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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th October 1860.

No. 146. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inám Commissioner, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Camp Palamanair, 25th September 1860, No. 339 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an extract from a Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, dated 29th June 1860, No. 38, in paragraph 5 of which I am requested to submit a condensed account of the Proceedings of the Inám Department at the expiration of a year from the commencement of operations.

2. Such an account has been already given in the summary of the operations of this Department which I submitted with my letter, dated 22nd May 1860, No. 174, for insertion in the Administration Report of this Presidency for the official year 1859-60; and I have now only to supplement it with a short review of the results attained up to the end of last month, which completes a period of one year from the commencement of operations in September 1859.

3. The Settlement has been nearly completed in the Godavery and Kistna Collectorates, comprizing the late District of Rajahmundry, Masulipatam and Guntoor. Operations have recently commenced in Nellore, Madras, North Arcot and Cuddapah. Bellary and Kurnool, to which Districts one or two Deputy Collectors have already proceeded, will also be immediately occupied, throughout, by the members of the Commission. The provinces thus taken in hand comprize more than one half of the Presidency, as regards Ináms.

4. The subjoined Statement exhibits the actual results attained in the year under notice.

Particulars.	Number of Titles confirmed.	Extent in acres.	Assessment.	Existing Jodí.	Additional Quit-rent newly imposed.	Additional Quit-rent not agreed to.
Total of previous and present months.						
Total of Devadayem and Dharmadayem grants confirmed on service tenures.....	4,244	59,166	98,430-15	2,671- 3	2,313-7	.....
Total of personal grants enfranchised by payment of Quit-rent.	49,449	3,65,445	5,99,393- 8	64,173- 6	75,622-2	.....
Voluntarily..... 30,283						
Compulsorily... 19,166						
Personal grants not enfranchised and confirmed on present tenures.	509	11,260	14,820-12	813-14	.....	1,941-6
Grand Total.....	54,202	4,35,871	7,12,645	67,658- 7	77,935-9	1,941-6

	No.	Quit-rent redeemed.	Amount paid in redemption.
Number of cases redeemed...	193	348	6,960

68,191 claims were decided by the Deputy Collectors giving an average of 5,682 cases per month, exclusive of Village Service Ináms recorded by them. The number of cases already confirmed in the Commissioner's Office is 54,202, comprizing an extent of 4,35,871 acres assessable at Rupees 7,12,645 and already charged with a Jodí of Rupees 67,658. The permanent annual addition made to the Revenues of Government in the shape of additional Quit-rent stipulated to be paid for enfranchisement is, in round numbers, nearly Rupees 80,000; whilst the cost of the Commission during the period under notice may be roughly estimated at Rupees 1,10,000. The *personal* grants enfranchised, from which the additional Quit-rent is mostly derivable, bear an estimated value of 6 lacs of Rupees, upon which the Quit-rent charged inclusive of the Jodí already paid is Rupees 1,40,000 or 23½ per cent. The personal grants confirmed on their present restricted tenures, owing to the unwillingness of the holders to enfranchise them, are only 509 or 1 per cent. A very small portion of the Quit-rent has been redeemed owing to causes already explained.

5. The future strength of the Commission, as recently recommended for the sanction of Government, will stand as follows :—

	Amount per annum. Rs.
Salary and allowance of the Commissioner	32,940
Do. of two Special Assistants	14,400
Do. of 16 Deputy Collectors	72,480
Establishment of Commissioner and Special Assistants	32,400
Do. of Deputy Collectors	20,076
Mileage and Contingencies	14,000
Total	1,86,296

With this agency it is expected that the Inám investigation of the whole Presidency will be completed in little more than two years more; and the total cost of the Commission, it is calculated, will be covered by one year's additional revenue permanently secured to the State. But I must be allowed to repeat that the object of the Commission is not the production of a large amount of Revenue, but simply the realization of whatever rights the Government may be fairly entitled to in Inám lands; and the permanent settlement of this species of property which has hitherto remained almost valueless owing to the uncertainties which hung over it.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1860, No. 1,824.

Ordered that this letter be brought to the notice of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State with reference to paragraph 5 of the Home Despatch, dated 29th June 1860, No. 38.

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

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

Inám Commissioner

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To The Secretary
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Revenue Department

Dd 25th September 1860
Read 29th Do

Submit the continued
report of the proceedings
of the Revenue Department
called for by the Secretary
of State for India—

No 146 147.

No 1824 9 October
With two Orders

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