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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
14th December 1867.

No. 55. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 18th November 1867, No. 2716.

Reviewing the Inam Commissioner's Budget Estimate for 1868-69. } (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 18th November 1867, Nos. 295 – 297).

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1867, No. 561.
To be recorded.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Read the following letters :—

No. 295. From the Officiating Inam Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 15th October 1867, No. 42.

1. I have the honor to submit the accompanying Budget Estimate, amounting to Rupees 87,862, on account of the Inam Commission for the official year 1868-69.

2. I hoped that the investigation of the special tenures originally left unsettled in the districts of Godavery and Kistna would have been completed during the current official year, but the number of these cases proves to be very large, and consequently there is no prospect of the enquiry being finished before the end of the next official year.

3. The Deputy Collector deputed to the district of Godavery reports, that besides the number of 4,000 cases disposed of by him since February last, there are still 11,000 cases to be settled, and that though the extent of Inam is not large, the cases are complicated, and require more time for their settlement than ordinary Inam tenures. He does not expect to be able to settle more than 600 a month on an average, and at this rate he has work before him for seventeen months, or till the close of the official year 1868-69. If attention is paid to the quality of the work, I do not think it is possible to obtain a larger result than 600 or 700 cases a month. Any undue haste involves the necessity of numerous subsequent corrections in the Registers, and eventually is only productive of loss of time. I have, therefore, provided for continuing the Deputy Collector for the whole year in that district. I at first thought of recommending the employment of two Deputy Collectors, so that the work might be completed in a shorter time, but on further consideration it appeared to me that such an arrangement would not be economical. The cases being thinly scattered over a large district, the Inamdars cannot be collected in sufficient numbers to afford full employment to two Deputy Collectors at the same time.

4. As there was no prospect of the Deputy Collector employed in the District of Godavery being able to take up the work in the Kistna District also, I called upon the Tahsildars to inform me of the number of cases for settlement in the latter district, in view to deciding whether the work could be left to the district authorities, or whether the employment of a special agency would be necessary. I have just received reports that there are about 14,000 cases to be settled. Of course, such an amount of work cannot be undertaken by the District Revenue authorities, and I have, therefore, provided for one Deputy Collector for the whole of the next official year in that district. It is also desirable that such an officer should be deputed to that district immediately, as it would otherwise be impossible to complete the settlement even within the next official year, and I have addressed the Government on this subject separately.

5. The Collector of Madras brought to my notice, that there was a large number of Poramboke Inams and other tenures requiring to be settled in his district. The number of these cases, however, does not appear to exceed 2,000, and for the settlement of them I purpose to depute one of my Assistants to the district for such time as may be requisite.

6. I have not yet received any information from the Collectors of the Southern Districts regarding the number of Poramboke Inams requiring to be settled in their districts, nor have I received Registers for any cases settled by them. I believe that their number is small, and can be got through by the district authorities.

7. So far then as regards the out-door work, the Government will observe that the number of the special tenures requiring to be settled in the Districts of Godavery and Kistna has been found to be larger than I had the means of knowing when the last Budget was prepared, and that it is owing to an increase in the work that I am obliged to send in the present Budget.

8. I shall now proceed to notice, in detail, the several items in the Budget in connection with the Central Office.

9. *Assistants.*—I have provided for the continuance of the two Assistants. The services of one of them will be required for out-door work for about six months, and for the remaining period the services of both the Assistants are absolutely necessary.

10. *Clerks for fair copying Registers.*—The stray cases left uncopied were estimated last year to comprise 4,000 sides, but they have been found actually to amount to 9,000. Every exertion has been made to close this branch of the work, and I hope that, at the commencement of the next official year, there will only remain about 4,000 sides to be copied, besides the Registers which may hereafter be received. The copying of these 4,000 sides, however, will require more time and labor than usual, as they consist of remarks entered in the rough Registers in the course of deciding appeals after the Registers have been copied. Much time will be occupied in ascertaining what remarks have not been copied into the Registers, and for this work alone the services of six Clerks will be necessary. As regards the Registers that will be received during 1868-69, I do not anticipate being able to get them all copied within the year. After the receipt of Registers into the Central Office, it generally takes three months before they can be reviewed, and all the necessary work performed to render them ready for copying. The copying of such Registers, therefore, as may be received after November 1868, will have to lie over until the year after next. I have estimated the number of sides which will be received before November 1868 at 8,000, as shewn in the margin, and for the copying of these Registers I purpose to employ nine Writers. Besides these, the services of five Clerks for indexing and paging the Registers will be required, and I have accordingly provided in the Budget for twenty Clerks in all.

	Estimated number of cases for the whole year.	Cases which are likely to be received before November 1868.	Sides.
Godavery ...	11,000	10,000	= 3,000
Kistna ...	14,000	12,000	= 3,000
Madras ...	2,000	2,000	= 700
Other districts.	5,000	4,000	= 13,00
			8,000

11. *Examiners and Readers.*—As the Government are aware, from want of accommodation I have not been able to entertain the additional seven Examiners

provided for and sanctioned in the last Budget. Owing to this cause, and to the increase in the copying work described above, the work cannot be brought to a close during the present year, although good progress has been made. About 15,000 sides, which nearly represent the work of the seven unemployed Examiners, will remain over at the commencement of the next official year. Adding to this the number of 12,000 sides which will be copied during the next year, there will be in all 25,000 sides to be examined. According to strict calculation, thirteen Examiners, besides the Head Examiner, ought to suffice to complete their examination within one year; but occasions frequently arise for employing the Examiners otherwise, and the examination of the stray cases which are now being copied requires more time than that of ordinary cases. I have, therefore, provided for eighteen Examiners and for as many Readers. I shall of course from time to time dispense with as many of them as may be found possible with reference to the actual state of the work.

12. *Correspondence.*—The work in this branch continues to be as heavy as ever, and there is no prospect of any diminution during the coming year. I have therefore made no reduction in this establishment.

13. *Title Deeds.*—Considering the large number of Title Deeds which have to be issued next year, and the necessity of altering the form of the undistributed Title Deeds with reference to the Order of Government, dated 13th September 1867, No. 2,160, I have provided for two Writers, a set of Comparers, and an Examiner in excess of the existing staff.

14. *Vernacular Department.*—No reduction can be made in this branch. There are now 450 records on hand, and 1,000 expected. Besides these, numerous appeals will be received from the decisions of the Deputy Collectors conducting the enquiry, and the existing strength in this department is absolutely necessary.

15. *Contingent.*—I have provided for 2,000 Rupees for binding the Registers. This sum was provided for last year, but was not expended.

16. The other items in the Budget call for no remark.

17. In conclusion, I annex a statement shewing the quantity of work executed since the date of the last Budget:—

Cases settled and Title Deeds issued	1,216
Appeal Records settled	896
Do. Petitions...	2,294
Arzis received from Tahsildars	1,470
Takids issued	2,049
English letters received	900
Do. do. sent	1,300

No. 296. From the Officiating Inam Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 25th October 1867, No. 47.

1. When I submitted my Budget Report for the year 1868-69, I had not received reports from all the twelve talooks of the Kistna District regarding the

number of cases which have to be settled. I had only received reports for ten talooks, and I estimated that in the remaining two talooks there would not be more than 2,400 cases, 1,200 being the average number of cases in each talook. The reports, however, which have since come in from the two talooks shew that they contain 10,000 cases. The total number of cases to be settled in the district is therefore 22,000, and I see no possibility of this amount of work being brought to a close within the next sixteen months by a single Deputy Collector. I therefore propose to employ two Deputy Collectors in the district from the 1st proximo.

2. I beg to submit a revised Budget Estimate for the next official year. I have provided for three Deputy Collectors with their establishments, and have also added to the strength of the Central Office two English Clerks, one Examiner, one Reader, on account of the increased work now discovered.

No. 297. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1867, No. 2,716.

Land Revenue.

1. The Officiating Inam Commissioner submits his Budget Estimate for 1868-69. In passing the Budget for 1867-68, His Excellency the Governor General in Council remarked that "he hopes that every exertion will be made by the Madras Government to bring the "Inam Commission to a speedy close this year, and on this understanding sanctions "the provision for 1867-68." This Government are satisfied that no efforts have been wanting to accelerate the close of the Commission, but the facts adduced by Mr. Blair in his letters above recorded render its continuance unavoidable. There is still a large amount of work to be performed in the Central Office, although much has been done since the date of the last Budget; and the employment of three Deputy Collectors in the Northern Districts is found indispensable in consequence of the large amount of work that could not have been anticipated which has been brought to light. The Commission is employed on a most important work, and whatever the cost may be, that work must be brought to a satisfactory conclusion. That its ultimate financial result will be highly favorable, as has been frequently pointed out, there can be no doubt. The absolute gain to the State from the labors of the Commission has already been an additional annual income of some Rupees 8,50,000, exclusive of the value of village service Inams, secured at a cost of some Rupees 10,00,000, or about $1\frac{1}{4}$ year's income.

2. The Government proceed to review the particulars of the estimate.

The Budget is not prepared according to the prescribed form. The *sanctioned* estimate for the current or expiring year is altogether omitted, and the regular estimate alone is shewn, which is contrary to the established rules. The estimate for 1868-69 amounts to Rupees 97,441 against Rs. 65,795, the actual expenditure of the eleven months of 1866-67, and Rupees 84,058, the sanctioned estimate for 1867-68. The increase above the estimate for the current year amounts to

Rupees 13,383 as shewn in the subjoined table. It is, however, less than the actual cost of 1865-66 by Rupees 26,477:—

Items.	Estimate for 1866-67.	Estimate for 1868-69.	Difference.	
			Increase.	Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Inam Commissioner's deputation allowance ...	2,000	2,000	.....	.....
Special Assistant's salary and establishment ...	8,832	8,832	.....	.....
Deputy Collectors, their allowances, establishment,	11,472	30,345	18,873	.....
contingencies, &c.	51 070	45,180	.....	5,890
Commissioner's Establishment	4,884	4,884	.....	.....
Office servants	2,700	2,100	.....	600
Contingencies and service labels	3,100	4,100	1,000	.....
Miscellaneous				
Total ...	84,058	97,441	19,873	6,490
Net ...	.....	.....	13,383	.....

3. The employment of the Special Assistant with his usual establishment during the whole of the next year, is approved.

4. The large increase under Deputy Collectors arises from the provision made for the employment of two 3rd class and two 4th class Deputy Collectors during the whole year in the place of one 3rd class Deputy Collector for the whole year, and one 4th class Deputy Collector for nine months allowed in the Budget for the current year. The number of cases remaining to be settled in the Godavery District was estimated at 2,500 in Mr. Blair's letter, dated 14th November 1866, No. 76, but from the papers now before Government, it is clear that besides the 4,000 cases disposed of by the Deputy Collector employed in that district since February last, there are still 11,000 cases to be settled, which constitute sufficient work for that officer till the end of the next official year. His continued employment in the district throughout that year is, under the circumstances, indispensable.

5. A large number of Inams remain unsettled in the Kistna and other districts from various causes, and it was intended to depute the Deputy Collector employed in the Godavery District to the Kistna District, to settle them so soon as he had completed his work in the former district. But as it is now evident that he cannot be relieved from his present work till the end of the next year, and as it appears from the reports received by the Commissioner that there are no less than 22,000 cases remaining to be settled in the Kistna District alone, the Government have sanctioned in their Orders, of dates given in the margin, the immediate employment of two Deputy Collectors in that district, so that the work may be completed with the least possible delay, and their continuance throughout the next year will be necessary. The remaining Deputy Collector is the officer already attached to the Commissioner as his Assistant, and Mr. Blair's proposal to depute one of his two Assistants to the Madras District to take up the unsettled cases there, is approved.

19th October 1867, No. 2,467.
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6. The Government gather from the Officiating Commissioner's present letter, that the information which he possesses, as to the extent of work remaining to be done, is sufficiently accurate to allow of his anticipating that the primary investigations and decisions will be nearly, if not quite, completed by the close of the coming official year. They look to him to use every endeavour to ensure this result.

7. Under "Establishment of the Commissioner" there is a decrease of Rupees 5,890, the result of a re-distribution of the establishment reducing the number of Examiners and Readers, and increasing the number of English Correspondence Clerks and of the Title Deed Clerks and Comparers. The work in the Commissioner's Office is peculiar in character, and the Government are unwilling to lessen his responsibility for completing it without unnecessary delay by taking upon themselves to arrange the details of his establishment. They therefore pass his estimate, but they look to him to enforce the utmost economy of charge consistent with the satisfactory settlement of the important questions involved in his investigations, and they desire that, accepting the estimate as the maximum of sanctioned expenditure, he will carefully watch the detail working of the establishment, and lose no opportunity of effecting any reductions which further experience may indicate as feasible without impairing efficiency.

8. The increase of Rupees 1,000, under Miscellaneous, is the result of the larger provision made for the travelling allowance of officers and their establishment.

9. With these observations the Government resolve to pass the Inam Commissioner's Budget for 1868-69, amounting to Rupees 97,400 in round numbers, according to the particulars already given, and to transmit it to the Accountant General.

10. The Inam Commissioner's attention will be requested to paragraph 9 of the Order of Government, dated 17th January 1866, No. 129. He long ago and without apparent reason discontinued furnishing the monthly statement therein required.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General, with Budget Estimate.
„ the Officiating Inam Commissioner.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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