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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd April 1864.*

No. 358. 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, 8th April 1864, No. 23:—

SIR,

1. With reference to my letter of the 19th February 1864, I have the honor to report that further information received from Deputy Collector B. Gópalaiya, regarding the Quit-rent Totams of Madras, leads me to consider that it is in every way inexpedient to bring these tenures under present settlement.

2. The question of these grants has come before Government at various periods since 1828, and it was finally decided in 1858 (22nd April, No. 514), in communication with the Advocate General, that they should be left alone till they die out, which will be about 1873, when their re-settlement can be effected with reference to the then state of the Law and circumstances.

3. The quit-rent charged on these gardens is already so high (3-15-0 per Acre) that no immediate pecuniary benefit from their enfranchisement is likely to accrue to Government in the shape of additional quit-rent.

4. The levy of penalties at intermediate periods of the 99 years, as provided for in the lease, has been entirely waived, and in some instances the leases appear to have been renewed for 99 years without any enhancement of the former terms and with the omission of the fines. It is therefore very doubtful if any of the holders would come forward to enfranchise on the terms now offered.

5. For these several reasons, I am of opinion that it would be the best course to leave matters on the present footing.

No. 359.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1864, No. 693.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Inám Commissioner.

Exd. S. T Augustin.

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The Acting Commr.
To The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Dept.
Fort Saint George

Dated 8th April 1864.
Received 11th —

No. 23

Submits, with reference
to his letter dated 19th
February 1864, that under
the circumstances stated
the Quit Rent Estates of
Madras may be left
alone - W. 693

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Copies to the Commr. Despatch 23 April.