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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th April 1861.

No. 456. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inám Commissioner, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George dated Palmanér, 13th April 1861, No. 22:—

SIR,

I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, copy of my instructions* to the Deputy Collectors employed in the Inám Settlement of Kurnool Proper, with reference to the letter of the Director of Revenue Settlement on the proposed scale of rates of Assessment on Inám lands in that District, which was forwarded to me with the Order of Government, No. 789 of the 9th instant.

* 13th April 1861, No. 186.

Proceedings of the Inám Commissioner, dated Palmanér, 13th April 1861, *No.* 186.

1. The foregoing Order of Government is circulated 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 paragraph 5 of his Proceedings, dated 4th April 1861, are in accordance with Mr. Newill's views as regards the scale of Assessment for Lál lands. The intermediate rate of 12 Annas will be taken when the Government lands are assessed at that rate.

† "It is also observed that the existing Government Assessment on Lál lands is in some villages much higher than the maximum rate of 8 Annas per acre provided in the Rules. In such cases the Commissioner directs that the higher rate of one Rupee may be adopted."

2. The higher rate of 3½ Rupees may be adopted for the very best dry land where that rate exists for Government land.

(Signed) G. N. TAYLOR,
Inám Commissioner.

No. 457. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1861, No. 951.

Ordered to be communicated to the Director of Revenue Settlement, with reference to his letter of March 28th 1861, No. 529.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Inám Commissioner.

To,

~~Deputy Collector &c.~~

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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 here 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.

Returning a Letter to Govt. dated 13th April 1861 with Reports

To the Inám Commissioner.
" Director of Revenue Settlement.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Inám Commissioner's Office
Palamcottah 13th April 1861

No 22

From G. H. Taylor Esqr
Inam Commissioner

To
J. D. Bourdillon Esqr
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

13th April 1861 No 106

I have the honor to submit for the information of Government a copy of my instructions to the Deputy Collectors employed in the Inám Settlement of Kurnool Proper with reference to the letter of the Director of Revenue Settlement on the proposed scale of rates of assessment on Inam lands to which Dindigul and Coimbatore formerly belonged in accordance with the order of Government No 789 of the 9th Instant

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

G. H. Taylor
Inam Commissioner

Rec.d 6th April 1861 No 102-103

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2 Revenue 861 Despatch from
Rec.d Govt. 6th April
from The Commissioners
To The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Dept
Fort St. George

Dated 13th April 1861
Rec.d 15th
No 95 - 27 April
Encl. No 22

Submits Copy of his instruction to the Deputy Collectors employed in the Canam inundation in Kurnool & Proposes to proceed with reference to the letter from the Director of Revenue - Settlements on the proposed scale of Remuneration to Officers employed

No 456

Ordered to be communicated to the Director of Rev. Settlts with reference to his letter of March 28/61 No 529. —

27th April 1861

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