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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
21*st February* 1866.

Read the following papers:—

No. 27. Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department.

Communicating papers, in view to application being made to the Supreme Government for a grant of Rupees 9500, for continuing the Inam Commission Department up to the end of the official year. (Dated 17th January 1866, No. 139.)

No. 34.

No. 28. OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

The Under Secretary to Government, Public, &c., Departments, is directed to request, with reference to Proceedings in Revenue Department (copy sent for easy reference, to be returned) No. 139, of 17th January 1866, that the Accountant General will state whether he does not anticipate savings sufficient under some other Budget head which will suffice to cover the amount of Rupees 9500 found necessary to supplement the Inam Commission grant. He is to instance "Education, Science, and Art" as a Head under which savings are very generally effected.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29*th January* 1866.
To the Accountant General.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary to Government.

No. 249.

No. 29. OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

Budget and Finance Department.

In reply to Memorandum of the 29th ultimo, No. 34, from the Under Secretary to Government, the Accountant General has the honor to state, with reference to the 2nd paragraph of his letter to Government, No. 273, dated 1st December last, that he is still of opinion that the entire expenditure of the current year will exceed the total of the Budget grants, and that the savings which may accrue under the head of "Education, Science, and Art" will be absorbed by excess expenditure under other heads.

2. It will be better, therefore, to incur the charge, leaving it to this office to make the necessary adjustment at the close of the year from any saving which may be then apparent.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
ACCOUNTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
2nd February 1866.
To the Under Secretary to Government, Public, &c., Departments.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant General.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 21st February, 1866, No. 80.

The course proposed in the 2nd paragraph of the Accountant General's Memorandum will be followed.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

roceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th January 1866.

Read again letter from the Officiating Inám Commissioner, dated 26th October 1865, No. 51, and Proceedings Board of Revenue, dated 13th November 1865, No. 7,859, recorded in G. O. 22nd November 1865, No. 2,858.

Read also the following papers:—

No. 271. From the Officiating Inám Commissioner, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 26th October 1865, No. 52.

1. In connection with the Budget for the year 1866-67, I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the claim of C. Parthasaradhi Aiyangar, the Manager of my office, to an addition to his salary.

Letter to Government, dated 2nd November 1863, No. 66.
Government Order, dated 17th November 1863, No. 2,066.

2. For the reasons detailed in the correspondence noted in the margin, the Government were pleased to sanction the increase of the salary of that Officer to Rupees 200.

3. Since the date of the above Order, the salary of the Collectors' Sheristadars (with reference to whose emoluments the pay of the Manager of this Office was originally fixed at Rupees 175, and subsequently raised to Rupees 200), has been augmented to Rupees 250 per mensem.

4. It is superfluous to repeat the high opinion entertained of C. Parthasaradhi Aiyangar by Mr. Taylor and by myself, which has been already expressed in former correspondence. It is sufficient to say that no Officer better deserves consideration at the hands of Government. I therefore beg to recommend that, with reference to the responsible position this Officer will occupy under the Orders of the Board of Revenue, after the close of the Commission, his salary may be raised to Rupees 250 per mensem from the commencement of the next official year.

5. It may not be out of place here to add that C. Parthasaradhi Aiyangar has been acting as a Deputy Collector of the fourth Class for the last fifteen months, in addition to two periods amounting to three months on two previous occasions.

6. The usual Tabular Statement prescribed to be forwarded with applications for increase of salaries generally is not submitted in this case, as the proposed increase has reference to a period when the Inám Commission, as a distinct office, will have ceased to exist, and the establishment proposed to be retained under the Board is entirely on a new scale.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for remark, in continuation of docket on Inám Commissioner's letter No. 51 of same date.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

28th October 1865.

Received 31st October
Entered and returned 2nd November } 1865.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

No. 272. From the Officiating Inám Commissioner, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 21st November 1865, No. 56.

1. As the period for which the Government were pleased in their Order of the 9th January 1865, No. 29, to sanction the continuance of the Inám Commission as a distinct Department is now drawing to a close, I consider it my duty to report what progress has been made since the date of my last report, dated the 31st of October 1864, No. 72, and what I expect will remain to be accomplished on the 1st of January 1866.

2. It would be wearisome, and I dare say the Government will concur with me in considering it also unnecessary, to go over, item by item, the various descriptions of work which are detailed in paragraphs 4 to 17 of my report of the 31st October 1864, as then remaining to be done. It will be sufficient to state that they will have been finished by the end of December with the exception of the work, which will be detailed presently.

3. The figures given below will give some idea, though necessarily an inadequate one, of the vastness of work transacted in the office since the date of my report:—

(1.)	In connection with the Abstract work—		
	Village Abstracts for Minor Ináms ...	27,000	Embracing 3,32,000 cases.
	Do. do. entire Inám Villages ...	9,000	
	Talook Abstracts, Books	1,100	
(2.)	Cases reviewed, Title Deeds passed through the Office	25,000*	
(3.)	Orders to Tahsildars, about	4,500	
(4.)	Petitions disposed of	8,000	
(5.)	Letters to Collectors, Board, and Government, about	1,200	
(6.)	Appeal Records, Vernacular	800	

* Yielding a Quit-rent of Rupees 1,44,000.

In addition to the above, the Inám Registers, numbering little less than 60,000 sheets, were completely re-arranged, and lists made of them preparatory to the commencement of the Village Abstracts, and the entire English correspondence of the Commission since the commencement has been arranged and indexed, with a view to facilitate the compilation referred to in paragraph 17 of my last Budget Report.

4. Notwithstanding that no exertions have been spared to complete the work, I regret to say that what I had so closely calculated to finish by the end of December has proved, in the course of actual performance, too vast to have been exactly accomplished within that time. I shall now proceed to explain briefly what will remain to be done after December.

5. Cases for review may be described as below:—

(a.) The settlement of two Talooks in the District of Trichinopoly has been delayed, and obstructed from various causes, and I do not expect that the 3,000 cases which are due from the Deputy Collector now settling them will reach me in time to be reviewed before December.

(b.) About 1,000 cases of the District of Tinnevelly are also detained with the Deputy Collector referred to above, who is just now working against time, and will not be able to despatch them to the Central Office in sufficient time to admit of their being reviewed within December.

(c.) For about 2,000 more cases belonging to numerous Talooks which had been lying over for various reasons, Title Deeds will have to be prepared after December.

(d.) About 2,000 cases are due from the Collector of Malabar, and although I am aware that that Officer is devoting much attention to the subject, I cannot say when the Registers will reach my Office.

(e.) About 2,000 Dittam and Ivu Ináms of the District of Tinnevelly.

(f.) About 500 Trishwékam Khandam Ináms in the District of Salem.

(g.) About 1,000 cases of semi-Inám tenures, known under the designation of Asalmiuhas, Patiperadús, &c., in the Godavery and Kistna Districts.

6. I think that items *(a)*, *(b)*, and *(c)*, comprising 6,000 cases must at any rate be got through. The rest will probably have to be left for disposal after March 1866, for the reasons which I have given in paragraph 5 of the accompanying copy of my Report to the Board of Revenue of this day's date.

7. Final Abstract work.—The only portion of this work which I anticipate will remain to be done after December, is that relating to the Districts of Tinnevelly and Trichinopoly, the settlement of which is incomplete, as I have already observed.

8. In connection with the above, and when all the abstracts are closed, there will be a good deal of work in the way of preparing special brief statements to be embodied into or to accompany the final Report.

9. Appeal Records.—Notwithstanding the large number of these records that have been already disposed of, I do not expect less than 900 to remain at the close of December, most of them having been received during the last few months, and this number will continue to be augmented month after month for some time to come.

10. Appeal Petitions.—About 2,500 is the number of these petitions which may remain in arrear at the end of December. They keep still flowing in, in a constant stream, and I cannot calculate the probable number of them that may be received hereafter.

11. When the pressure of work in connection with the Abstracts is lightened, as much time and attention will be devoted to the disposal of both these large items as can be spared from other important work more immediately connected with the final Report.

12. There are above all, the final Report itself and the detailed reports, which I contemplate preparing for each District to serve as a manual for the future reference and guidance of the District authorities, and which have not as yet been commenced.

13. Lists of fully assessed cases.—These have been or will be completely prepared in a rough form, in the vernacular, by December, for all but the two Districts alluded to in paragraph 7. They have to be transcribed with the necessary particulars into English, and much of this I expect will have to be done after December.

14. VERNACULAR REGISTERS.—These are a kind of preliminary Quit-rent books, which are prepared in the vernacular of the District, and sent out from time to time to enable the Collectors to collect the Quit-rents charged by this Department. Such Statements have still to be prepared for the entire District of Tinnevelly, and for the unsettled portion of Trichinopoly, and for sundry cases in various Talooks in the other Districts of the Presidency. I need not add that they require much Accountant's labor.

15. TRANSCRIPTION OF FAIR REGISTERS AND THEIR EXAMINATION.—The work connected with the final Abstract and the Lists of fully assessed cases was found to be so heavy that the regular and extra establishment of Gumashtas proved utterly insufficient, and it became necessary to draw largely upon the services of the Examiners and the Clerks; and for several months the legitimate work of the latter had to be entirely suspended, and the time of most of them still continues to be taken up in drawing up and auditing the Statements of the fully assessed cases. The work of fair copying and examining has been, I am sorry to state, thus unavoidably thrown back.

16. The above *resumé* will, I trust, convince the Government that this Department has done its utmost, and that its continuation for a few months longer to complete the principal portion of the work yet remaining is a matter which could not have been avoided, and which now becomes imperatively necessary.

17. It will also be obvious that the multifarious character of the work still remaining will demand the continuance of the Commission on its entire strength, inclusive of Deputy Collectors, A. Narayana Rao and C. Parthasaradhi Aiyangar, with their Establishments. At present the sanction for the continuance of these officers only extends up to the end of November and December 1865 respectively; but their aid to the close of the official year is urgently required. I do not hope that A. Narayana Rao will be able to close his work at Trichinopoly by the end of this month, and when his out-door work is completed, there will be full employment in the Central Office both for him and C. Parthasaradhi Aiyangar in assisting in the disposal of Appeal Records and Petitions, of which it is my desire to leave as few as possible unsettled after March.

18. Under these circumstances, I feel obliged, however reluctantly, to solicit the sanction of Government for the Commission being continued up to the 31st of March next, by which time I shall have finished my general Report, and have brought the remaining work in its various branches into that condition in which it may be safely left under the supervision of another agency.

19. The funds which will be required to prolong the Commission as above solicited amount roughly to Rupees 23,500, after deducting the cost of that portion of the Establishment which is already provided for in the current year's Budget. To meet this, there will be savings at the end of December amounting to Rs. 16,000, and only the balance, viz., Rupees 7,500, requires to be met from savings out of the Budgets of other Departments.

20. Should the suggestion contained in my letter* to the Board for the transfer of the office to the charge of their Sub-Secretary meet with the approval of

* Paragraph 10.

Government, it may be desirable to remove my office and settle it at Madras during the approaching Christmas vacation, which will obviate the loss of valuable time.

21. This removal will, calculating roughly, cost Rupees 2,000 for the carriage of the office records and furniture, and for mileage to the Establishment, which being added to the above sum of Rupees 7,500, raises the amount to be provided from other sources to Rupees 9,500.

22. In conclusion, I trust to be excused for this lengthy report, without which it would not have been possible for me to have conveyed a fair idea of the character of the work I have had to deal with.

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1. Referred to the Accountant General for report, whether funds will be available for continuing the Inám Commission on its preseut footing (Commissioner included) to the end of the current official year.

2. It is observed that Mr. Blair's proposals appear to refer to the official year ending 30th April, although he names 31st March.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

24th November 1865.

No. 273. From the Accountant General to the Government of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 1st December 1865, No. 185.

1. With reference to the letter* from the Officiating Inàm Commissioner, No. 56, dated the 21st ultimo, referred to me for report, I have the honor to

* Returned.

that though the actuals of the current official year, so far as they have been ascertained, shew a saving of about 13,000 Rupees monthly under "Land Revenue" from the charges provided for in the Budget; the expenditure to be incurred under that head in excess of the budget grants is so large, that I apprehend, it will absorb all the probable savings, and leave nothing to cover the additional charge under reference, of Rupees 9,500.

2. I have also to remark that the provision made for the current year under some of the other heads, viz., "Allowances, Refunds, and Drawbacks," "Mint and Miscellaneous," are already nearly exhausted, and it seems possible, therefore, that the entire year's expenditure will exceed the sanctioned amount and call for supplementary grants.

3. With reference to the 2nd paragraph of your docket, I beg to observe that if it is intended that the Inám Commission shall be maintained up to the 30th April next, the charges for April must be included for sanction in the Budget of the ensuing year.

No. 274. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd December 1865. No. 8,327.

Read again the following letter from the Officiating Inam Commissioner, dated 21st November 1865, No. 34.

1. The Board resolve to submit the above paper for the consideration of Government at once, with reference to Government Dockets Nos. 51 and 52, dated

28th October last, on Mr. Blair's letters of 26th idem, without waiting longer for the replies from the Collectors to Board's Proceedings, dated 13th November 1865, No. 7,259.

2. It is evident from the replies that have already been received, that the Collectors are not in a position to know how far the investigation into the Inám tenures of their Districts has been exhaustive. All, at most, that they can form an idea of is the extent to which the Ináms entered in the list of cases transferred to the Revenue Officer for enquiry by the Inám Deputy Collector on quitting the District, have or have not been settled.

3. The Board have now learnt, for the first time, and with much surprise, that for a considerable time past and in every District apparently, the time of the District Officers, and specially it would seem of the Treasury Deputy Collector, has been in great measure devoted to the performance of the work for which the Special Department was organized, but which they left undone on quitting the Districts. It is impossible that this can have been otherwise than a most serious hindrance to current business, and it goes far to explain the short-comings in the Account Department, of which there has been so much reason to complain. But setting aside all these cases, and taking only Mr. Blair's estimate of the work in his office, which will be left incomplete at the close of the current official year, the Board have no hesitation whatever in declaring it to be simply beyond their power to undertake its supervision in addition to their own work, of the extent of which Mr. Blair can have little idea when he makes the proposition. If the time of one of the Members is to be devoted to it, the result will be an aggravation of the extreme inconvenience which the Board have for some time suffered from the reduction in their number for current work. While individually the Members would be most averse to undertake the completion of a *quasi* judicial investigation into titles and application of principles which have gradually grown up in the course of a settlement, with the detail working of which no one but the Inám Commissioner and his Deputies are acquainted.

4. If the work is to be placed under their Sub-Secretary it will be absolutely necessary to appoint some one to act in his place in the Board's Office.

5. The Board, however, deem it most desirable that the decision on the numerous Inám cases that remain unsettled, should be passed by the Officer who, and who alone knows how the special rules for the settlement have hitherto been applied, and they see no reason why, if Mr. Blair must take up his substantive appointment he should not himself carry on the Inám work in conjunction with his ordinary duties, in the manner that he so readily suggests should be done by others.

6. The Board do not, however, recommend this course, as they think it would be infinitely preferable to accept the fact of the special work being still essentially and to a considerable extent incomplete, and to provide in the Budget for retaining the Commissioner on this special duty till the end of the official year 1866-67, as being the only arrangement that is at all likely to produce satisfactory results, especially in regard to the numerous intricately complicated cases to which the rules have still to be applied. The additional expense is a consideration of no

weight when compared with the importance of ensuring the uniformly consistent application to all claims, as far as possible, of those principles which have guided the numerous decisions already passed. This no one but the Commissioner himself can ensure.

No. 275. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1866, No. 139.

Land Revenue.

1. In their Order of the 9th January 1865, Revenue Department, No. 29, on the Budget Estimate of the current year, the Government provided a sum of Rupees 1,22,000 for the Inám Commission on the supposition that the work would be completed by the end of last month, with the exception of the examination of the fair Registers of Ináms and other similar work which might be finished under the superintendence of the Board of Revenue.

2. The papers above recorded shew that this expectation will not be fulfilled.

3. In his letter of the 21st November last, Mr. Blair enters into a lengthened explanation of the large mass of business which still remains to be disposed of, and solicits sanction for the continuance of the Commission up to the 31st March next. The additional grant required for this purpose amounts to Rupees 23,500, of which however Rupees 16,000 will be covered by savings which have accrued on the original Budget Estimate.

4. The Government are very much concerned at this result. As stated in their Order of the 17th November 1863, No. 2,066, Revenue Department, it was originally expected that the work of the Commission as regards the actual investigation and disposal of Inám tenures and claims would be finished by the 30th April 1863. It was, however, found necessary to continue the Commission through the following years 1863 64 and 1864-65, and the Government naturally expected that with all this experience before him, the Commissioner would not again disappoint them, by forming too sanguine an estimate of his future operations. On each of the occasions above noted, the Government relying on the assurances of Mr. Blair and his predecessor have confidently informed the Supreme Government, that the Commission would be closed at the periods specified, and it is extremely mortifying to them to be now again obliged to report that their expectations will not be fulfilled. The Government have every confidence in Mr. Blair, and believe that he has duly exerted himself in his important office; but they are compelled to blame him seriously for thus repeatedly raising anticipations, which careful consideration and past experience should have shewn him might not be realized.

5. The Government have no alternative but at once to sanction the continuance of the Commission to the 31st March next; and as the Accountant General reports that savings to the extent of Rupees 9,500 are not likely to accrue under the head "Land Revenue," to authorize that Officer to pass the charges now sanctioned as an advance pending the sanction of the Supreme Government, to whom an application for an additional grant of Rupees 9,500 will be made through the Financial Department.

6. As regards the arrangements necessary for next year, the Government are satisfied that the transfer of the work of the Inám Commission to the Board o.

Revenue collectively or individually, or to their Sub-Secretary, is quite out of the question at present. As the Board truly remark their ordinary duties are already sufficiently onerous, and two of their Members are, moreover, engaged on special work, from which they cannot be relieved. The work in their office is also very heavy, having greatly increased of late years, and it would be impossible to impose this duty on their Sub-Secretary without relieving him from his present office and appointing another officer in his place.

7. Further, much of the work remaining to be done by the Commission is of a character which could not readily be taken up by a new officer, entirely unacquainted with the proceedings of the Commission since its organization in 1859. The Government are decidedly of opinion that the most expedient and satisfactory course is to retain the Inám Commissioner, not indeed "until every Inámdar has "been supplied with a Title Deed, and until every Inám case shall have been disposed "of and entered in the fair Registers," for that would entail great and unnecessary expense, but until the review of cases has been finished, and the disposal of appeals reduced so greatly that the remainder may without difficulty be made over to the Board of Revenue. All mere clerical work can be done under the care of the Board, assisted, if necessary, by one of the Commissioner's Special Assistants, and for the other work noted above, which the Government consider that the Commissioner ought himself to complete, a period of six months ought, in their opinion, to suffice. The additional expense which this arrangement will involve is immaterial, when it is considered how much the State has gained politically and pecuniarily by the Inám Settlement, and how essential it is that a work of such importance to the Government and so large a section of the community should be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. When the entire work is finished the Government will have realized in round numbers an additional annual revenue of nine lacs of Rupees, at an outlay, once for all, of eleven; the titles, more or less doubtful, of nearly 3,72,196 Inámdars will have been placed on a secure basis; and five millions acres of land freed from the disadvantages which unsafe titles impose. Where such large interests are concerned, the trifling savings proposed by the Commissioner at the sacrifice of efficiency would be very bad economy.

8. The Government resolve, therefore, to provide for the Inám Commissioner up to the 30th September next, and for one Special Assistant for the whole year in addition to the Establishment proposed in the estimate submitted by him.

9. The Government request that Mr. Blair will submit a monthly Statement, under appropriate heads, such as those noted in the Board's Proceedings dated 13th November last, No. 7,259, the amount of each description of work remaining on the first of each month (commencing from the 30th November last), the amount accruing, and the amount disposed of during the month, with such explanatory remarks as may be necessary to enable Government to judge how business is progressing. This return will not supersede the monthly returns which are now submitted for the information of the Home Government.

10. Mr. Blair will apply himself specially to Reviews, Petitions, and Appeals, so that this work may as far as possible be wound up by himself.

11. The Government consider it necessary and right that Inámdars should be informed that after a certain date no appeals, or applications for admission to the benefit of the Inám Settlement will be received; and they desire that Mr. Blair will submit the draft of a Notification to this effect without delay.

12. The Government will provide for the additional salary (Rupees 50 per mensem) recommended for the Commissioner's Manager. This allowance will be personal. The Board will forward, for the perusal of Government, the replies of Collectors to their Proceedings of the 13th November last.

13. Ordered that the Inám Commissioner's Budget for 1866-67 be transmitted to the Accountant General. The total sum to be provided for in the General Budget according to this Order will be Rupees 75,300, as shewn below:—

	Rs.
Commissioner's salary for six months	15,000
Assistant Commissioner's do. for one year ...	7,200
His Establishment for do. do.	1,630
Office Establishment	51,470
Total...	75,300

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

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

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Official Memorandum.

In Reply to Memorandum of the 29th Ultimo, No. 34 from the Under Secy. to Government, the Accountant Genl has the honor to State — with reference to the 2d para of his letter to Government No. 273 dated 1st December last, that he is still of opinion that the entire expenditure of the current year will exceed the total of the Budget grants, & that the savings which may accrue under the head of "Education, Science & Art" will be absorbed by excess expenditure under other heads.

2. It will be better therefore to incur the charge leaving it to this Office to make the necessary adjustment at the close of the year from any saving which may be then apparent.

F. Darlington

Fort St. George
Acct. Genl's Office
7th February 1866.

Accountant General

To The Under Secretary to Govt.
Public & Gen. Departments.

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Proceedings Regarding the Excess Expenditure Under Education Science & Arts

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Copy of Paper in reply to application for explanation of the Excess Expenditure under Education Science & Arts Rs. 9,000 for the year ending the 31st March Current, to the End of the 28th March Year.

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From

The Accountant Genral

To,

The Under Secretary to Government Public Works Dept.

Dated 25 Febry 1886.
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States that the entire expenditure of the current year will exceed the total of the Budget grant & that the savings which may accrue under Education Works will be absorbed by excess expenditure under other heads -

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The Comte proposed in the second paragraph of the Accountant Generals memorandum will be followed.

The Res Dept. Acct General } desp 26/2

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