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## REVENUE.

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## APRIL.

### Quit-rent on Inams.

Passing orders on letter from Inám Commissioner containing proposals for collecting — situated in the Estates of Zamíndárs and Poligars.

No. 167. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inám Commissioner, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue department, Fort St. George, dated Vellore, 28th November 1861, No. 65:—

SIR,

In submitting the accompanying copy of my letter to the Board of Revenue with their remarks on the subject of making arrangements with Zamíndárs and Poligars for the collection of quit-rent charged on Ináms situated in their Estates, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to bring the proposition under the consideration of Government and obtain their orders for my guidance.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th November 1861, No. 6208.

Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Inám Commissioner, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Vellore, 27th September 1861, No. 411.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21th April last, No. 2130, I have the honor to state for their information that, for the reasons given in paragraph 4 of my Proceedings, dated 1st March 1860, which have the concurrence of the Board, I am of opinion that in all ancient Zamíndárís, as well as other permanently-settled Estates of considerable size, it is better policy to make over to the Zamíndárs the collection of the quit-rent which may be stipulated to be paid on Ináms, making a corresponding addition to their peshkash. This arrangement is generally preferred by the Zamíndárs, who dislike the establishment of a double Revenue authority in their Estates.

2. As regards the reduction to be made in the amount of quit-rent to meet the trouble and expense of collection, some of the Zamíndárs have demanded a deduction, amounting to one-third, because that is the proportion of the assets of their Estates which was left to them in fixing the permanent peshkash. It appears to me, however, that the principles of the permanent settlement do not affect the present question, and that the amount of deduction ought to be determined solely with reference to the expenses likely to be incurred for the collection of quit-rents. Considering that these favourable rents upon Ináms constitute a certain and fixed source of Revenue, which has the security of valuable landed property for its punctual payment, I am of opinion that a deduction of 10 per cent. will fully answer the purpose. This, if I am not mistaken, was the allowance made for the cost of collection in the permanent settlement of all Estates newly created in 1802.

3. As regards the Inámdárs, any arrangement which transfers their payments from the Government to private proprietors, may not be altogether agreeable to them, but so long as their interests are properly protected their objections ought not to weigh against an arrangement which is so highly desirable in every other respect, and which is consistent with the principles of the permanent settlement under which the Jódi on Ináms lands is, with very few exceptions, made payable to the Zamíndárs.

4. The Title Deeds issued to the Inámdárs specify the quit-rent payable by them, and a stipulation may be required from the Zamíndárs to the effect that they are on no account to demand a higher sum, or to interfere with Ináms otherwise than may be provided for by the existing Regulations for the realization of the quit-rent. Another condition, which it may be well to require is, that whenever an Inámdár may desire to redeem the quit-rent charged on his Inám inclusive of the existing Jódi, by the payment of 20 times its amount, as provided for in the rules, the Government retains



the power of allowing him to do so, the combined quit-rent being, in that case, deducted from the peshkash payable by the Zamíndárs. This places a ready relief in the hands of all Inámdárs, who may find payment of quit-rent to the Zamíndárs inconvenient or disagreeable to them.

5 I have only to add that the proposed deduction of 10 per cent. is to be made only on the additional quit-rent which is to be made over to the Zamíndárs anew. If these proposals meet with the approval of the Board, I beg they will obtain the early orders of Government on the subject to enable me to conclude the settlement with the Zamíndárs, as the Inám inquiry in their respective Estates is brought to a completion.

6. The non-settlement of the tenure of the Mukhásas in the Nuzid Zamíndári, about which a reference is now pending before the Board of Revenue, prevents me from completing the Inám accounts of that Estate. Until a final settlement is made with the Zamíndár as regards the quit-rent, it is desirable that the Revenue authorities of the district should continue to collect it in order to prevent its falling into arrears.

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1. The Board concur with the Inám Commissioner in thinking that so long as the Inámdárs are protected against any arbitrary enhancements of the amount properly due by them, and secured in the exercise at will of the power to redeem their annual payments, the best arrangement that can be made for the collection of the Inám quit-rents in Zamíndárís is to leave the matter in the Zamíndárs' hands, allowing them 10 per cent. on the rents as remuneration for the trouble of making the collections and adding the balance of the rents to the peshkash.

2. The Board, however, consider that it is for the Inám Commissioner to obtain the sanction of Government for carrying out what is his own proposal.

3. The Board have submitted to Government their opinion on the question of the reversionary right in Mukhásas situated in the old Masulipatam Zamíndárís.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Secretary.*

(A true Copy.)

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

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No. 168. ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1862, No. 799.

1. The Government concur with the Board of Revenue and Commissioner that as a general rule, in all Zamíndárís of considerable size, the collection of the quit-rent on Ináms should be left with their consent to the Zamíndárs, a corresponding addition less 10 per cent. (on the additional quit-rent only) for the trouble, &c., of collecting, being made to their peshkash. The Inámdárs are to have the option of redeeming their quit-rent notwithstanding, as proposed by the Commissioner, and the Zamíndárs are to be barred from enhancing their quit-rent. These conditions must be securely assured when the arrangements are made with the Zamíndárs.

2. The question of the reversionary right of Government in the Mukhásas referred to by the Commissioner and Board was decided in Government Order, 24th December last, No. 2374.

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

Exd. V. A Rajuvelu.

Inám Commissioner's Office
Coimbatore 21st July 1865

No. 560.

From,

The Offg. Inám Commissioner

To, The Collector
of Vizágapatam

Sir,

The Iniámdár noted in the margin having agreed to redeem the Combined quit-rent on his Iniáms, I have the honor to return herewith only stamped and amended the Title Deeds* issued for the same, received with your letter of the 13th September last No. 513, and request that they may be delivered to the party on his paying 20 years' purchase of the old Jódi into your Treasury.

2- After the purchase money is paid and the Title deeds delivered, the amount should be entered in the appropriate Column of the Vernacular Register.

3. A sum equal to the amount of Jódi payable to the Zamindár in each case,

× Mindi Rázyapúra.

⊗ your letter d/5th April 1865 No. 183.

* Nos. 506 and 591 of Bimlipatam Taluq.

1799.

The Governor & Board of Revenue and Commissioner of that part of Jessore called the Sunderbunds, in all matters of considerable size, relative to the collection of the Quit Rent on the Lands should be left with their consent to the Zamindars, a corresponding addition [illegible] per cent (on the additional Quit-rent only) for the trouble & expence of collecting, being made to their Bonkash - The Zamindars are to have the option of redeeming their Quit Rent notwithstanding - as proposed by the Commissioner and the Zamindars accordingly

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The question of
the reversionary right of
forfeiture in the Mocurrurrahs referred
to by the Commissioner and
Board, was decided in C. B.
2d December last No 2374

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