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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th September 1864.*

No. 137. Read the following letter from W. T. BLAIR, Esq., Acting Inám Commissioner, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 30th July 1864, No. 55 :—
SIR,

1. With reference to the endorsement of Government, dated 9th May 1864, on Petition No. 1,101 of 1864 from Ananda Subba Dikshatar, Guru at the Court of Travancore, I have the honor to submit the following report on the subject.

2. The Petitioner's Inám is one of a class which are similarly situated, and are described in paragraph 9 of the Instructions dated 27th February 1863, No. 6, for the settlement of Ináms in the Tinnevely District, which received the approval of Government. The Collector of the District who commenced the registry of these Ináms in 1820, reported that they were held on the title of Mamul or prescriptive right, and had been under this title continued from father to son, and proceeding upon a strict interpretation of the provisions of Regulation XXXI, 1802, Section VIII, he recommended that they should all be restricted to the life of the then holders where they were held for personal benefit and not for any service. The Government approved of this suggestion, but observed that the "Collector

Order of Government, 7th February 1820.

will not conceive himself to be precluded from bringing under the consideration of Government the claims of any of the descendants of the present Shrotriendars whom he may think entitled to some provision on grounds of a special nature." The number of Ináms so treated and confirmed for life upon life Sanads was 607, but a large portion of them have already reverted to Government and been incorporated with Government lands. Those that have survived were recommended by the late Commissioner in paragraph 9 of the general instructions already referred to, to be enfranchised under the Inám rules upon the highest rate of quit-rent equal to one half of their value.

3. In the absence of the Sanad, which the Petitioner asserts to have been lost, there is nothing to show that his Inám is in any way connected with the service rendered by him at the Travancore Court, or of a more permanent character than the other Ináms which have been subjected to a similar treatment. The Petitioner's case is, however, distinguished from others of a like nature by the fact that when Mr. Taylor commenced his preliminary enquiries in regard to the Ináms of Tinnevely the Petitioner's late father, to whom the Inám was confirmed for life, applied to him for a consideration of his claims and stated his willingness to enfranchise his Inám. He has however since died before the actual enquiry into his case by the Deputy Collector commenced, and, under these circumstances, I think it would be hard to deprive the Petitioner of the benefits of the Inám settlement which his father had expressed his wish to secure and which his death alone prevented him from participating in. I therefore beg to recommend that Petitioner be allowed to enfranchise his Inám on half assessment, and I would extend this recommendation to the cases of life holders of similar Ináms, who have died recently leaving lineal heirs dependent upon them for support and whose Ináms have not yet been finally resumed.

No. 138.

ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1864, No. 1,649.

Miscellaneous.

1. Under the circumstances of the case the Government have no objection to placing the Petitioner in the position which he would have held had his father lived to complete the enfranchisement of his Inám, but they cannot consent to pass any general order of the nature alluded to at the end of paragraph 3 of the Officiating Commissioner's letter.

2. The following endorsement will be passed on Petition 1,101 of 1864 :—"Petitioner is referred to the Inám Commissioner, to whom instructions in his case have been communicated."
(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Inám Commissioner.
,, the Board of Revenue
,, the Petition Department.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

the Indian settlement which his father had expressed his wish to secure & which his death alone prevented him from participating in. I therefore beg to recommend that Petitioner be allowed to enfranchise his Indian on half assessment, and I would extend this recommendation to the cases of life holders of similar Indians who have died recently leaving lineal heirs dependent upon them for support & whose Indians have not yet been finally resumed.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant.

W. W. Wain

Acting Indian Commissioner

Rev. Geo. A. Fisher.
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The Acting Chairman

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Decd 30th July 1864

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