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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th July 1863.*

No. 206. Read the following letter from E. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, Council Chamber, the 30th March 1863, No. 1,273:—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 432, dated the 28th February 1863, forwarding, with reference to the orders of Government of this Department, dated 26th January 1863, calling for accounts of all receipts arising from the sale of waste lands, from enfranchisement of imperfect tenures, or from the commutation of the claim of Government to Land Tax, a copy of the Proceedings of your Government, dated 25th February 1863, giving instructions to the Collectors on certain points connected with the preparation of the required accounts, and enquiring whether the expenses incurred in realizing the sums to be invested, in accordance with the Secretary of State's Despatch, dated 9th July 1862, should not be first deducted, the *net* proceeds only being held available for investment.

2. In reply, I am to state that the Honorable the President in Council confirms the proceedings of the Local Government, under date the 25th February 1863, with the following reservation.

3. It is directed that the proceeds of the enfranchisement of Village Service Ináms shall be excluded from the Returns called for by this Department, because if they were invested in the Public Securities, there would be no means of paying the village Officers. With reference to this instruction, I am desired to request that you will be good enough to state whether there is any sufficient objection to the ordinary rule being followed in this case of bringing the annual receipts from the enfranchisement of Service Ináms to credit as revenue, and providing for the payments to Village Officers in the annual Budget Estimates under the head of Allowances to District and Village Officers.

4. In reply to your enquiry whether the *net* proceeds only of the sale of waste lands, &c., should be held available for investment, I am to state that as it is almost impossible to ascertain what the *actual* expenses of realizing the sale proceeds are, for instance, what proportion of the salary of the Inám Commissioner and his Assistants should be charged against the sum realized by "Redemption," it will be best to invest the *gross* proceeds, the charges being provided for like any other expenses of Administration.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched:—

No. 207. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 11th July 1863, No. 1,255.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 3 of your letter, dated 30th March 1863, No. 1,273, I am directed to state that after careful consideration of the question the Governor in Council is of opinion that the best and most convenient course will be to keep the proceeds of Village Service Ináms separate from the Imperial Revenue until the revision of the Village Establishment has been completed.

