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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd September 1862.

No. 416. Read the following letter from W. T. BLAIR, Esq., Acting Inám Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Vellore, 5th September 1862 :—

SIR,

1. In acknowledging the receipt of the Order of Government dated 23rd July 1862, No. 1,578, I have the honor to request that I may be favored with their instructions upon a few points in regard to which I doubt whether I have apprehended their orders correctly.

2. Government have concurred in the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that separate Title Deeds should be issued to recognized shareholders possessing separate individual rights in Inám villages. I believe, however, that it cannot be the intention of the Board that this course should be followed even in cases where no division of the lands has taken place and been recognized by the public accounts although the Inámdárs may hold separate recognized shares in the village. In consequence of the restrictions hitherto placed on the sub-division of Inám property, the cases are few in which the lands of Inám villages are held in divided shares. In Agraharams originally conferred upon a community of individuals in separate "Vrithis" or shares, the lands attached to each share are entered in the public accounts though the waste and Porumboke are held in common. In these cases a separate settlement will be made with each sharer in obedience to the instructions conveyed in the Order of Government now under acknowledgment. In all other Inám and Shrotriam villages, however, the members of the family though divided from each other and holding separate shares, enjoy only their respective shares of the proceeds of the village but have not generally made a division of the lands amongst themselves, or if such division has taken place it has not been recognized or entered in the public accounts. There are also numerous Agraharams in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Districts, the lands of which though divided amongst the Vrithidárs are subject to periodical exchanges, and the division cannot be therefore deemed permanent. Such villages, I conceive, being more or less held as joint property must be treated accordingly and confirmed under a single Title Deed, as separate titles cannot be given to sharers who do not own lands separately and permanently attached to their shares, any more than in the case of Ryotwary lands or permanently settled villages held jointly.

3. My draft Instructions seem to have led the Board to the opinion that I advocated the maintenance of the existing restrictions and limitations upon the sub-division of Inám lands. Such, however, was not my intention. I merely proposed to treat the Inám villages as joint property ; this being the state in which they are found at present. The Inám Commission, in the course of its summary settlement, cannot, without leading to errors or frauds in the apportionment of the Jódi, undertake to make a new division of the lands amongst the sharers or even to scrutinize and confirm any division which may have been made amongst themselves but has not been recognized by the public accounts. Desiring equally with the Board of Revenue the creation of separate individual property in Ináms as well as in other descriptions of lands, I submit, with deference, that this object will be best attained by framing Rules for facilitating their future sub-division. I understand that some Rules having this object in view were in the contemplation of Mr. Taylor. Meanwhile, should the above views meet with the approval of Government, my draft Instructions will be modified accordingly.

No. 417. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1862, No. 2,057.

1. In this letter the Acting Inám Commissioner points out the difficulties in carrying out the Order of Government dated 23rd July 1862, No. 1,578, which requires that separate Title Deeds should be issued to recognized shareholders possessing separate individual rights in entire Inám villages, if it is intended by that Order that this course should be followed, even in cases where no division of the lands has taken place, and has been recognized by the public accounts, although the Inámdárs may hold separate recognized shares in the village. Mr. Blair states

on the sub division of Inam property, etc

that except in the case of Agraharums originally conferred upon a community of individuals in separate shares, the proceeds, and not the lands, in Inám and Shotrium villages are generally divided among the shareholders, and that even if the latter are divided, such division has neither been recognized nor entered in the public accounts. He adds that the Inám Commission cannot in the course of its summary settlement, without leading to errors or frauds in the apportionment of the Jódi, undertake to make a new division of the lands amongst the sharers or even to scrutinize and confirm any division which may have been made amongst themselves. He alludes also to the numerous Agraharums in Ganjam and Vizagapatam Districts, the lands in which, though divided amongst the sharers, are subject to periodical exchanges and the division cannot therefore be deemed permanent.

2. Under the circumstances stated the Government resolve to inform the Inám Commissioner that their Order dated 23rd July 1862, No. 1,578, is not to be made applicable to those Inám villages the lands in which are not divided among the several shareholders, and the several shares entered in the public accounts.

3. The Inám Commissioner will be requested to submit the draft Rules for facilitating the future sub-division of Ináms alluded to in paragraph 3 of Mr. Blair's letter, and the Government will then take them into their consideration after ascertaining the views of the Board upon them.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Inam Commissioner's Office
Vellore 5th September 1862

Sir

From W. T. Blair Esqre
Acting Inam Commissioner

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir

In acknowledging the receipt of the Order of Government dated 23d July 1862 No 1578 I have the honor to request that I may be favored with their instructions upon a few points in regard to which I doubt whether I have apprehended their orders correctly -

2 Government have assumed in the recommendation of the Board of Revenue that separate Title Deeds should be issued to recognized shareholders possessing separate individual rights in Inam Villages. I believe however that it cannot be the intention of the Board that this course should be followed even in cases where no division of the lands has taken place and been recognized by the public accounts although the Inamdars may hold separate recognized shares in the Village In consequence of the restrictions hitherto placed on the sub division of Inam property, the cases

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attached to their Shares any more than in the case of Ryotwary Lands or permanently Settled Villages held jointly.

My draft Instructions seem to have led the Board to the opinion that I advocate the maintenance of the existing restrictions and limitations upon the sub division of Inam Lands. Such however was not my intention. I merely proposed to treat the Inam Villages as joint property; this being the State in which they are found at present. The Inam Commission in the course of its Summary Settlement cannot without leading to errors or frauds in the apportionment of the lands undertake to make a new division of the lands amongst the Sharers or even to scrutinize and confirm any division which may have been made amongst themselves but had not been recognized by the Public accounts. Deeming equally with the Board of Revenue the creation of separate individual property in Inams as well as in other descriptions of lands, I submit with deference that this object will be best attained by framing Rules for facilitating their future sub division. I understand that some Rules having this object in view were in the contemplation of Mr Taylor. Meanwhile should the above views meet with the approval of

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(Government) my draft instructions will be made
- ified accordingly.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

A. W. Ward

Acting Indian Commissioner

Revenue Department

No 2057

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 22nd Septr 1862

Read the following Letter

from W.F. Blair Esquire No 9

from Secretary

Inam Commissioner

Submitting a few observations having reference to the Board's proposal for the issue of separate Title Deeds to recognized Shareholders in Inam Villages, and to existing the existing Rules of Government, on certain points connected with the subject.

(Seventeen Enclosures, 22nd September 1862)

To the Hon'ble Sir Alex. Arbuthnot Kt. Member of Council

Inam Commissioner presents his compliments to the Chief Secretary to Government and has the honor to submit for the consideration of Government the accompanying Report dated 23rd July 1862, with its Appendix, on the subject of Government Order No 309 dated 23rd July 1862, directing that separate Title Deeds should be granted to recognized shareholders in Inam Villages, and requesting the opinion of the Board of Revenue on certain points which require to be settled before the Orders can be carried into effect.

Pro. 23rd July 1862 Nos. 309-310

Rev. 18th September 1862 Department
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No 2566.

From W. F. Blair Esqr
Inam Commissioner
To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Dated 8th } September 1862
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