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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd May 1861.*

No. 23. 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, 23rd April 1861, No. 26:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government, an objection taken by the Munsafdar of Tottapalli, an Estate in the Godavery District, to the settlement of the Ináms in her Estate under the present rules, on the ground that the value of Ináms was included in the assets on which a Peshkash was recently fixed by Government.

2. Tottapalli was a feudatory of the Peddapur Zamindar, and bound to appear, whenever necessary, with 700 fighting men, for which service the whole Estate was from ancient times held in free Jahgir. When the Peddapur Zamindari reverted to Government, the services of the Munsafdar also became due to them. On the death of the last male holder, the Estate vested in two widows, one of whom is now the recognized holder.

Government Proceedings, 16th October 1859.
Board's Proceedings, 13th October 1859. As the services in question had become unnecessary and difficult of enforcement, it was deemed expedient in 1859 to commute them for an annual contribution in money, and accordingly Rupees 6,500 was fixed as the equivalent for the service.

Paragraph 18, letter of Mr. Purvis to Commissioner, Northern Circars, 31st January 1856, No. 12. 3. The revenues of the Estate were estimated by the Collector at Rupees 26,000, and one-fourth of this appears to have been taken by the Board as sufficient compensation to Government for the services dispensed with. In the Collector's statement of the assets, the revenues of certain entire Inám villages were included, but not the assessment of minor Ináms, forming portions of villages, which, according to the present valuation in this Department, is Rupees 2,215, one-fourth of which, Rupees 554, is the maximum sum representing the interests of Government compromised by the non-reservation of the Ináms. But the question before the Board and Government then was, not the introduction of a formal permanent settlement, but simply the commutation of the service tenure of the Estate. No Istimrá Sanad was issued, and neither in the correspondence which passed, nor in the letter addressed to the Zamindar communicating the decision of Government, is there any allusion to the question of Ináms.

4. Judging alone from the fact that the value of minor Ináms never entered into the assets upon which the Board determined the Peshkash, it was apparent that the claim to exemption put forward by the Munsafdar was untenable; and in this view Mr. Purvis, the Collector, also concurred with me. But taking into consideration the facts that the Estate was virtually a Jahgir held from ancient times by the same family, and that the Ináms were almost all given by them; and that in Mukhasas held on analogous tenures in the Nellore District, the policy of Government has been to leave undisturbed the existing relations between the Proprietors and the Inámdars as grantor and grantees, I am of opinion that it is undesirable to open the question of Ináms in this small Estate, after the claims of Government have been settled so recently as 1859, without any express reservation of the Ináms. I, therefore, beg to recommend that the Ináms in the Estate of Tottapalli be declared exempt from the operations of the present settlement.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1861, No. 988.

The Government agree with the Inám Commissioner that for the reasons stated in paragraph 4 of this letter, the Ináms in the Tottapalli Estate in Godavery District ought not to be interfered with.

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

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I have the honor to be
^{Sir}
Your most Obedient Servant

J. Taylor
Chief Commissioner

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