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16th February 1861.*

No. 234. *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Dated 16th February 1861, No. 375.

Read again letter from the Inám Commissioner, dated 12th November, No. 429 and recorded in Proceedings, of Government 7th December 1860, No. 2,330.

1. The Inám Commissioner submits for approval a copy of the Instructions which he proposes to issue for the guidance of the Deputy Collectors conducting the Inám investigation in Kurnool; and he requests the orders of Government on certain points connected with the subject.

2. There are but few Sanad Ináms in the District; the entire number is stated to be only 1,106. The mode of treating these Ináms prescribed in paragraph 6 of the Commissioner's Proceedings is in accordance with the Rules, and is approved.

3. It appears however that in a large proportion of these cases, the Sanad covers only a portion of the Inám, the remainder having been excluded when fresh Sanads were issued in Fasli 1217 (A.D. 1806-7) by the Nawáb. Mr. Taylor does not say how he proposes to deal with the excess; but it cannot be regarded as Sanad Inám. The case is in principle precisely that of entire Ináms of which the grants have been cancelled by competent authority. Mr. Taylor will report how he proposes to treat this part of the Ináms.

4. But the great bulk of the Kurnool Ináms are held without Sanad. The validity of the title to such Ináms depends, according to the Rules of 1859, on proof of fifty years uninterrupted enjoyment; but as the District was assumed by the British Government so late as in 1839 or only twenty-one years ago, there are no Government accounts to prove such long possession. The Government concur with the Commissioner, however, that the Inám Register prepared by the Nawáb in 1832-33 may be accepted as satisfying the demand of the Rule as respects the Ináms entered in it.

5. The Gair Dákhali Ináms or those not found in the Register will be treated as proposed at the close of paragraph 9.

6. The Government do not entirely agree in the Commissioner's remarks on the "Inámati patti." They regard that tax as of the nature of Jody; and as such it might properly be perpetuated and deducted from the assessment before calculating the enfranchisement rate. But considering its small aggregate amount in this District, and the difficulty which would be incurred in dealing with it, in consequence of its being leviable on cultivation only, the Government assent to the Commissioner's proposition that it should be abolished.

7. Adverting to the remarks at the close of paragraph 8 and in the beginning of paragraph 9, it is to be observed that the Court of Directors objected to the Inámati patti not because they thought any demand on the Ináms improper, as Mr. Taylor supposes, but because they wished rather that an investigation of titles should be made, in preference to accepting this compromise.

8. The course proposed by the Commissioner in paragraphs 21, 25, and 26, in regard to the several descriptions of Inám there referred to, is approved.

9. The proposal in paragraph 22 regarding the Jangi Kattubadi tenure will be referred to the Inspector General of Police for report.

10. In reference to paragraphs 23 and 24, the Government observe that a separate communication from Mr. Pelly regarding the village Establishments of Kurnool is now before them.

11. There remain three other points of consequence.

12. The first relates to Captain Russell's resumptions in 1856, noticed in paragraph 15. The Acting Collector considers those proceedings to have been arbitrary and unauthorized; but the Government think otherwise. The fact that 16,059 acres were continued for life or reserved for further inquiry, shows that Captain Russell's proceedings, though recorded with too much brevity, were based on inquiries. The large proportion of resumptions, viz. 17,840 acres of personal Ináms furnishes no proof of imperfect inquiry; for the validity of the Kurnool Ináms

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* Captain Russell's letter to Board of Revenue, 13th May 1857, No. 23, paragraph 12.

has always been deemed doubtful. Moreover, 23,659 acres were also continued by Captain Russell on this occasion* as service Ináms, and the inquiry was limited to the Gafr Dákalá Ináms.

Nor were the Agent's proceedings unauthorized, as he and his predecessors had great latitude allowed to them in these matters. There seems no more reason now to set aside these proceedings of Captain Russell's than to cancel the much larger other resumptions of above a lac of acres made in Kurnool since it became a British possession.

13. The second point has reference to the assessment which is to form the basis of the Commissioner's Settlement in Kurnool proper. The land of that District having never been regularly assessed, the Commissioner proposes (paragraphs 17 and 18) five rates, ranging from 3 Rupees to 4 Annas per acre for dry land, and eight rates from 8 Rupees to 1 Rupee for single crop wet land; these rates to be applied by his Deputies, according to certain very general rules as to the character of the soil.

14. The Government are unable to sanction this course; being of opinion that it would be unsatisfactory as means for a permanent settlement, and also that it would throw too serious a responsibility on the Deputy Collectors. Kurnool being about to be surveyed and assessed by the Survey Department, it appears the best plan to defer a final settlement of the Ináms till that Revenue Settlement shall have been completed. In that part of the District, therefore, the Deputy Collectors, will now simply register titles; and after the completion of the Revenue Settlement, nothing will remain to be done, but to apply the Assessment and issue the Title Deeds.

15. As regards excess or encroachment, however, the Government think it undesirable that exemption should be allowed until the Survey Settlements shall be completed; and they resolve to request Mr. Taylor to report how he can arrange for its being dealt with immediately, its treatment being based on the order of the Secretary of State communicated to the Commissioner in paragraph 1 of the Order of August 7th 1860, No. 1,312.

16. The last point relates to the land measures of the District. These being very varying and uncertain, Mr. Taylor proposes (paragraph 16) to take the accounts of Mr. Bayley's Survey. Those accounts, however, are not reliable, and under the order given above in paragraph 14 it will not be necessary to make use of them. The areas as ascertained by the professional Revenue Survey will eventually be adopted.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Under date the 16th February 1861-

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Captain Russell's letter
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- 4 C. P. B. Dept
- 13 Secy of Govt

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Turnool Inams

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Pro: of the Madras Gov^t
D^d 16th February 1861

Form D of New Settlements in Pon.
9th April 61 N-132-133.
Order of 16 March 61 No 619.
" 27 April " " 951

Passing orders on the
Inam Commissioner's letter sub-
mitting a copy of the instruction
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