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27th April 1863.*

No. 247. Read the following Endorsement of the Inám Commissioner on Petitions Nos. 2,323 and 3,028 of 1862, presented to Government by BHAGAVATI SOMAYA-JULU and other Agraharamdár of Anumalapudi in the Guntur Division of Kistna District, dated Coimbatore, 9th April 1863, No. 23 :—

1. Petitioners complain of the decision passed by this Department, ordering the incorporation of their Agraharam with the Government lands.

2. This Agraharam appears from the Inám Kaifiyat of Fasli 1231 to have been originally given to a different family in Fasli 1201 on a Jodi of 5 Pagodas, and on their giving it up, it was conferred on the Petitioners' family by the Zamindár in Fasli 1218 on an increased Jodi of Pagodas 125; and that the Inámdárs had no Sanads, but only Dumbálas of a few years subsequent to Fasli 1218. The Agraharamdárs produced during the present enquiry Sanads, &c., to show that the Agraharam was conferred upon them in Fasli 1208 upon the original Jodi of 5 Pagodas, which was afterwards raised by the Zamindár to 125 Pagodas from Fasli 1218, but that though the larger Jodi was entered in the accounts the Zamindár refunded to them the excess Jodi during his management of the Estate.

3. In the face of the Kaifiyat given by the Agraharamdárs in Fasli 1231 implicit confidence cannot be placed upon the Sanads now produced. Under any circumstances, however, the grant having been made by the Zamindár subsequent to 1792 cannot be considered to be held upon an absolutely good title, and in now recognizing it upon the strength of prescription alone, any alterations of Jodi made by the Zamindár who gave the grant must be taken as a part of the tenure. The argument of the Petitioners that the excess Jodi was refunded to them can be of little avail against the entry of the larger amount as the proper Jodi in the public accounts; and it is to be further remarked that when the Zamindári came under the Government management between Faslis 1226 and 1228 the larger Jodi was actually paid by the Agraharamdárs, who thereby virtually acquiesced in the justice of the demand though they now state it was so done out of deference to the wishes of the Zamindár in whose service they were at the time: this, however, cannot alter the merits of the case.

4. Under the above circumstances the larger Jodi was properly retained in the accounts after the permanent reversion of the Zamindári to Government, and the Agraharamdárs having failed to pay it, the village was placed under attachment in Fasli 1253, and has so remained till the present Settlement.

5. The Jodi, Rupees 497, considerably exceeds the average collections of the village under Government management, which is Rupees 300, but this cannot be considered a sufficient ground for its reduction. The only choice open to the Inámdárs is either to relinquish the Inám tenure, or to hold the village upon the existing Jodi; and as it is possible that they might have refused the latter alternative during the enquiry of the Deputy Collector under misapprehension in regard to their liability to pay the arrears, the Commissioner would prefer that the alternative be again presented to them for acceptance; and in the event of their agreeing within the period of one month to hold the village on the existing Jodi of Rupees 497 free of all demands on account of past arrears, which in these cases has been remitted under the orders of Government, it would be confirmed to them accordingly. Should they decline the offer, they can only hold lands to which they may be entitled under a Raiyatwari Patta.

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

No. 248. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1863, No. 726.

Forwarded to the Collector of the Kistna District for report as to the area, &c., of the village, and the reason why the collections have been so much less than the Jodi. Mr. Foord will also state why the village has remained under attachment for so many years instead of being resumed, and what is the amount of arrears outstanding against it.

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

