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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 1st May 1861.

No. 1. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 26th April 1861, No. 939.

Communicating the Order passed on a letter from C. Pelly, Esq., requesting information as to whether the Government Order of the 22nd March last regarding the enfranchisement of Service Inams is to apply only to Kurnool or to the Ceded Districts in general. (Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 26th April 1861, Nos. 434 & 435.)

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1861, No. 580.

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 C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue :—

Requesting to be informed whether the Government Order of 22nd March 1861, No. 673, regarding the enfranchisement of Service Inâms, refers only to Kurnool or to the Ceded Districts in general. (Here enter 8th April 1861, No. 827.)

ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1861, No. 939.

1. In their Order of 22nd March 1861, No. 673, replying to Mr. Pelly's Report on the Village Establishments of Kurnool, the Government approved the general principle of enfranchising Village Service Inâms, so as to provide a fund for paying the Office bearers in money, and to avoid the invidious measure of depriving the co-sharers entirely of their portions of the Inâm. The rate of enfranchisement was fixed at two-thirds of the assessment. In his present letter Mr. Pelly solicits instructions whether that Order is to apply to Kurnool only, or to the whole of the Ceded Districts, or to all the Districts of the Presidency.

2. The Governor in Council is not prepared at present to make the Order applicable to any other District than that for which it was specially designed. Undoubtedly it will be advisable to deal with Village Service Inâms on one general principle, but in the details it may be necessary to make distinctions. In pursuance of the intention expressed in paragraph 3 of his letter, Mr. Pelly will report separately on the arrangements proper for applying the principle of treatment adopted in the Order of the 22nd March, to the Village Service Inâms of other Districts.

3. Adverting to the objections stated by the Collector of Bellary, the Government observe that the proportion of cultivable waste Inâm in the statement submitted by him is only 5 per cent., which is quite insignificant. If the lands are enfranchised, the waste portion will probably be still smaller. The uncultivable waste would no doubt be given up under paragraph 15 of the Order of March 22nd. It would be very undesirable to make the payment of Inâm quit-rent, dependent on season or circumstances.

4. The contemplated cess should certainly be levied on Inâm lands, but in order partly to meet that demand, the Government resolve now to fix the enfranchisement rate at five-eighths of the assessment, being ten Annas in the Rupee, instead of two-thirds. This applies to Kurnool.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To C. Pelly, Esq.
To the Board of Revenue.
" Inâm Commissioner.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Auditor.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Enclosures

No 708.

Copy the order passed on a letter from C. Coll. Esq requesting information as to whether the Govt Order of the 2nd March last regarding the Enfranchisement of Slaves is to apply only to Runnore or to the Ceded Districts in general.

Written Order.

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No. 580 — 1 May 1861 —

Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.

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