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No. 132. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 28th March 1861, No. 529:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, dated 16th February 1861, No. 375, and its enclosures, in which is described the manner in which the Inám Commissioner proposes to determine the assessment on Inám lands in Kurnool, for the purpose of levying quit-rent on them.

2. The Settlement Department being only on the eve of commencing operations there, I am not prepared to lay down a general scale of rates of assessment based on the usual data, but there are one or two parts of the Inám Commissioner's proposed scale that call for some remark on the consideration that the assessment should be formed on the Inám lands as nearly as possible on the same scale as that which is likely to be adopted for the Government lands. I allude first to the assessment on red soils. Mr. Taylor proposes that they should be entirely assessed under two rates of 8 Annas, and 4 Annas an acre. Judging from experience in several other Districts, I cannot but think that 8 Annas an acre is much too low for the best red soils found in the whole of Kurnool District. Mr. Bayley, when Commissioner there, went most fully and evidently with much elaborate investigation, into the subject of the assessment of the District as contained in No. VIII of 1854 of Selections from the Records of the Madras Government, and he gives the following rates as suited for this class of soil, viz.:—

Rupee	1	0	0
,,	0	12	0
,,	0	8	0
,,	0	6	0

the first rate being double what Mr. Taylor proposes. In the Trichinopoly District, where the red soil is often very poor, there are nevertheless places where they will, according to the proposed new settlement, bear as much as even 2 Rupees an acre.

3. It is further observed that the Inám Commissioner's scale, making allowance for the smaller number of Tarums, follows otherwise very nearly that proposed by Mr. Bayley, except that the highest "Regur" rate of 4 Rupees an acre is struck out, the highest Punja rate retained, being 3 Rupees. The propriety of this maximum may be further questioned, as Government in paragraph 31 of Extract Minutes of Consultation 15th February 1858, No. 191, considered that rich garden lands (and probably some of these will be found among the Ináms) which have been permanently improved may rank a rate higher than the highest ordinary Punja rate.

4. As no data whatever are given upon which the Inám Commissioner has founded his scale of assessment, my conclusions, drawn from Mr. Bayley's proposal and general experience elsewhere, will I hope not be considered of less weight, when I propose, with the view to assimilating the assessment on the Inám lands to that of Government lands according to the general system of Settlement operations for the Presidency, that a rate of at least Rupees 3-8-0 should be added for the very best lands in Kurnool and that the rates for red soil should be:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Generally.....	1	0	0
	0	12	0
	0	8	0
Extra for extreme cases if found necessary.....	0	4	0

5. I should deprecate very large tracts of lands being assessed at so low a rate as 4 Annas an acre, which is about the price of two days' labor of one man in the year for the acre. If land will not bear to be taxed with more than this proportion of the value of an individual's labor for the whole year, its cultivation can scarcely be profitable, and had better be left alone; but this is not likely to be the case in any extensive tracts. In the general scheme of assessment for the Trichinopoly District, so low a rate as 4 Annas will not occur at all.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th April 1861.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1861, No. 789.

This letter will be communicated to the Inám Commissioner, with instructions to reconsider his scale of rates of assessment for the Inám lands in Kurnool, with reference to Mr. Newill's remarks, which appear to Government to be just and reasonable.

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

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The Director of
Revenue Settlement
To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George

Dated 28th March
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No 789. 9th April

Suggesting a modification of the scale of rates of assessment proposed by the Inam Commissioner for the Kadapah District for the Imposition of Quit rents on Inam Lands.

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The letter will be communicated to the Inam Commissioner, with instructions to reconsider his scale of rates of assessment for the Inam lands in Khivapah, with reference to Mr. Neville's remarks, which appear to Govt to be just and reasonable.

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