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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
2nd March 1863.*

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 25th February 1863, No. 403.

Communicating the orders issued on the Resolution of the Government of India, relative to the receipts arising from the sale of waste Lands. } (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 25th February 1863, Nos. 357 & 358.)

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1863, No. 145.

To be recorded.
(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Financial Department, dated 26th January 1863 No. 124 A.

Read again—

1. Resolution of the Home Department regarding the sale of Waste Lands and Redemption of the Land Revenue, dated October 17th, 1861, paragraph 56.
2. Despatch of the Secretary of State on the subject of the above Resolution, dated 9th July 1862, paragraph 75, in which it is directed that all sums paid in purchase of Waste Lands, or in redemption of Land Revenue, shall be invested "not periodically, but as soon as practicable, and, as a rule, in the 4 per cent. Loan."
3. Memorandum from the Auditor General of India, dated 3rd June 1862.

RESOLUTION.

1. His Excellency the Governor General in Council resolves, that the Accountant General to the Government of India and all Deputy Auditors and Accountants General be directed immediately to forward accounts of all receipts arising from the sale of Waste Lands, from the enfranchisement of imperfect Tenures, or from the commutation of the claim of the Government to Land Tax, from the date of the above Resolution of the Home Department up to the 31st December 1862.

2. Also, that from the date of the commencement of the year, i. e., from 1st January 1863, the receipts on this account shall be exhibited in the monthly and quarterly Abstracts rendered to the Auditor General of India by the Accountant General to the Government of India, and all Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, in a distinct entry under the head 6 "Deposits," which is a division under the major head Public Debt.

3. In the Madras Presidency, the accounts shall include Enam Enfranchisement Commutations.

Copies to be sent to all Local Governments, for information; and to the Auditor General, the Accountant General to the Government of India, and to all Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, for guidance.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) THOMAS PEACHEY,
Principal Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1863, No. 403.

1. In this Resolution the Accountant General is ordered by the Government of India to send to them "accounts of all receipts arising from the sale of Waste Lands, from the enfranchisement of imperfect Tenures, or from the commutation of the claim of the Government to Land Tax." It is expressly stated that "in the Madras Presidency the accounts shall include Inam Enfranchisement Commutations." The Resolution is based on paragraph 75 of the Despatch of the Secretary of State, dated 9th July 1862, enjoining that all sums paid in purchase of Waste Lands or in redemption of Land Revenue or in otherwise forestalling the Land Revenue shall be invested as soon as possible, and as a rule, in the 4 per cent. loan.

2. The Government observe that Her Majesty's Secretary of State had clearly in view only receipts from sales of land and redemptions of Land Revenue effected under the Resolution of the Supreme Government, dated 17th October 1861, No. 3,264. The Government of India however in the Resolution just quoted have given the order a much wider signification, and it seems to the Government necessary to issue explicit instructions to the Collectors regarding certain items which may otherwise be erroneously dealt with.

I. In this Presidency the Government have reserved certain tracts from the operation of the Resolution of the Supreme Government, dated 17th October 1861, No. 3,264. In these tracts lands are sold *not* in Freehold nor with any upset price but subject to an annual assessment in accordance with the principle laid down in 1859,* three years before the present Rules were framed. The price (whatever it may be) realized at the auctions is available for investment

* Vide Orders of Government, dated
5th August 1859, No. 1,053.
21st September " " 1,271.

in the Government loans, and should be entered in the returns ordered, but the *annual* assessments must be regarded as ordinary Revenue and should be excluded from the returns.

II. In Malabar the Government are and have for some time been selling the Jenm or proprietary right in lands which have at various periods escheated to the State. In that District all land was originally private property, and by far the largest portion still continues so. The proprietary right is quite distinct from the right of the State to an assessment which last holds good in whatever hands the former may be vested. The lands which belong to the State in proprietary right have all fallen in by escheat and are comparatively so few that their retention is undesirable. In fact the proprietary right or Jenm is so highly valued in Malabar that it not only fetches a high price, but adds materially to the value of the land so held. The Government have therefore for years past disposed of this proprietary right, reserving however the right of the State to its annual assessment. This *annual* assessment should be excluded from the returns, as it is clearly ordinary Land Revenue, but the sums realized for the proprietary right should be included in them.

III. *Inám Enfranchisements*.—The Government possessed a reversionary right or interest, more or less valuable in Inám tenures. They resolved in 1859 to offer to the Inámdars generally the option of commuting this reversionary right for an annual payment proportioned to the value of the rights surrendered, and the option also of entirely redeeming these annual payments. The quit-rents to which a large number of Ináms were previously and still continue subject and the additional quit-rents stipulated for future payment annually are simply Land Revenue and should be excluded from the returns ordered by the Supreme Government. By the last report of the Inám Commissioner the former amount on the Ináms already dealt with by him to Rupees 5,14,000 per annum, and the latter to Rupees 10,01,000 per annum, while the money paid in redemption once for all of all future demands on account of Land Revenue is Rupees 10,760. The last item and similar sums realized in the same manner hereafter should alone be included in the returns.

Among the Inám enfranchisements will ultimately be included a very large sum, being the proceeds of the enfranchisement of village service Ináms. These form the remuneration of these Offices, their endowment in fact, and it is out of the annually accruing fund created by their enfranchisement that the village servants are hereafter to be paid in money for the services which they must continue to render and which are indispensable. These cannot be invested in the public securities or there will be no means of paying the village Officers. They should therefore be excluded from the returns.

IV. The proceeds of lands sold for arrears of Revenue should be excluded, inasmuch as they are merely realizations of current dues, and the overplus if any is payable to the defaulting landholders.

3. The Government resolve to instruct the Board of Revenue to call upon the Collectors for copies of the Statements rendered by them to the Accountant General, classified under proper heads. The Board will be desired to supply to the Collectors forms for the returns settled in communication with the Accountant General.

4. A copy of these Proceedings will also be forwarded to the Government of India for their information and for orders as to whether the expenses incurred in realizing the sums to be invested under the order of the Secretary of State should not be first deducted, the *net* proceeds only being held available for investment.

(True Extract.)

S. S. M.

Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.

„ Board of Revenue.

„ Inám Commissioner.

„ Financial Department.

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