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G.O., No. 939, 26th April 1861.

APRIL.

Enfranchisement of Service Inams.

Observing that the order of 22nd March 1861, No. 673, regarding the — is applicable only to Kurnool.

No. 434. Read the following letter from C. PELLY, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 8th April 1861, No. 827 :—

SIR,

1. Being in doubt as to the construction to be put on the order of Government of 22nd ultimo, No. 673, I have the honour to request the instructions of Government for my guidance.

2. In the order in question the Government directed that the whole service inams should be enfranchised at two-thirds their fixed assessments. I understood the order to apply only to the inams of Kurnool. I find, however, Mr. Taylor, the Inam Commissioner, thinks it refers to the whole of the Ceded Districts and to be confined to them, and that it is not intended to apply to any other part of the Presidency, but I now am given to understand that the order was meant to be generally applicable to all districts.

3. In forwarding to Government Mr. Taylor's suggestion that the service inams in the three districts of Bellary, Cuddapah and Kurnool, should be enfranchised absolutely at two-thirds their assessment, I refrained from giving an opinion on this point until I had heard from the Collectors, and as the Proceedings of Government of 22nd ultimo, which reached me in the meantime, had reference chiefly to Kurnool, I regarded the order as applicable only to that district, and I intended as soon as the materials were ready for reporting on the village establishments of Bellary and Cuddapah, to enter fully on the proposition for the enfranchisement at two-thirds of the village inams of those districts; and with regard to other districts I proposed to

* Dated 4th December 1860, No. 2301, paragraph 5.

wish that each district should, as regards the remuneration of the Village servants, be specially dealt with according to circumstances.

4. But as a doubt has arisen as to the extent of the application to be given to the Government Order now under reference, I beg that the doubt may be cleared up.

5. I would, however, take the opportunity of mentioning that Mr. Minchin, Collector of Kurnool, fully approved of the proposed modification of his original plan which was to enfranchise the inams at one-half instead of two-thirds as now ordered by Government. Mr. Hathaway, Collector of Bellary, on the contrary considers the inams should be assessed at one-half rather than at two-thirds, and Mr. Wedderburn of Cuddapah is entirely opposed to any measure of the kind.

Letter, dated 28th February 1861, No. 4.

Letter, dated 26th February 1861, No. 38.

Letter, dated 21st February 1861, No. 3.

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No. 435. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1861, No. 939.

1. In their Order of 22nd March 1861, No. 673, replying to Mr. Pelly's Report on the Village Establishments of Kurnool, the Government approved the general principle of enfranchising Village Service Inams, so as to provide a fund for paying the Office bearers in money, and to avoid the invidious measure of depriving the co-sharers entirely of their portions of the inam. The rate of enfranchisement was fixed at two-thirds of the assessment. In his present letter Mr. Pelly solicits instructions whether that order is to apply to Kurnool only, or to the whole of the Ceded Districts, or to all the Districts of the Presidency.

2. The Governor in Council is not prepared at present to make the order applicable to any other district than that for which it was specially designed. Undoubtedly, it will be advisable to deal with Village Service Inams on one general principle, but in the details it may be necessary to make distinctions. In pursuance of the intention expressed in paragraph 3 of his letter, Mr. Pelly will report separately on the arrangements proper for applying the principle of treatment adopted in the order of the 22nd March, to the Village Service Inams of other districts.

3. Adverting to the objections stated by the Collector of Bellary, the Government observe that the proportion of cultivable waste inam in the statement submitted by him is only 5 per cent., which is quite insignificant. If the lands are enfranchised, the waste portion will probably be still smaller. The uncultivable waste would no doubt be given up under paragraph 15 of the order of March 22nd. It would be very undesirable to make the payment of inam quit-rent, dependent on season or circumstances.

4. The contemplated cess should certainly be levied on inam lands, but in order partly to meet that demand, the Government resolve now to fix the enfranchisement rate at five-eighths of the assessment, being ten annas in the Rupee, instead of two-thirds. This applies to Kurnool.

J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Mem^o on Revenue 851.

In this letter Mr. Pelly solicits instructions as to the extent of operation to be given to the Government Order of March 22, respecting the enfranchisement of Village Service Inams at $\frac{2}{3}$ rd their value. He states that he understood the order to apply to Karnool only, while Mr. Taylor understood it to apply only to the three Districts of Karnool, Bellary and Cuddapah.

2 I certainly understood the order of Government on the subject to extend to all the three Districts named. But I worded the Draft in general terms (Para 14) as conveying the general views of the Government, without actually committing them to the universal adoption of

See the early part
of Mr. Pelly's remarks.

of the same course in all Districts.

3 Mr. Kelly now submits a letter from the Collector of each of the three Districts.

The Collector of Thurnool fully and cordially supports Mr Kelly's modification of his plan, viz the enfranchisement of the whole service Inam at $2/3$ of the assessments.

The Collector of Bellary states some difficulties in the way.

The Collector of Cuddasah objects to any change.

All these three Districts are much alike as respects their Village service Inams; i.e. those Inams are very large in all. I think therefore that the rule should include all these Districts at least.

4 Mr. Hathaway objects that the rate of $2/3$ of the assessments is high, considering the occasional failure of rain, and of water for many a land. He gives a statement of Village Inam waste. But comparing this waste with

with the whole extent (Enclosure 3) it is seen that the cultivable land waste is only 5 per cent of the whole, which is quite insignificant. There is also a further extent stated to be unfit for cultivation; but all such land would be given up under Para 15 of the order of March 22. If the lands are enfranchised as proposed, I believe there will be few years in which all the cultivable portion is not cultivated by some means, at least of the more valuable lands.

See his letter of July 6 in last No. of March 22.

5 Mr. Kelly also speaks of the proposed ceps. I think it would be a great mistake to allow the Inams as such to be exempt from payment of the ceps; and an equal mistake to make the payment of the Inam quit rent at all dependent on season or circumstances. The payment should

should be rigidly enforced under all circumstances; even by sale of the land when necessary.

6. But I would suggest as a partial relief to meet the cfs, that the rate for enfranchisement should be 10 annas in the price of a peshment instead of $2/3$. The resources being so large it is even possible that a still lower rate might be sufficient, say 9 annas; but the total sum required does not appear to have been calculated.

7. With regard to Cuddapah I see very little in the Collector's letter beyond the kind of objection usually brought against improvements. There never was a measure of improvement which did not in some way, temporarily or permanently, injuriously affect some class; and minds of a certain class habitually make

the most of such objections. I see nothing to prevent the adoption of the measure in question and Cuddapah. Mr. Pelly's original notes meet most of Mr. Wedderburn's objections. Para 3 contains a mistake. The existing policy will remain; and the enfranchisement will be based on the difference between the Laram peshment and the policy.

8. Independently of other advantages, it will be an immense social benefit to set free for steady industry some thousands of those who do nominal or half service for trifling wages, retaining instead a much smaller number of real servants on sufficient pay.

9. Thus much of these three Districts. It seems to me also that

that the mode of dealing with village Service Inams may be adopted in all Districts; and that in connection with the large reductions to be made in the numbers of village officers of all classes, this would be a much more popular measure than the alternative one of taking the Inam entirely from the Co-sharers. —

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In their Order of 22 March Govt approved the general principle of enfranchising Village Service Inams in order that a fund might be raised for paying the office bearers in money & that the invidious measure of taking the Inam entirely from the Co-sharers might be avoided — arrangements were at the same time approved for carrying out this plan in Karnool.

It is now proposed to extend that order to Bellary & Luddapeh & even to the rest of the Presidency — but in my opinion things are not yet ready for this. — Undoubtedly it will be advisable to deal generally with Village Service Inams on the same principle but in the details it may be necessary to make

a distinction. — For instance the rate of enfranchisement may have to vary in consequence of local circumstances — In Karnool the Inam can apparently be enfranchised at $\frac{2}{3}$ of the prevailing Land Appraisal. — But I doubt whether ^{to keep a rate} this would be practicable in Bellary & Luddapeh especially with the introduction of a newly proposed fee of $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. — It would appear from the Collector's letter that in Bellary & Luddapeh the Inam Lands still bear the old Survey Appraisal. — I have not received the remittance of $\frac{1}{3}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ which it was afterwards found necessary to give to the other Lands — & then the bearing of the Appraisal question has also to be taken into account.

Under these circumstances I consider that the order of 22 March should be held applicable to Karnool only & that Mr. Pelly should be directed to carry out the intention expressed by him in Para 3 of his letter & report separately on the arrangements necessary to effect a ^{founded upon the same principle} ~~arrangement~~ reform in other Districts.

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Quite correct in the above — The suggestion made is based on his

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is that in any way in his
power, he would facilitate the
working out of the above measures.

I think it would be as well in the
present to make the Superintendent
Kurnool only. *W.M.*

R.D.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 20th April 1861.

Read the following
letter from B. Pelly Esq.,
Member of the Pelly of Pelly

Requesting to be informed
whether the Govt order of 22nd March
1861, No 43 regarding the enfranchisement
of village service inams, etc.
is only to Kurnool or the Pelly
Districts in general.

(Here enter 8th April 1861/1862)

In their order
of 22nd March 1861, No 43
replying to Mr. Pelly's Re-
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the Govt approved the
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This applies to Kurnool.

[Signature]

W. P. P. to
C. Pelly & Co. with B. P. P.
Bd. of Revenue. 1872

3 C. P. P. to Accts. Genl.
3 Civil Auditor
4 Encl. C. P. P.

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Observing that the
order of 22nd March 1861
No 673 regarding the
enfranchisement of Service
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to Plummool.

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