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14*th December* 1866.

No. 15. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 5th December 1866, No. 3296.

Passing orders in review of the Budget estimate of the Inam Commissioner for 1867-68. } (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 5th December 1866, Nos. 59 & 60.)

No. 16. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1866, No. 468.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

No. 59. Read the following letter from the Officiating Inám Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 14th November 1866, No. 76:—

1. I have the honor to submit the accompanying Budget Estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,20,184, on account of the Inám Commission for the official year 1867-68.

2. In my letter to Government, dated 25th September 1866, No. 70, I have to some extent explained the circumstances under which the Commission will have to be continued as a distinct body during the next official year. These reasons are briefly as follows:—

(a.) The "Pati Peradu" Ináms, standing on the outskirts of villages in the District of Godavery, were originally intended to be left out of the Inám Settlement, but the Government have, in their Order dated 18th October 1866, No. 2,824, directed that they should be settled as Ináms. The settlement of these tenures cannot be commenced earlier than the 15th January next, and though owing to their simple character, there cannot be much difficulty in carrying out the settlement, yet their registration must occupy more time than has been usually required for the settlement of such cases, as they are spread in small numbers over a large extent of country. The total number of the backyard Ináms in the district, which have to be treated as Ináms, including those situated outside the villages, is about 2,500.

(b.) Certain classes of Nandavanams or Gardens chiefly attached to pagodas in the Districts of Tanjore, Coimbatore, North Arcot, and Salem, have been excluded from this settlement, because they were entered in the accounts as *Porumboke*, while the same classes of gardens which were entered in the accounts as *Inám Porumboke* have been brought under the operations of the Commission. I have, however, adopting the principle enunciated in the Order of Government, dated 18th October 1866, No. 2,824, requested the Collectors to record them as Ináms, and to cause the Registers to be prepared in due form, and forwarded to this Office for the issue of title deeds. I have no means of ascertaining the exact number of these cases. The settlement of these tenures will not realize much quit-rent, since they are charity grants, which have to be confirmed on their present tenure, but it is nevertheless desirable that the Inám Register should be a complete record of all tax-free tenures, not liable to assessment when cultivated.

(c.) In the Districts of Godavery, Kistna, and in a few other districts, 3,000 Ináms, which were not originally settled on account of the absence of the holders, have been placed under attachment for the period of one year, which will expire towards the end of this, or in the course of the next year. They have then either to be fully assessed, or title deeds will have to be issued, should the parties have appeared and established their titles before the District authorities.

(d.) The Collector of the Kistna District has reported that there is a large number of Asalminha Gardens which have yet to be brought under the settlement of this department. The settlement of the Kistna District was finished for the most part before the Order of Government on the subject of Asalminhas was

received, and consequently the settlement of these tenures, which was incomplete, was entrusted to the Collector. The Collector has settled a good number of them, and though I did not at first consider it to be necessary to depute a special Deputy Collector for the work which remains to be done in that district (the exact quantity of which I have no means of calculating), I have now thought it advisable to entrust the settlement of these tenures to the Deputy Collector about to be deputed to the adjoining district of Godavery, for the settlement of the backyard Ináms.

(e.) The English and Vernacular correspondence has increased above all my previous c[illegible]ations, and will continue at about its present amount until the Collectors a[illegible]hed with fair copies of the English Registers, which cannot, for the reasons [illegible]ch will be stated hereafter, be completed before December 1867 at the earliest.

(f.) One thousand reports on appeal petitions, referred to Tahsildars for further information and report, are still due. The Tahsildars, occupied as they are with their usual Revenue duties, are of course slow in forwarding their reports, which, moreover, are sometimes so defective that further information has to be called for on the same subject more than once. In this Office there are now 450 reports on hand to be gone through, and I do not believe that the work connected with these Vernacular Reports can be completed much before the close of the next official year.

(g.) [illegible]disposal of petitions will be completed before the end of this year, and though, under the Government Order, dated 15th March 1866, No. 656, no Petitions have, as a rule, been admitted since the 30th June last, there are still about eighty or one hundred petitions every month which are received and have to be gone through under special circumstances, such as when they refer to cases not yet settled, or [illegible]ntly settled, &c., &c.

(h.) [illegible]pplications for the enfranchisement of Ináms, which were originally confirmed on the present restricted tenure, are still being sent in, and they entail in every case a certain amount of enquiry concerning the competency and the position of the present holders as regards issue. I, however, purpose to submit shortly a proposal to limit the period for receiving such applications, with some suggestions calculated to induce the Inámdars to enfranchise their property, and thus obviate all necessity for Government interference in future.

(i.) The Government have, in their Orders dated 28th November 1865, and 17th August 1866, directed that Grámá Mániums in the District of Madras should be treated as existing freeholds, and title deeds issued accordingly by this department. On an examination of the Registers of these Ináms received in this Office, I found that they were not complete. Registers for some villages do not appear to have been received at all, though it is not clear whether this is simply an omission, or whether there are no Grámá Mániums in those villages. I believe both of these causes to exist; and have requested the Tahsildars of the district to submit Registers for those omitted villages where there may be Ináms. I do not consider that it will be possible to complete the issue of the title deeds for these Ináms earlier than in the course of the next official year.

(j.) There are still in this Office 1,000 cases to be reviewed. They have been left in abeyance pending the receipt of further information from the Collectors and Tahsildars, and judging from the rate of past progress, there is no prospect of the review of these cases being finished in the current official year.

(k.) The allotment of Khandam lands in the Districts of Tinnevelly and Salem in lieu of Dittam and Ivú Ináms and Hissa Shrotriems has not yet taken place, and until this is done the title deeds cannot be issued.

(l.) The Board of Revenue are, I understand, unwilling to undertake the work of the Commission from the next official year, nor, with my present knowledge of the extent and character of the duties already devolving on the Board, do I consider that it would be possible for them to do so at that stage of the Commission.

3. Under the foregoing considerations, and with reference to the Order of Government dated 18th October 1866, No. 2,825, I have framed my Budget for the whole of the next official year. I have made my calculations so as to finish the work by the end of December 1867, but with my past experience of the uncertainty of all estimates in an undertaking of this magnitude, I have thought it desirable to frame my Budget for the whole year, in order that any occasion for submitting a supplemental Budget may be avoided. I can, however, assure the Government, that notwithstanding that the Budget has been prepa[illegible]he full year, I shall not in the least relax in my endeavours to bring the [illegible] to a termination at the speediest possible date.

4. The following is a brief sketch of the work gone through from the date of the last Budget:—

10,564 Cases reviewed and Title Deeds issued.

5,367 Petitions disposed of.

2,225 Vernacular Records of enquiry on appeal Petitions gone through and disposed of.

2,869 Arzis received from Tahsildars.

3,726 Tákids issued.

1,129 English letters received.

1,480 Replies sent to do.

Abstracts drawn up shewing the financial results and the classification of Ináms up to the end of the last official year.

Lists of Ináms fully assessed from the commencement of the Commission, and, of the unenfranchised Ináms prepared and forwarded to the Collectors.

5. I shall now proceed, in detail, to notice the several items in the order in which they appear in the Budget Statement, giving such brief explanations as may be called for.

6. *Commissioner.*—Under this item I have entered the full amount of my pay, though owing to the circumstance of my standing appointed to the Judgeship

of Cuddapah, the difference between my pay as Judge and Inám Commissioner is alone charged to the Inám account.

7. *Assistants in the Central Office.*—During the current official year, two Assistants and one Deputy Collector have been employed in the Central Office. For the next year I have provided for only two Assistants, as there will be no occasion for the third. The services of two Assistants in the Office are absolutely necessary.

8. *Deputy Collectors for out-door work.*—None have been employed in the current official year. For the next year I have provided for two, one for the full year, and one for six months. One Deputy Collector is intended for the settlement of the special tenures and stray cases in the districts of Godavery and Kistna. I have no account of the exact number of the cases which require to be settled in these two districts, but it is certain that the enquiry will occupy not less than seven or eight months. I have, however, made provision for the full year, lest accidental circumstances should occur to prevent the enquiry being closed within this period. The second Deputy Collector, for whom I have made a provision for six months, is intended for the settlement of the tenures referred to in clause (*b*), paragraph 2, of this letter. There will perhaps be no necessity for deputing a Deputy Collector for the settlement of these tenures, and the sum provided for on this account may not be expended; but as I have no knowledge of the exact number of the cases, and as the Collectors may, if their number is found to be large, require a special agency to be employed for their settlement, I have thought it safe to make a due provision in the Budget on this account.

	Sides to be copied. RS.	Sides to be examined. RS.
As per Report	9,000	55,000
Deduct since copied and examined	4,055	8,401
Remainder ,,,	4,945	46,599

9. The number of sides reported in my letter dated 30th May 1866, No. 42, to be then remaining on hand, and that since copied and examined, are shewn in the margin. I regret, however, to state that there was an error in my former estimate. The sides containing the enfranchised Village Service Ináms and Zangi Kattubady Ináms in the Ceded Districts have not been included in the account, nor were the sides containing the subsequent remarks recorded on appeal petitions, &c., taken into calculation. There was, further, some error in calculating the number of sides for the cases left uncopied, for various reasons, in the táluqs already completed. Even now I do not consider that there is any necessity for fair copying the Registers of all the Village Service Ináms, as there is no prospect of their being enfranchised, but doubtless the Government will consider it necessary that the Registers of the Village Service Ináms in Kurnool, where the enfranchisment has been already carried out, and of the Zangi Kattubady Ináms in the Ceded Districts, should be copied, as it is desirable that the Registers of this Office should form a complete record of all Inám property enfranchised and dealt with under the rules of this department. The Registers of the Kattubady Ináms in the other districts have

been copied already, though their title deeds, like those in the Ceded Districts, have not been issued to the parties, but are kept in abeyance at the requisition of the Police Inspector General. If the Government agree with me in the above view, the correct number of sides which have still to be copied will be as follows :—

	No. of sides to be copied.	No. of sides to be examined.
Balance as shewn in the margin of the paragraph	4,945	46,599
Sides of Zangi Kattubady Ináms in the Ceded Districts	1,500	1,500
Sides of Village Service Ináms enfranchised in Kurnool	4,000	4,000
Estimated sides containing the subsequent remarks in the Registers	2,500	2,500
Sides of the Registers which are expected to be hereafter received	2,000	2,000
Sides actually received since the last Budget above the number then expected	4,000	4,000
Sides understated in the previous estimates, owing to erroneous calculations	4,120	4,120
Total.....	23,065	64,719

10. From experience I have found it to be impossible for [illegible] the examination and fair copying of more than 8¼ and 3½ sides respectively per diem. Taking twenty working days for each month, after making allowance for holidays, sickness of servants, and other casualties, it would require the services of thirty Examiners and twenty-three Writers to bring the work to a close by the end of December 1867. I propose, therefore, to employ thirty Examiners with the same number of Readers, and twenty-three Clerks. The work of indexing and paging the Registers can, I hope, be performed by this establishment in the remaining two months of the official year.

11. *Examiners and Clerks for fair copying Registers.*—A number of the Examiners and Clerks were, during a great portion of the year, employed in drawing up, examining, and despatching the lists of the fully assessed and unenfranchised Ináms, and in closing the abstracts required for the final report. Some of these servants were also employed in the Vernacular and Correspondence departments, owing to the insufficiency of those establishments, and consequently there has been a great falling off in the examination and fair copying branch of the work, notwithstanding that every exertion was made to further its progress.

12. *Correspondence.*—I have provided for four Clerks in addition to the present strength, and for an increase of Rupees 25 to the pay of the Head Clerk in consideration of the unusual accession to this branch of business, and of the additional work involved in the despatch of covers under the new Postal rules.

13. *Title Deed Department.*—I have provided for two Writers and a set of Comparers for the preparation of those title deeds which will have to be issued for the cases to be hereafter settled in the districts of Godavery, &c.

14. *Vernacular Establishment.*—As I have explained above, the establishment provided for in the last Budget was inadequate to the actual quantity of work which had to be performed, and consequently I was obliged to indent upon the English Department. It would be still more insufficient hereafter, as new cases will be coming in from the several districts referred to in paragraph 2. On a careful consideration therefore of the requirements of the Office, I have provided for eight hands in addition to the present sanctioned establishment.

15. *Duffadar, Peons, and Attenders.*—I have provided for four Peons and two Attenders in addition to the existing establishment, this being actually found to be necessary, and much inconvenience having been felt from the paucity of the present number. I have also provided 15 Rupees for the pay of the Head Peon, which is the rate paid to that servant in the Office of the Director of Revenue Settlement, and which is also the rate proposed for the Jemadar of the Board of Revenue.

16. *Contingent Charges.*—I have provided 2,000 Rupees for binding fair Register books. This sum was provided for in the last year's Budget, but was not expended.

17. The other items call for no remark.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1866, No. 3,296.

Land Revenue.

1. In October 1865 the Officiating Inám Commissioner submitted a Budget framed on the supposition that the Commission would cease to exist as a separate department at the end of 1865-66, and that the work which still remained undone would afterwards be brought to a conclusion under the superintendence of the Board of Revenue.

2. As soon, however, as Mr. Blair specified the character and amount of the work which had still to be disposed of, it became obvious that it was impossible for the Board to undertake so onerous a duty in addition to their own, and in G. O. 17th January 1866, No. 139, the Government altered the Budget so far as to introduce provision for the entertainment of the Commissioner and an Assistant with their establishments for six months.

3. It has since been found necessary to sanction the continuance in office, throughout the whole year, of the Commissioner and two Deputy Collectors, and the Government are now subjected to one more of the series of disappointments which began when Mr. Taylor assured them that the Commission would have effected its object by the end of 1862-63, and have to review a Budget which is in excess even of what has been required during the current year.

4. Mr. Blair is in error in representing the decision of the Government in G. O. 18th October 1866, No. 2,824, as a new ruling, throwing unexpected work on his department, not only with respect to Pati Peradus in the Godavery and Asalminha Gardens in the Kistna Districts, but also with respect to Inám Porumboke Gardens in Tanjore, Coimbatore, North Arcot and Salem. The Order did no more than repeat the instructions contained in G. O. 3rd January

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1860, No. 4, which expressed approval of Mr. Taylor's remarks that, whether the term Inám was properly applied to the Godavery Pati Peradus or not, it appeared to him that long continued exemption from taxation, irrespective of changes in the circumstances of their holders, justified their being treated as Iná ms, &c. The reason that the Pati Peradus have been left unsettled up to the present time is obviously that these, like the Asalminha and Inám Porumboke Gardens, have been overlooked by the Inám Department in consequence of the overwhelming amount of its current work. The same consideration is the only one that can be adduced in explanation of the fact that the Officiating Commissioner is still uncertain as to the completeness or otherwise of the Registers of Grâma Mâniums in the district of Madras, which have been sent to him by the Collector, for the Order with respect to these Ináms was passed more than a year ago.

5. It is, however, very evident from the catalogue of unfinished work supplied by Mr. Blair, that the Commission must be continued in its entirety for some time longer. The additional expense is not so much a matter of regret, as that the Government should be thus again placed under the necessity of informing the Supreme Government that it has been once more disappointed as to the time at which the Commission can be brought to a close. If the Government had understood from the first that the Commission would last until 1868, and that the expense would be as great or even greater than it has been, they would certainly not have hesitated to institute a department which has already settled more than 3,81,435 landed titles, at an expense which will be nearly covered by the receipts of additional quit-rent for a single year.

6. The Government now proceed to examine the items of the Inám Budget.

7. *Inam Commissioner.*—The full salary of the Commissioner is entered in the Statement, but as he is officiating in the office, the difference, only, between his pay as Commissioner and that of his substantive appointment has to be provided for.

8. *Deputy Collectors for out-door work.*—The Government are of opinion that the Deputy Collector employed to settle the Pati Peradus and Asalminha Gardens should bring his labors to a close within nine months at latest. The Inám Porumboke Gardens, of which Mr. Blair speaks somewhat vaguely, can safely be left to the Collectors of the districts in which they are found, and if any further assistance is required, Mr. Blair must arrange to depute one of the two Assistants attached to his Office. This item, as well as the corresponding items for travelling allowances and establishments, will accordingly be reduced by one-half.

9. *Additions proposed.*—From Mr. Blair's calculations it is evident that the *additional* seven Examiners and Readers may be dispensed with at the end of December 1867. The work of the Correspondence Department will diminish as the transcription of the fair Registers advances, and it is unnecessary to provide for the additional establishment for a longer period than six months. The Government are not prepared to raise the pay of the Head Clerk, which is already fixed at Rupees 50. The additions in the Vernacular Department seem to be [illegible]ate, but it will be sufficient to fix the pay of the Head Peon at Rupees 12, instead of Rupees 15.

10. The Budget will accordingly stand as follows:—

	Rs.
Officiating Inám Commissioner's Acting allowance ...	2,000
His Establishment	44,076
Two Assistants	11,400
Their Establishments	3,024
Deputy Collector for out-door work during nine months	2,250
His travelling allowance...	822
His Establishment, including ten extra Peons	1,584
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Additional Establishment	11,878
Miscellaneous	3,100
Contingencies	3,600
	84,058

With these alterations it will now be transmitted to the Accountant General.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government

To the Officiating Inám Commissioner.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.

Rd. S. T. Augustus.