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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th May 1862.

No. 335. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inám Commissioner, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Vellore, 30th April 1862, No. 24 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report on the Petitions Nos. 20 of 1861 and 132 of 1862, from P. Suryanarayana of Rajamundry, bearing the Endorsements of Government, dated 18th February 1861 and 17th February 1862.

2. The lands referred to by the Petitioner are situated in the village of Múnúganda of Ralli Táluq and are known as Harsál Macta. These tenures, as far as I am aware, occur only in two or three villages of the Godavery District, Indupalli and Munugonda, and in none of them have they been yet finally settled by this Department. The lands now called Harsál Macta appeared in the Permanent Settlement Accounts as "Shrotriems," bearing a Bilmacta, or fixed rent, and they were also included in subsequent Inám Statements until Fasli 1254, when the Zamíndári in which the villages are situated having reverted to Government, the lands under notice, were thenceforward left out of the Inám returns, for what reason is not apparent, and included in the Seri or Government Aiyakat; but separately distinguished as Harsál Macta. No alteration of the tenure, however, appears to have been made except in some cases in which the Jódi not having been paid, the tenure virtually ceased and the lands were included in what may be strictly called Seri, or Government land, and were subjected to the annual fluctuating rents, which was the characteristic of the Seri on Circar lands, under the joint-rent system of the Godavery District. The other lands which still remain on the Harsál Macta tenure, continue to pay the Jódi originally fixed upon them. The term Harsál Macta denotes a fixed annual rent, and the rent has been considered so permanent, that valuable plantations of Cocoanut trees, which were objects of increased taxation on the ordinary Seri lands, have been raised on the Harsál Macta with a feeling of security from further additions to the demand.

3. The accompanying remarks of the Deputy Collector who investigated these cases will afford any further information that may be required on the subject. On the whole, I consider the Harsál Macta to have been originally Circar lands held on a small abatement of the Government demand, as distinguished from ordinary Jódi Ináms which are held professedly on a low rent; and hence they were probably left out of the Inám returns on the reversion of the Zamíndári in Fasli 1254; but as there is no substantial difference between these tenures and that of ordinary Ináms, and as, like the Asalminha and other special tenures in the same District, they are of longer standing than 50 years, and have always been regarded as permanent properties, I am of opinion that they may properly be treated as personal Ináms and enfranchised in the ordinary course by the imposition of a quit-rent in addition to their present high Jódi, and I propose, with the approval of Government, to confirm them accordingly.

No. 336. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1862, No. 1,098.

The Government approve of such Harsál Macta lands as still exist in the Godavery District being treated in the manner proposed by Mr. Taylor.

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

Extract from the Remarks of Deputy Collector on Ar-
-alma kata lands in the village of Indupur, Palli Taluq
in the Godavari Dist.- The following lands are held on
what is called "Paralmatta" tenure
that is on payment of a fixed sum to Govt.
They are entered in the Permanent Settlement
Account of 1208 as "Shrotriams" and in a se-
-parate Account of Demand collection
&c. of the same year, the amount payable on
these holdings is termed "Shrotriem" Bel-
-matta" from which it may be gathered
that they are Inams subject to a fixed
Jodi- Again in the Taluka Inam Statement
of 1234, they are clearly included & classed
under head "Kattabadi". There are also the
Bhubands for Faslies 1247. 50. and 52 which
mention these lands as "Kattabadi Inams"
In the Taluka statement of 1254, they are
altogether excluded and from 1255 some of
these holdings are entered as "Inayet" and
the rest as "Paralmatta" which latter means
"annual fixed Rent". The village appears
to have reverted to Government about Fas
1257 after having been for some years mde
attachment. From inquiries I learn that
was owing to failure of payment of

ment of Kattabadi that some lands were made Inayeti and they have ever since been treated as Inayeti in all respects, the amount of rent varying every year by competition &c. the rent contains to be held subject to the "Narsalmakta" in question and pay a fixed sum only. When and under what circumstances this new designation of Narsalmakta was attached to these tenures is not clearly ascertainable. but it is stated that on dispute arising as to the amounts payable by the several holders, the Authorities made a settlement of them about Fasli 1255 when this new designation was annexed. Tho no more than these fixed sums are paid, the lands ever since continue to be entered in the Annual Amapatham Statement tho with the specific appellation alluded to. but from the circumstances above set forth, I have no doubt that they are in their nature Inams but only subject to a fixed payment to Government & I have therefore resolved to treat them accordingly. I must add also that these Narsalmakta Lands, unlike the Inayeti lands of this District, and like Inams in general, have undergone private and public alienations by sale &c. and formed subjects of suit at Court, and the alienations have been apparently recognized by the Authorities. They are used as Inams, that is by plantations of Cocoanut trees &c. which is never attempted on Inayeti land in which apparently there is no individual property in the District of Rajamundri. Such of the Inams as have been actually made Inayeti will of course be excluded from this Register. At the Survey demarcation all Narsalmakta lands were marked as Inayeti and alteration will therefore have to be made accordingly in the Survey Register.

6th June 1860.

Signed W. Sadasiva Pillai
Deputy Collector

True Extract

Inam Commissioner

Government demand, as distinguished from ordinary Jodi Bráms which are held professed on a low rent; & hence they were probably left out of the Brám returns on the reversion of the Zamindári in F. 1254; but as there is no substantial difference between these tenures & that of ordinary Bráms, & as, like the Asalmisha & other Special tenures in the same District, they are of longer standing than 50 years & have always been regarded as permanent properties, I am of opinion that they may properly be treated as personal Bráms & enfranchised in the ordinary course by the imposition of a quit rent in addition to their present high Jodi - and I propose, with the approval of Government, to confirm them accordingly.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obt Servt

Brám Commissioner

Revd 12 Dec 62.
Copy of No 12 dated 2 Dec 62
& a letter
from
The Brám Commissioner
To
The Secy to Govt
Revenue Dept
Fort St George

Dated 30th Nov 1862
Recd 5 Dec 1862

No 25

Extract from the Proceedings of Govt Revenue Dept
Fort St George
dated the 12th Dec 1862

Read the above letter
Ordered that the Commissioner be informed
that the Governor in Council
approves of the course
he proposes to adopt
in the cases
mentioned
in his
letter

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1862
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Dep^t
No 1255.

From

The Inam Commissioner

To The Secretary to the

Government Rev^e Dep^t

Fort Saint George

Dated 30th April 1862

Received 2^d May

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19 May 1862

N° 1098 — N° 2 May

Reports on Petitions Nos 20 of 1861 and 132 of 1862 from Kurrapanayana of Royalmanery bearing the Endorsement of Govt of 15 February 1861 & 17th July 1862 proposes to treat the Lands of Barsalmacta tenure in the Godavari District in the same course as ordinary Inam Lands

With an order

It seems to me that the Nursal Malta Lands should be assessed as they are, that is the holders of the occupants should be recognized subject to the payment of the same assessed Rent after ten. They may then be enfranchised on payment of 20 years purchase of the Jodi now paid — in fact they are Inam, paying a fixed Rent or Jodi & we have no right to increase their payment. but are not called upon to diminish

Sent to Inam Com^r 21 May 1862

W M

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14 B^o of Rev^e
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It is the wish of many title holders

for Inferior

selected

Will prepare

W M

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Godavery District

being treated in the

manner proposed

by Mr Taylor.

J A S