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No. 40. Read the following message from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Calcutta, 20th December 1859.

The President in Council desires to have a report by the next steamer showing up to the latest date what has been the effect of the inám investigations and what the result will be, if the whole of the ináms are disposed of in the same manner.

If the steamer brings a further despatch from the Secretary of State, it is requested that a copy of it may accompany the report.

Ordered that the following reply be despatched.

No. 41. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 23rd December 1859, No. 1753.

Your telegram of the 20th instant communicates the desire of the President in Council to have a report by the next steamer, showing, up to the latest date, what has been the effect of the inám investigation; and what the result will be, if the whole of the ináms are disposed of in the same manner.

2. In reply to the first requisition, I am directed to transmit for the information of the Government of India, copy of two letters from the Inám Commissioner, reporting his operations. From the later of these reports, which includes the week ending 3rd December, being about three months from the commencement, it will be seen that the total number of cases decided in the first instance is 14,347; that the number of titles confirmed by the Commissioner up to the 30th November is 9,213; that quit rent amounting to Rupees 15,332 has been stipulated to be paid, in addition to former quit rent; that Rupees 2,944 has been paid in redemption of new quit rents; and that the proportion of persons who have declined the commutation is now less than two per cent. The number of title deeds actually issued to inámdars is 6,730.

3. If the enquiry has reference to the result in another sense, viz. to the manner in which the Commission has been received by the inámdars, I am directed to state that nothing could be more satisfactory. For particulars on this head, I am to refer the Government of India to paragraphs 3, 4, and 5, of Mr. Taylor's first report, and to paragraph 9 of the second. I am also to call attention to the fact, that during the first month, only four per cent. out of 3,700 inámdars declined the terms offered; and that on the whole three months, those terms have been declined by only two per cent. on 14,347 cases.

4. The second enquiry appears to refer to the probable financial results of the investigation. It is of course impossible to draw any exact inference as to the ultimate result, from limited operations in parts of two districts; especially as the conditions of the ináms vary greatly in the several districts. With the proviso, however, that nothing like accuracy is assumed or pretended, the following calculation of results may be offered.

5. The total yearly value of the personal (not service) ináms throughout the whole Presidency has been computed at 53 lacks of Rupees.* The yearly value of those of this class already decided on by the Commissioner is stated at Rupees 1,16,701, and the additional quit rent now agreed to amounts to Rupees 15,014, being nearly 13 per cent. At the same rate the increase of quit rent on the whole of the personal ináms may be estimated at about $6\frac{3}{4}$ lacks; and including quit rent on excessive and unauthorized service ináms, the whole may probably amount to $7\frac{1}{2}$ or eight lacks.

* *Proceedings of Government, dated 19th January* 1857, *No.* 66, *para.* 10.

6. At the close of the telegram it is requested that a copy of any despatch on the subject of ináms received by the next steamer, may be sent to you by the same opportunity. The stay of the outward mail steamers is so short, and the delivery of the letters so little prompt, that it is feared that this will be impracticable. If possible it shall be done; if not, a copy of the despatch shall be sent off without delay by the ordinary mail.

Rev: Dept.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India
Home Department

Sir,

Your telegram of the 20th Instant ~~received yesterday~~, communicates the desire of the President in Council to have a report by the next steamer, showing, up to the latest date, what has been the effect of the inám investigation, and what the result will be, if the whole of the ináms are disposed of in the same manner.

2 In reply to the first requisition, I am directed to transmit

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for the information of the Govt. of India, copy of two letters from the Inám Commissioner, reporting his operations. From the later of these reports, which ~~comes down to~~ includes the week ending 3rd Decr., being about three months from the ~~date of this~~ commencement, it will be seen that the total number of cases ~~on the first instance~~ decided ~~by the Assist. and Deputy Collector from the~~ is ~~same as on the corresponding~~ the corresponding is 14,347; that the number of titles confirmed by the commissioner up to the 30th Novr. is 9,213; that quit

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rent amounting to Rupees 15,332 has been stipulated to be paid, in addition to former quitrents; that Rupees 2944 has been paid in redemption of new quitrents; and that the proportion of persons who declined the commutation is now less than two per cent. The number of title deeds actually issued to the inamdars is 6730.

3 If the enquiry has reference to the result in another sense, viz. to the manner in which the Commission has been received by the inámdars, I am directed to state that nothing could be more satisfactory. For particulars on this head,

I am to refer the Government of India to paras 3-4, and 5, of Mr Taylor's first report, and to paras 9 [illegible] of the second. I am also to call attention to the fact that during the first month, only four per cent out of 3,700 inamdars declined the terms offered; and that on the whole three months, those terms have been declined by only two per cent on 14,347 cases.

4. The second enquiry appears to

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to refer to the probable financial results of the investigation. It is of course impossible to draw any exact inference as to the ultimate result from the limited operations in parts of two Districts; especially as the conditions of the Inams vary greatly in the several Districts. With the proviso, however, that nothing like accuracy is assumed or pretended, the following calculation of results may be offered.

5. The total yearly value personal (not service) of the Inams in the whole Presidency has been computed at 53 lacks of Rupees. The yearly value of those already decided on by the Commissioner is stated at Rupees 1,16,701-10, and the additional quit rent now

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now agreed to amounts to Rupees 15,~~000~~ 014 ~~222~~, being nearly 13 per cent. At the same rate the increase of quit rent on the whole might be estimated at 13 lacks of Rupees; but as the proportion of Religious Inams disposed of is small, and no village service Inams whatever have yet been dealt with, the probable ultimate amount may be reduced to 8 lacks yearly.

5. Agreeably to the closing request in the telegram a copy of any despatch on the subject of Inams received by the next Steamer will be sent to you by the first opportunity.

~~— of the personal~~ Inams may be estimated at about ~~6 3/4~~ lacks; and including ~~quit rent on~~ excessive and unauthorized Service Inams, the whole may probably amount to ~~7 1/2~~ or ~~seven~~ lacks.

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6. You directed to add that, at the Commissioners request, the Government are about to augment the subordinate agency at his disposal, which will enable him to accomplish more within a given time, without proportionate increase of Cost. Thus strengthened, the Commissioner will be able to decide fully 3,000 cases a month; and as the cases terminated in Inams is estimated at 30,000, it may be expected that the whole will be settled in about three years. The present charges of the Commission amount to about 11,000 Rupees a month; and enlarged as proposed they will be about 13,000 Rupees. The total cost of the settlement may therefore be roughly computed not to exceed five lacks of Rupees. The result then will be a yearly increase of Revenue exceeding the whole Capital cost of the operations. But the Government regard

regard that as by no means
the most important result.
A far greater advantage from
the operations of the Commis-
sion will be to settle on a firm
basis a species of property
heretofore a constant source
of irritation and discontent;
and to create in every District
a body of proprietors of all
grades, directly interested
in the maintenance of the
existing system of Govern-
ment.

In case of the use of
the telegraph it is requested
that a copy of any
despatch on the subject of
letters received by the next
steamer, may be sent to
open by the same opportunity.
The stay of the outward
mail steamers is so short,
and the delivery of the letters
so little prompt, that it
is feared that this will be
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shall be done; if not, a copy
of the despatch shall be sent
off without delay by the ordi-
nary mail.