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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 374. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th July 1862, No. 4,862:—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Ootacamund, 16th June 1862, No. 127.

SIR,

The Acting Inám Commissioner having called upon me for information in regard to the Inám lands allotted for the support of cripples in Modavandi Sattimungalum village in this District, I referred to the old records of my Office, and find that under the Orders of Government, dated 5th October 1850, No. 928, the annual proceeds of the Inám are appropriated for the maintenance of the Lungerkhana at Coimbatore. In paragraph 3 thereof, it was directed that before sanctioning any fixed allowance from the Government Treasury for the Lungerkhana in commutation of the resumed village, "it will be proper that the Charity should for a term of "years, say five, be conducted upon the actual proceeds of the village year by year, and that on "the expiration of that term, such fixed allowance be assigned for the future, as may be shown "by past experience to be within that which the receipts from the land will cover." It does not appear that my predecessor Mr. Thomas made any special report on the expiration of the five years on the annual average proceeds of the Inám, nor was any money allowance from the Government Treasury sanctioned for the support of the Lungerkhana: consequently the resumed land is still borne in the accounts as Inám. The assessment due on it by the cultivating Ryots is settled every year during the Jamabandi, and the annual proceeds appropriated for the support of the above institution. The yearly expenditure falls within the income, as will appear from the accompanying Statement. The Acting Inám Commissioner has requested my opinion as to how the Inám in question should be settled by his Department. It appears to me that it should be retained on its present footing, and be classed as an Inám allotted for chartitable purpose, thus obviating the necessity of making any money payment from the Government Treasury. I would however, request the Board's orders on the subject.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the Demand and Collection on account of the Inám lands allotted for the support of Lungerkhana at Coimbatore, and the expenditure in each official year.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. As noticed in paragraph 2 of the Board's Annual Report* on Lungerkhanas during the 1860-61, the Lungerkhana at Coimbatore is maintained from the proceeds of certain Inám lands allotted for the purpose. The history of this endowment was laid before the Government in the Board's letter, dated 7th January 1850, No. 11, in reporting upon certain petitions which had been addressed both to the Government and the Board in connection with the charity, which consisted in a grant of land, the proceeds from which were to be devoted to the relief of natives of Coimbatore, borncripples. It was originally established† by the Hindu kings, and subsequently confirmed by Tippo, for the support of thirty-two cripples of the Vellaler or agricultural caste in Errode and the adjacent Táluqs. The whole village of Modavandi Sattimungalum in Errode was at first allotted to the Institution upon a Jódi of half the Government assessment; but on the District coming into the possession of the British Government, the village was resumed and the endowment was subsequently commuted for a grant of land to the value of half the revenues of the village, or Rupees 1,193-14-5 per annum, the proceeds to be enjoyed in shares by the thirty-two *Modavandies* or cripples, and forty-two *Cobandies* or able bodied men who were in attendance on them. In process of time, the original

* 10th October 1861, No. 5,663.

† Vide letter from Mr. Hatley Frere, Head Assistant Collector, dated 8th April 1837, in one from Principal Collector 31st May 1837, No. 43.

objects of the Charity were neglected; the *Calaudies* dissipated the revenues, or alienated the lands, reducing the number of the proper recipients; and the *Modavaudies* themselves, with the connivance of the Village and Táluq Officers, took part in these frauds. The Collectors endeavoured to meet these evils by resuming the alienated portions of the Ináms between the years 1837 and 1842; but the resumptions being imperfect, had no effect in effectually checking the abuses.

3. Under these circumstances, the Acting Principal Collector recommended that the entire Inám should be finally resumed; but looking to the antiquity of the grant, the Board were unwilling that the Charity should be extinguished, and they recommended instead that the lands should be resumed, but that a sum equivalent to their annual average value, should be devoted to the maintenance of a Lungerkhana, or Alms House, Modavaudies or lame persons having the preference among claimants for relief.

Govt. Procs. 1st March 1850, No. 227.

4. The Government concurred in the views of the Board, and directed them in communication with the Acting Principal Collector, to report the necessary detailed arrangement for sanction, and in their Secretary's letter of the 29th August 1850, No. 367, these were submitted. In order to save the cost of erecting a new building, a large spare Tobacco godown in a central spot near the Táluq Kacheri was appropriated to the purpose, and of the total assessment on the resumed Inám lands originally granted for the support of Modavaudies, or cripples, viz., Rupees 1,193-14-0; much of the land being, however, at the time waste, the Board proposed to appropriate 1,000 Rupees to the support of the Lungerkhana, as shown in the margin. The Government in their Proceedings of the 5th October 1850, No 928 took exception to the Collector's assumption of 1,000 Rupees as the commuted allowance to be assigned to the Lungerkhana; and being unwilling that it should, in any shape, from a charge upon the State, they required it to be clearly shown before sanctioning any commutation allowance that the amount named was within that which the resumed lands might be expected to yield. They accordingly directed that the Charity should be conducted for a term of years, "say five five" upon the actual receipts from the village year by year, resolving that on the expiration of that term such fixed allowance should be assigned for the future, as might be shown by past experience to be within the amount of the receipts from the land.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Servants	264	0	0
Food for 25 patients at 1 Anna per diem	562	8	0
Reserve	173	8	0
Per annum	1,000	0	0

5. The fact that a special report required to be submitted after the lapse of five years was naturally enough forgotten, and no further orders therefore have been passed in respect to the future maintenance of the Lungerkhana, which continues to be supported as heretofore from the proceeds of the lands set apart from the purpose in the Modavandi Sattimungalum village. But the attention of the present Collector having been drawn to the subject by the Acting Inám Commissioner, who wished to be informed how the Inám was to be treated by his Department; he has submitted the whole question for orders.

6. The Inám in question is a public endowment for the support of a Charity, and in the opinion of the Board is to be treated under Regulation VII of 1817: it therefore does not fall within the operations of the the Inám Commission. From the Statement accompanying Mr. Grant's letter, it appears that the average receipts from the village exceed 1,000 Rupees. The Statement embraces 11 years, viz., Faslies 1260, to 1270, both inclusive, and shows that the collections under all heads averaged Rupees 1,102-1-4 while the expenditure for the same period averaged only Rupees 970-0-2. The Collector advocates the retention of the Inám on its present footing, and the Board agreeing with him that it will be better to continue it as at present, than to make any money payment from the Treasury for the support of the Lungerkahna, recommend the arrangement for the confirmation of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th August 1862.

No. 375. ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1862, No. 1,824.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue the Governor in Council sanctions the continuance of the Inám lands from the proceeds of which the Lungerkhana at Coimbatore is maintained, in lieu of a money payment from the Treasury as directed in the Order of Government dated 1st March 1850, No. 227. The Inám will be treated as a charitable endowment.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Memo — on Rev: No. 2143

The Government in their order dated 1st March 1850, No. 227 after fully entering into the fraudulent appropriation of the proceeds of the endowment alluded in these Proceedings of the Board of Revenue directed "that the whole of "the Inam lands with which the Institution "was originally endowed should be permanently resumed and that such fixed money allowance as in reference to the extent (245-15 3/4 "Bullahs) condition and resources of these lands "may be considered as a fair equivalent for "them be disbursed yearly from the Public "Treasury and applied towards the establishment "and maintenance of a Sunghertanah in the "Town of Caimbatore" and requested the Board to submit for sanction the allowance to be so paid annually. This point again came under prominent discussion when the letter of the Board of Revenue dated 29th August 1850 No. 367 was

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before Government (vide the Minutes of Sir Henry Pottinger and the Members of Council recorded in the order of Government dated 5th October 1850 No. 928) and it was confirmed through Government finding that the proposed commuted allowance of 1000 Rs. was not calculated upon proper basis required that "it be clearly "shewn that the amount is within that which "the resumed lands may be expected to yield" and to that end directed that the "clarity should "for a term of years, say five, be conducted upon "the actual proceeds of the village year by "year and that on the expiration of that term "such fixed allowance be assigned for the "future as may be shewn by past experience "to be within that which the receipts from the "land will cover." Thus what has to be settled is what annual commuted allowance is proper for the Lingherkanah. The Board observe after 11 years experience that the average annual receipts of the Inam lands may be safely taken at Rs. 1000 but they support the Collector's proposal — that

that the Inam be retained on its present footing in lieu of making any money payment from the Treasury for the support of the Lingherkanah. As compliance with the recommendation of the Board would revoke a resolution passed by Government after much discussion and consideration. Orders are requested on the subject.

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The resolution passed by Government is not to be interfered with. The recommendation of the Board is not to be carried out. The matter will have to be treated as if it had not been considered by Government.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To A. J. Arbuthnot, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government,

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 4,862.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore proposing to retain on its present footing the Inam allotted for the maintenance of the Lungerkhana at Coimbatore with the Board's remarks thereon, and their recommendation for the confirmation of the arrangement proposed by the Collector.

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