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Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department, from 24th September to 4th October 1859.

No. 110. Read the following Remarks of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th September 1859, on the following tabular report of lapsed Ináms, No. 3525.

No. 3368, From the Acting Collector of Guntoor, dated 6th July 1859, No. 76.

(In Con. 11th July 1859.)

In Con. 10th March 1858, *No.* 4518.

The circumstances of this case are fully detailed in the letter from the Acting Collector of Guntoor, dated 12th November 1857, which is herewith submitted for the information of Government. It appears from that communication that one Vingamoory Ramanajoocharry was the original grantee, that he had two sons, Bavanacharry and Vencatacharry, the descendants of the former of whom are extinct, while the petitioner, Singamah, the present claimant of the Inám, is the widow of the other brother; that in the year 1839, on the death of Vencatapacharry the son of the elder brother, and in the absence of the petitioner at Seringham, who held the Inám jointly with him, one Ragavacharry, the youngest of the four *divided* brothers of the original grantee, made a false representation to the Collector to the effect that he was the sole surviving heir of the last holder, and thus got the Inám registered in his own name. This order was cancelled in 1840, and the Inám was ordered to be transferred to Kristnamacharry, a relative of the petitioner, who in 1842, surrendered his acquisition to her.

2. In transferring the lands, however, Ragavacharry retained some portions through the influence of the village officers, who have also collusively retained his name in the public accounts as the real holder of them; and it is to recover these from the possession of his son to whom they have descended, that the petitioner now seeks and has in vain striven since 1851.

3. From the careful investigation made by the late Acting Collector, Mr. R. R. Cotton, the Board have no doubt that the petitioner is the rightful heir of the Ináms, and as the possession by Ragavacharry has been fraudulent from the beginning no length of time can give him, or his descendants, a valid title. The Board, therefore, recommend that the Ináms be registered in the name of the petitioner, Singamah, and transferred to her possession, subject to such enquiry and decision, as the Inám Commissioner may hereafter consider necessary and proper.

(By order.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 111. ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1859, No. 1339.

The Government do not consider it necessary to pass a decision on the subject. They however grant permission to petitioner, Singamah, under Section II Reg. IV. of 1831 to sue Ragavacharry in the Courts for the portion of Inám alleged to be improperly withheld from her by him.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

In Con. 11th July 1859, No. 3368.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Officiating Collector of GUNTOOR,

dated Guntoor, 6th July 1859, No. 76.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of endorsed Petition, No. 1409 of 1859.

2. In this petition V. Singamah prays the Board for the early disposal of her case, as 16 years have already elapsed since the commencement of the dispute, and the late Collector has submitted a report on the subject; and the Board accordingly, by endorsement, direct me to state, with reference to their Proceedings of the 10th March 1858, what steps have been taken in the matter.

3. The case in question is a disputed succession to an Inam, on which a full report was made to the Board on the 12th November 1857, by Mr. R. R. Cotton, the Acting Collector, who gave it as his opinion that the petitioner, the widow of the last holder and now in possession of a portion of the Inam, was entitled to the whole. This opinion was confirmed by the Board, so far as the disputed possession was concerned, in their Proceedings above referred to;* and the Collector was therein directed to report the case for the orders of Government in the form prescribed for lapsed Inams.

* No. 866, 10th March 1858.

4. On the receipt of instructions to;* hold all cases of lapsed Inams at the disposal of the Commissioner, this case was included in that category as stated in the letter from the Head Assistant in charge on the 4th ultimo, and no further steps have consequently been taken in the matter.

* Inam Commissioner's Circular, dated 30th May 1859.

5. On looking into the facts of the case, however, on the receipt of the endorsement under acknowledgment, it seems to me desirable, with reference to those facts as now given, that an exception should be made in favor of the petitioner, and the case specially reported, with a view to my being empowered to act on the Board's decision in favor of the petitioner, and put her at once in possession of the whole Inam, pending the final disposal of the case by the Inam Commissioner.

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6. I therefore do myself the honor to submit the case in the form prescribed for lapsed Inams, as directed in the Proceedings of the Board, under date 10th March 1858, and beg to return herewith Petition No. 1489, as also eight other petitions on this subject.

Enc. 1.

Abstract.—Tabular report on the lapsed Inams in the District of Guntoor for Fusly 1268.

Enc. 2 to 10.—Petitions

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(By order,)

Acting Secretary.

To

J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copies to Collector of Guntoor and Inam Commissioner.

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No 1339. 1st Oct 1859

Submitting with the Board's remarks a Tabular Report from the Acting Collector of Guntoor of certain lapsed Inams. and recommending that the Inams be registered in the name of the Petitioner Singamah and transferred to her profession. —

Written Order. —

No 1339

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Fort St. Geo
1st October 1859

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