

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 724

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th April 1865.*

No. 31. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1864, No. 6,753 :—

Read the following letter from W. T. BLAIR, Esq., Acting Inám Commissioner, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1864, No. 24.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date 24th August 1864, No. 5,492, I have the honor to inform them that the Collector of every District is provided with an Abstract of our settlement containing, among other particulars, the areas of the Inám as confirmed by this Department.

2. I fully admit the correctness of the illustration of the rule for charging excess as given in paragraph 3 of the Proceedings; only instead of proceeding on the *average of the whole District*, as stated in paragraph 2, the proportion of allowable excess is determined with reference to the average excess discovered in the *same village* in which the Ináms are situated. In the Godavery District, to which the rule is chiefly applicable, each village had its own standard measure, which though known by the same name, varied considerably according to usage, sometimes with the different descriptions of soil, and hence the reason of the average excess in each village being taken in preference to the average of the District.

3. The extent in the Title Deeds is not given in the native local measure, but in its equivalent in acres, computed according to usage. The former, however, can be easily learnt for the present from the Vernacular Registers of the Deputy Collectors left in the Collector's Offices, and afterwards from the English Village Registers which will be furnished to each Collector on the close of the Commission.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings quoted by Mr. Blair.

2. It appears that all that it is necessary for the Board to provide for is, that excess in Ináms discovered by the Revenue Survey shall be charged by Collectors on a uniform system in accordance with the orders of Government, and the Board annex the Draft of a Circular Order on the subject, which, if approved, they will at once issue.

DRAFT CIRCULAR ORDER.

1. Collectors are informed that any excess which may in the course of the Revenue Survey now in progress be discovered in Minor Ináms beyond the area entered in the Commissioner's Title Deeds is to be dealt with in the following manner.

2. The area now entered in the Title Deeds in Acres has been computed according to local usage as the equivalent of the area as registered in the native local measure.

3. Should it appear on Survey that the customary local rate for converting the native measure into acres is inadequate, then the Inámdar is to be allowed free of all additional charge such area in acres as on the average of the village in which the land is situated may appear fairly to represent the registered extent of the Inám in the local native measure, *plus* an allowance of 10 per cent. to cover original inaccuracies of measurement.

4. Any excess in the Inám discovered by Survey beyond the area thus calculated is to be charged with the full assessment leviable on land of similar quality in the same village.

5. The following example will illustrate the above rule.

6. An Inám has been registered as containing 100 Putis of land; this has been converted by the Commissioner into 800 Acres at the customary equivalent of 8 Acres to the Puti and so entered in the Title Deed; but if on the Survey of the village it should appear that on the average the local Puti represented 9 Acres, then the Inámdar will be entitled to retain free of any additional charge 900 Acres *plus* 10 per cent., or altogether 990 Acres of land surveyed.

7. Should the extent of land in his possession be found on survey to be in excess of 990 acres, then he will be liable to pay full assessment in future on the excess area so discovered.

8. As it will not be possible to distinguish the actual land which forms the encroachment, no Puttah should be issued for the excess area; but the assessment leviable on its account will be charged as additional quit-rent on the whole Inám, and the calculation of the area, and the addition made to the quit-rent, will be entered in the Inám Register and signed by the Collector,

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and will also be endorsed on the Title Deed if forthcoming. A separate Register of all such cases will be also maintained in the following form:—

Talook.	Village.	Name of Inámdar.	Registered area in local native measure.	Area in acres registered as equivalent and entered in Title Deeds.	Quit-rent charged.	Equivalent in acres of local native measure on average of village as found by survey.	True equivalent in acres of area in column 4, plus 10 per cent. for original error in measurement.	Survey area in acres of land in Inámdar's possession.	Excess of column 9 over column 8.	Amount of full assessment on excess in column 10 to be added to quit-rent shown in column 6.	Total quit-rent to be levied in future.	Date, and Collector's signature.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Putis, &c.	Acres.	Rs.	Acres to 1 Puti, &c.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	

9. The foregoing instructions apply only to Minor Ináms.

10. The owners of Inám villages are entitled to hold the entire area within their village boundary on the terms of the settlement made by the Inám Commissioner, without reference to its extent.

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ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1865, No. 724.

Land Revenue.

1. The Draft Circular Order submitted by the Board does not quite meet the requirements of the case.

2. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Inám Commissioner's letter, dated 20th May 1864, No. 14,

Vide Board's Proceedings, 24th August 1864, No. 5,492.

clearly specify the course which is to be pursued.

3. As Districts are surveyed, and the actual area of minor Ináms becomes known, a comparison is to be instituted by Collectors between such area and that entered in the Title Deeds furnished to the Inámdars by the Commissioner.

4. Should it prove that the Inámdar is in possession of a larger extent of land than is entered (in acres) in his Title Deed, the Collector is to allow him 10 per cent. on such recorded area to meet variations in measurement, and is to charge any excess above such 10 per cent. with the full assessment leviable on land of similar quality in the same village.

5. Such will be the rule for all Districts. In *Godavery*, however, and in a few villages in the *Guntoor* division of the *Kisina* District an additional allowance will be made. The average excess discovered by the Survey in the Government land in each village over that hitherto brought to account having been ascertained with reference to the local measure of that particular village, the possessors of Ináms in that village are to be permitted to retain such part of any excess which may be found in their Ináms as may be proportionate to the average excess found in the whole village over the previously supposed area.

6. The Draft Circular would make it appear that excess in Ináms in all Districts is to be treated in this exceptional manner.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Officiating Inám Commissioner.

„ the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 13 September 1865, No 5666
(Standing Circular, No LX)*

*Here enter the circular printed in
S.O. H-A-65, No 724*

*To all Collectors
Copy to W. T. Blair Esq. Officiating Inám Commr.*

Board's Proceedings dated
13 Sept 1865, No 5666.

Revenue Department
No 724-3
Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 4th January 1865.

Read the following
Pro: of the Board of Revenue

Submitting letter
on the Madras Indian Com-
missioners regarding small
Indians discovered by the
same survey, and forwa.
for approval draft Cir-
cular Order on the subject
issued to Collectors.

(Hereunder 14th Oct.
1864, No 6783)-

The draft Cir-
cular Order submitted by
the Board does not quite
meet the requirements of
the case.

Paragraphs 3 and
4 of the Indian Commission
letter dated 20th May
1864, No 14, clearly specify
the course which is to be
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is to be instituted by the
Collectors between such
area and that entered
in the title deeds fur-
nished to the Sudamdars
by the Commissioners.

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that the Sudamdars is in
possession of a large
extent of land than is en-
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deed, the Collector is to allow
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and is to charge any ex-
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In the case of the
Sudamdars who have
been found to be in
possession of land
in excess of the area
entered in their title
deeds, the Collector is
to allow them 10 per
cent on such recorded
area to meet variation
in measurements and
is to charge any excess
above such 10 per cent
with the full assessment
leviable on land of
similar quality in the
same village.

The Collector is to
ascertain the area
entered in the title
deeds of the Sudamdars
and compare it with
the area entered in the
title deeds of the
Sudamdars who have
been found to be in
possession of land in
excess of the area
entered in their title
deeds. The Collector is
to allow them 10 per
cent on such recorded
area to meet variation
in measurements and
is to charge any excess
above such 10 per cent
with the full assessment
leviable on land of
similar quality in the
same village.

Mr. Blair says the
Revenue Dept. have at-
tended to the
proposed changes
in the assessment
of the Sudamdars
who have been found
to be in possession of
land in excess of the
area entered in their
title deeds.

allowance will be made
the average excess dis-
covered by the survey in
the total land in each
village over that hitherto
brought to account ha-
ving been ascertained
with reference to the local
measure of that particu-
lar village, the possessors
of land in that village
are to be permitted to re-
tain such part of any
excess which may be en-
found in their lands
as may be proportionate
to the average excess
found in the whole vil-
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Revising the draft
of circular order submitted
by the Board of Revenue
relative to the except in
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