faslis 1304 and 1305, the net demand rose from Rupees 16,41,297 to Rs. 16,82,402.

6. *Demand, Collection and Balance—Arrears.*—The Government observes with pleasure that the improvement in the adjustment of arrear balances noticed in paragraph 6 of the previous year's review continued † during the year under report also. Out of an arrear demand of Rs. 9,36,738 at the beginning of the fasli, Rs. 2,63,022 were collected and Rs. 1,81,556 were written off during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 4,92,160 at the end of the fasli. Deducting subsequent collections and remissions amounting to Rs. 13,239 and also a sum of Rs. 23,069 since found to be irrecoverable, the net recoverable balance at the date of the report was Rs. 4,55,852. Nearly three-fourths of this amount was outstanding in the three undermentioned estates alone:—

	RS.	Per cent. of the balance to the demand.
Kurupām	57,997	69.8
Telaprole	1,66,993	78.2
Ettiypuram	1,05,713	35.5

The slack collections in Kurupam were due to the remissness of the manager and his subordinates who have since been replaced by better men. The bulk of the balance outstanding in Telaprole was awaiting recovery through processes of Civil Courts. In view to the speedy realization of the arrears in this estate, instructions have been issued for the freer resort to the summary processes prescribed by the Rent Recovery Act. In regard to the heavy balance in Ettiyapuram, the Collector reports that all possible steps are being taken to collect the recoverable portion of it. The Government hopes that, by the end of the current fasli year, there will be a perceptible reduction in the outstanding balance.

The current collections were equally satisfactory.* Out of a total demand amounting to Rs. 17,63,442, Rs. 14,83,319 were collected and Rs. 268 written off during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 2,79,855 outstanding at the end of the fasli. Deducting from the amount last mentioned subsequent collections and remissions as also the amounts recommended to be written off aggregating Rs. 1,11,538, the net recoverable balance at the date of the report was Rs. 1,68,317 or 9.5 per cent. of the total demand against 12 per cent. in the previous year.

7. *Financial condition of the Estates.*—The total cash receipts and charges of the year amounted to Rs. 29,60,959 and Rs. 29,13,790, respectively. Omitting unusual items such as "debts recovered," "amounts borrowed," "sale-proceeds of property," "debts repaid" and "amount invested in Government securities," the net receipts and charges were Rs. 21,28,837 and Rs. 24,09,577, respectively.

8. *Establishment charges and Government commission.*—The proportion of establishment charges and Government commission to normal receipts was 13.3 per cent. during the year under review against 10.0 per cent. and 11.5 per cent. in faslis 1303 and 1304, respectively. The increase under this head is a matter for regret and the Government trusts that the Court will use its best endeavours to minimise the expenditure on account of establishment. In 13 estates, the proportion exceeded 15 per cent. owing to the special causes explained in paragraph 12 of the report.

9. *Expenditure on Public Works.*—The total expenditure on public works aggregated Rs. 1,77,386 or 6.1 per cent. of the total charges of the year against 6.9 per cent. in the preceding fasli. If unusual items of expenditure such as "debts repaid" and "amount invested in Government promissory notes" be excluded, the outlay on public works was 7.3 per cent. of the net charges against 9.5 per cent. in fasli 1304. The amount expended on irrigation works also fell from Rs. 1,41,741 in fasli 1304 to Rs. 83,894 in the year under review, but this was mainly due to the fact that the Pithapuram (non-Agency portion) and Meduru estates in which over Rs. 71,000

Fasli.	Percentage of expenditure on public works to		
	Allotments.	Total charges.	Charges excluding debts repaid and amount invested in promissory notes.
1302	52.4	4.8	7.0
1303	38.2	6.0	8.4
1304	56.3	6.9	9.5
1305	57.2	6.1	7.3

were invested in irrigation works alone in the previous fasli left the Court's hands during the year under report. The Government notes, however, that there was a satisfactory improvement in the proportion of expenditure to allotment.

10. *Utilization of surplus balances and advances to tenants.*—As observed by Government in paragraph 11 of the review of the Court's report for fasli 1304, the law relating to the Court of Wards in this Presidency is inelastic in that it does not enable the Court to utilize the surplus balances standing to the credit of the estates to the best possible advantage of the wards. Accordingly in more than half the number of the estates mentioned in paragraph 11 of the report, the balances were higher

than they were in the previous year. The Government notes that 15 villages costing 8½ lakhs of rupees were added by purchase to the property of the Ettiyapuram ward.

Advances were granted to tenants in six estates in the Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts, but particulars as to amounts or the conditions under which these advances were granted have not been furnished. The matter should be noticed in some detail in future reports.

11. The educational progress of the wards was, on the whole, satisfactory. Five of them received instruction in Revenue Law and Accounts and in the details of estate management. The elder ward of N. Duraisami Aiyar's estate in the Trichinopoly district received instruction in survey matters as well.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.
" the Public Works Department.

RESOLUTION—No. 9, Press, dated 8th May 1897.

Communicated to all Collectors in charge of Wards' estates. Their special attention will be drawn to the remarks of Government in paragraphs 8 and 10 of the order read above in regard to establishment charges and advances to tenants.

2. With reference to the observations of Government regarding the utilization of surplus funds, the Collectors concerned are requested to submit further proposals, where necessary.

3. Collectors are reminded that the first quinquennial report on the condition of tenants should be submitted for the period ending with the 30th proximo and that the matter should be adverted to in their administration reports for the current fasli—vide clause (7) of Court's Proceedings, No. 16, Press, dated 7th August 1894.

(True Copy and Extract.)

W. W. Wambananda
51 JUN 1897
for Secretary.

To all Collectors in charge of Wards' estates (D.Os. and Managers).
Copy to the Collectors of other districts.
" to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" to C. Morrison, Esq.