Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 31st March 1863.

No. 308. 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 Ootacamund, 19th March 1863, No. 13:—

SIR,

1. In reply to the Proceedings of Government dated 3rd March 1863, No. 457, commenting on the present comparative slow progress in the work of the Deputy Collectors of this Commission, I have the honor to state that various circumstances combined to produce the numerically small amount of work exhibited in the returns for the month of January last.

2. In the first place, two of the ten Deputy Collectors cited by Government as being employed in the Commission, did not contribute to the work of the month. One of them, A. Sudarshana Ráu, having been transferred to the Settlement Department from the 1st January, and the other, A. Tolasinga Mudaliar, being absent on sick leave.

3. Of the remaining eight Deputies actually available for work, two, P. Chentsal Ráu and G. Pantaiya, were occupied during a considerable portion of the month in travelling to other Districts or Talooks assigned to them for settlement. Chentsal Ráu having completed his division in Ganjam is now employed in disposing of unsettled cases, dispersed over the several large Talooks of the Nellore District.

4. Two other Deputies, T. Krishna Ráu and M. Venkataratna Pillai, have lately been employed in the Inám Settlement of the Pálayams in North Arcot. The former having disposed of the whole of his cases in Kangundi was occupied during the latter half of the month in winding up details and comparing the Registers previous to their despatch to my office. The progress of the latter officer is unavoidably retarded by his having to register and dispose of stray cases left unsettled by former Deputies in several Talooks.

4. The work of registration and settlement in the District of Tanjore, where A. Strinivása Ráu and V. Rájagópála Chárlu are at present employed, cannot be correctly estimated by the monthly numerical results of cases disposed of. One case brought on the Register in this District is often equivalent to a hundred ordinary Inám cases of the Northern Circars or Ceded Districts. The settlement of the Tanjore Ináms owing to the very numerous sharers and the repeated transfers and alienations which have to be recorded, is of a peculiarly laborious and intricate character.

6. The two remaining Deputy Collectors, B. Gopálaiya at present in Vizagapatam and A. Naraina Ráu in Salem, explain in their several Progress Reports for January, that the cases settled by them in that month consisted chiefly of Agraharams and whole villages, each comprizing numerous shares.

7. An additional cause which appears to have told to some extent on the progress of all the Deputy Collectors in common, was the occurrence of the Pungál festival, which naturally attracted to their homes both the village officers and the Inámdárs.

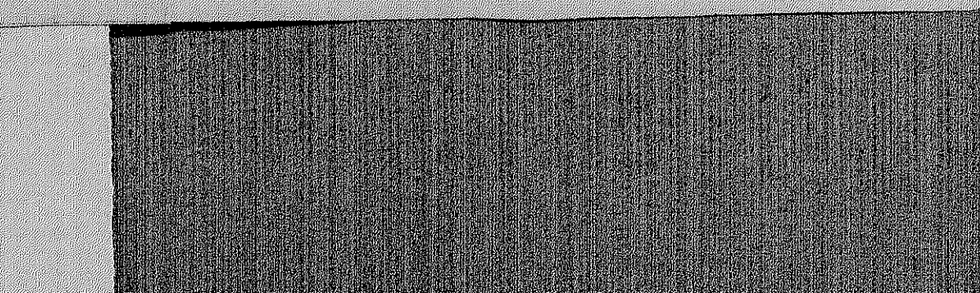
8. Such is the explanation of the comparative slow progress of the settlement work of this Department in the month of January last, which has attracted the attention of Government, and I trust that it will be considered satisfactory. I beg, in conclusion, to express a hope that Government will believe that I continue to exercise the most vigilant control and supervision over the progress and work of my Deputy Collectors, returns of which are furnished to me every week, and that my best efforts are directed to ensure the speedy and successful termination of the important undertaking that has been entrusted to me. I would desire, however, that it may be borne in mind that in the last year of the operations of the Commission, it cannot be expected that the average of previous years can be maintained, as the work towards the close will, for the most part, be scattered over Districts, the Ináms in which are numerically fewer than in Districts already settled and where the staff of Deputy Collectors was much larger.

No. 309. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1863, No. 598.

The Government accept Mr. Taylor's assurance that the amount of work done by his subordinates is carefully watched by him.

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

N° 598.



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