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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Inam Commissioner dated
Palmaner 13th April 1861.

The foregoing order of Government is circu-
-lated for the information and guidance of the Deputy Collectors
in Kurnool Proper. Those Officers will remark that the
Commissioner's instructions at the close of para 5 of his
Proceedings dated 4th April 1861 are in accordance with
Mr Newill's views as regards the scale of assessment
for Lat lands. The intermediate rate of 12 Annas
will be taken when the Government lands are assessed at
that rate.

2. The higher rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ Rs may be adopted
for the very best dry land where that rate exists Govern-
-ment land. —


Inam Commissioner.

To
To

Deputy Collector J.C.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 28th March 1861, No. 529:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, dated 16th February 1861, No. 375, and its enclosures, in which is described the manner in which the Inám Commissioner proposes to determine the assessment on Inám lands in Kurnool, for the purpose of levying quit-rent on them.

2. The Settlement Department being only on the eve of commencing operations there, I am not prepared to lay down a general scale of rates of assessment based on the usual data, but there are one or two parts of the Inám Commissioner's proposed scale that call for some remark on the consideration that the assessment should be formed on the Inám lands as nearly as possible on the same scale as that which is likely to be adopted for the Government lands. I allude first to the assessment on red soils. Mr. Taylor proposes that they should be entirely assessed under two rates of 8 Annas, and 4 Annas an acre. Judging from experience in several other Districts, I cannot but think that 8 Annas an acre is much too low for the best red soils found in the whole of Kurnool District. Mr. Bayley, when Commissioner there, went most fully and evidently with much elaborate investigation, into the subject of the assessment of the District as contained in No. VIII of 1854 of Selections from the Records of the Madras Government, and he gives the following rates as suited for this class of soil, viz.:—

Rupee	1	0	0
"	0	12	0
"	0	8	0
"	0	6	0

the first rate being double what Mr. Taylor proposes. In the Trichinopoly District, where the red soil is often very poor, there are nevertheless places where they will, according to the proposed new settlement, bear as much as even 2 Rupees an acre.

3. It is further observed that the Inám Commissioner's scale, making allowance for the smaller number of Tarums, follows otherwise very nearly that proposed by Mr. Bayley, except that the highest "Régur" rate of 4 Rupees an acre is struck out, the highest Punja rate retained, being 3 Rupees. The propriety of this maximum may be further questioned, as Government in paragraph 31 of Extract Minutes of Consultation 15th February 1858, No. 191, considered that rich garden lands (and probably some of these will be found among the Ináms) which have been permanently improved may rank a rate higher than the highest ordinary Punja rate.

4. As no data whatever are given upon which the Inám Commissioner has founded his scale of assessment, my conclusions, drawn from Mr. Bayley's proposal and general experience elsewhere, will I hope not be considered of less weight, when I propose, with the view to assimilating the assessment on the Inám lands to that of Government lands according to the general system of Settlement operations for the Presidency, that a rate of at least Rupees 3-8-0 should be added for the very best lands in Kurnool and that the rates for red soil should be:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Generally.....	1	0	0
	0	12	0
	0	8	0
Extra for extreme cases if found necessary.....	0	4	0

5. I should deprecate very large tracts of lands being assessed at so low a rate as 4 Annas an acre, which is about the price of two days' labor of one man in the year for the acre. If land will not bear to be taxed with more than this proportion of the value of an individual's labor for the whole year, its cultivation can scarcely be profitable, and had better be left alone; but this is not likely to be the case in any extensive tracts. In the general scheme of assessment for the Trichinopoly District, so low a rate as 4 Annas will not occur at all.

ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1861, No. 789.

This letter will be communicated to the Inám Commissioner, with instructions to reconsider his scale of rates of assessment for the Inám lands in Kurnool, with reference to Mr. Newill's remarks, which appear to Government to be just and reasonable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Inám Commissioner.
,, Director of Revenue
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Official Memorandum

The Inám Commissioner
requests that the accompanying
copy may be substituted for the
enclosure to his letter No 22 of
the 13th Instant.

R. Taylor

Inám Commissioner's Office
Palnauan 15 April 1861

Inám Commissioner

To

J. D. Bourdillon Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

June 1861
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No 929
From

The Grand Jurors

To

The Secretary

of the Court

General Office

Dated 15th April 1861
The 1st Dec 1861
No 929

Requests that the enclosed

copy may be submitted

for the enclosure to

his letter No 22 of

the 13th of March

to the effect

Wm. May