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Proceedings of the Madras Government Judicial Department, 31st October 1860.

No. 211. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1860, No. 1,951.

Communicating the Order passed on a letter from the Inam Commissioner, submitting for the Orders of Government, certain propositions for the treatment of Mukhasas and Inams held by Poligars and their Dependants in the Nellore District.

(Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 25th October 1860, Nos. 400 and 401.)

No. 212. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1860, No. 1,412.

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inám Commissioner.

Submitting for the consideration and orders of Government certain propositions for the treatment of Mukhásas and Ináms held by Poligars and their dependants in the Nellore District. (Here enter 13th August 1860.)

Order thereon, 25th October 1860, No. 1,951.

1. In this letter the Inám Commissioner reports on various peculiar Inám tenures found in Nellore, and asks for instructions as to the mode of dealing with them.

2. He first treats of the Police Pálayams, so called, in the Government Táluqs, of which he enumerates seven. These Poligars have hitherto performed certain Police services; which will cease to be required on the introduction of the new Police. The emoluments enjoyed by them are of three kinds; viz., 1st, Mukhása villages paying a Peshkash; 2nd, Ináms; 3rd, Fees from various classes of persons. Two of the number, however, have no Mukhása villages, and their Ináms and fees are of very trifling value.

3. The Mukhása villages of the other five are not by any means entirely in the possession of the Poligars a part having in each case, been alienated to Pagodas and Bramins; while another part is devoted to the support of Kattubadi Peons. Of the Ináms the greater part is alienated, partly to village Kávalkárs, and partly to Pagodas and Bramins. The fees are for the most part received by the Poligars; but a small portion of these also is alienated, partly (in the case of the Urtavár Poligars) to relatives, and partly to Pagodas.

4. In the case of two of the Poligars Urtavár and Chittetivár, the Peshkash of the Mukhása villages is far heavier than they can pay; and it has been usual for the Collectors to levy the fees direct from the payers, credit the amount to the Peshkash, and write off any balance that may then remain.

5. As respects the fees, the Government have already directed, in a recent order, that they shall be resumed on the introduction of the new Police;* the present proposals of the Inám Commissioner relate to the Mukhása villages and the Ináms. They are detailed in paragraph 8, and are to the following effect:—

* *Judicial Department, June 28th, No. 807, paragraph 8.*

(1.) The fees having been resumed, so much of the Mukhása villages as is in the enjoyment of the Poligars, and the Ináms held by the two who have no Mukhása villages, to be treated as personal Ináms, and enfranchised at one-eighth of the ascertained value, after deducting the amount of the Peshkash.

(2.) The alienations to Pagodas or to individuals, being out of the Poligars own share, to be treated in the same way, and enfranchised at one-eighth value. The greater part of these alienations are stated to be of very long standing.

(3.) The portion held by Kattubadis, being for actual service, to be enfranchised like other Kattubadis at half value.

(4.) Kával Ináms in villages, being also for real service, to be enfranchised at half value; except those Ináms held by village Kávalkars, which are to be still attached to the office.

6. These rules appear to be fair, and a right application of the general rules passed last year, with the exception of Rule 2. The alienations proposed to be dealt with under that rule need not be separately treated by the Inám Commissioner. His transactions are with the Poligars and he should deal only with them, leaving the alienees to adjust their respective claims and rights with them.

7. Mr. Taylor proposes that the foregoing rules shall not apply wholly to the two Pálayams of Urtavár and Chittetivár. The Peshkash in these two cases is excessive in amount; having been fixed, it seems in consideration of the large amount of fees received by the Poligars; and it appears to have been the practice in fact, as already noticed, to apply the fees to the liquidation of the Peshkash as far as it would go, and to write off the balance. The Commis-

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sioner therefore proposes to charge no Peshkash in future on the Mukhása villages ; but, as they are held on service tenure, to enfranchise them at half value ; the alienations from them to relatives and to Pagodas, being dealt with in the same manner. But he strongly recommends, as an indulgence, that the portion held by the Poligars should be allowed to be enfranchised at one-fourth value, as has been allowed in the case of the Masulipatam Mukhásas.† The Government accede to this proposal.

† *Order dated 11th August 1860, No. 1,335.*

8. In the case of the Gangalavár Pálayam also an exception is proposed to be made. The yearly value of the Mukhásas of this Pálayam is stated to be 4,166 Rupees, with a Peshkash of 2,648 Rupees ; the remainder is 1,518 Rupees, but the alienations to Pagodas and Bramins are stated to amount to 2,135 Rupees. According to this account therefore the Poligar receives 617 Rupees less from the villages than he has to pay as Peshkash, but this amount (617 Rupees) is set down in the statement (columns 8 and 22) apparently by mistake, as his clear income. No information is given respecting the Ináms or the fees of this Poligar ; none being obtainable in the Collector's Office.

9. In this Pálayam the alienations are very large, according to the Return above half the Mukhása village (in value) is so alienated ; but the particulars of them, viz., how much to Kattubadis and how much for charitable or religious objects are not known. Mr. Taylor proposes that the Mukhása villages or parts of villages held by the Poligar himself, or by Pagodas and Bramins, shall be enfranchised at one-eighth their yearly value, and those held on tenure of service by Kattubadis at one-half. But he further proposes in this case only, that as the alienations are so large, the Peshkash shall be apportioned rateably on the charitable alienations, if the Poligar so desires.

10. Some further information seems, however, to be required in this case. Mr. Taylor speaks of the Peshkash as not exorbitant were it not for the large alienations ; yet it is equal to 63½ per cent. of the estimated yearly value. This is almost the rate fixed for Zamíndárs, and, it can hardly therefore be thought a favorable or Inám tenure. In the Pálayams of Turravaru and Todibayanuváru the Peshkash is very much lower ; in the former only 18½ and in the latter only 27½ per cent. of the estimated value. Further, no information is given, as already noticed, respecting the fees of this Poligar, except that they are believed to be small in amount. The Commissioner will be requested to supply this additional information, as early as practicable with any remarks that he may wish to offer.

11. There are nineteen Pálayapats in the Venkatagiri Zamíndári ; but no particulars are given of their value or of the nature of the income. The reversion of these properties, being for Police service, vests in Government ; and the Commissioner proposes to deal with them in the same manner as with those in the Government Táluqs, viz., under the rules explained above in paragraph 5. This is approved, provided there are no exceptional circumstances attending these Pálayams, but with the qualification of the rules prescribed in paragraph 6.

Paragraphs 12 and 13.

12. The collection of the quit-rent from a multitude of payers in the Zamíndári would be difficult ; and it may be well, as suggested, to arrange for its being collected through the Zamíndár. This however will be determined in communication with the Collector, and with the payers whose wishes should be consulted.

13. In paragraphs 14 and 15 the Commissioner speaks of the Amarams and Kattubadis in the resumed Zamíndári of Saidapúr. Both classes of holdings were originally for Military service ; but the conditions were altered after the liability of the Zamíndár to Military service ceased. Some of the lands were resumed, others had their jodi raised ; while in the case of others ; Police duty (for the Zamíndár's benefit) was substituted for Military service.

Mr. Taylor's proposals are as follow :—

1st. Where the jodi has been raised with the object of relieving the holder from service tenure, the Inám to be regarded as personal and enfranchised at one-eighth the yearly value.

2nd. The Amarams or more honorary tenures to be enfranchised at one-fourth value, as in the case of the Mukhása in Masulipatam.

3rd. The Kattubadis to be enfranchised at one-half.

These proposals are approved.

14. The Kattubadis in the Government Táluqs and in the resumed Zamíndári of Chúndi, will be enfranchised at one-half assessment, under the general rules, as proposed by Mr. Taylor in paragraph 16.

15. The only point remaining to be noticed is the treatment of those persons and institutions, referred to by the Commissioner in paragraphs 6 and 7 to whom certain fees have been alienated by some of the Poligars. A precedent for this case is found in the treatment of the alienations of Inám by Kávalkárs in South Arcot. There, the individual grantees received an allowance for life, equal to their past average receipts from the Ináms ; and Pagodas received, in full satisfaction of their claims, a sum equal to five years income from their Ináms. The Government resolve to direct that the same course shall be followed in the case of these fees.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Inám Commissioner.
" Board of Revenue.
" Judicial Department for information.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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