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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 42. *PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Dated 16th November 1859, *No.* 1559.

At the close of the Minute of the Honorable the President, recorded in the Proceedings of Government dated October 27th 1859, No. 1453, it was noticed that one or two minor points in the Inám Commissioner's report of the 12th idem would be separately considered. The point then specially referred to, and the only one indeed which requires an order, is that treated of in paras. 10 and 11 of Mr. Taylor's report, viz. the mode of dealing with excess found by the survey in Iná̇ms provisionally settled by him.

2. This question has arisen in Rajahmundry and Masulipatam, because in those Districts not only there is as yet no survey and no reliable record of the areas of fields or holdings, though in both Districts a survey is now in progress; but it is well known that the Kurnams' recorded measurements, in Masulipatam and still more in Rajahmundry, are usually much below the truth, partly in consequence of the actual value of the local standard of measure (which varies from village to village) being in reality more than its official value. The Commissioner's proceedings are therefore provisional; he settles with the Inámdárs on the assumption that their Ináms agree in extent with the admitted titles. The question for decision is, how is excess found on survey, to be treated.

3. Mr. Taylor argues that where the excess in an Inám is not greater in proportion than the general excess in the Government lands of the village, it cannot be regarded as an encroachment; unless it can be shewn that the original limits of the Inám have been exceeded. This the Government readily concede.

4. Mr. Taylor proposes further that no notice shall be taken of the excess, even where it [illegible] of the Government land, provided it does not exceed that by more than ten per cent. Where the excess is above ten per cent., he proposes that the excess over that proportion shall be treated as an encroachment, and charged with one half of the full assessment, under the 27th of the rules approved by Government in the order of August 9th 1859, No. 1069; unless the Inámdár shall be able to prove that it is no encroachment.

5. The Government approve this proposal also; but with the addition that if it shall appear that the excess was obtained fraudulently, by the persons holding the Inám either at the present time or at the time of the survey, the full assessment shall be imposed.

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

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