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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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6th May 1864.*

No. 60. Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 20th April 1864:—

SIR,

1. In compliance with the wishes of Government conveyed in their Orders of the 16th instant, No. 642, I beg to offer a few observations on the papers connected with the Inám Supplementary Budget Estimate, submitted by Mr. Blair for the year 1864-65.

2. My original Estimate, for the year, including the full salary of the Commissioner, was Rupees 1,32,985. This was reduced by Government for the reasons repeated in their present Order to Rupees 1,19,400. Mr. Blair's Supplementary Estimate amount to Rupees 35,972, involving a total expenditure for the year of Rupees 1,55,372 or Rupees 1,30,000 as calculated by Government, if the Commissioner's full salary be not included.

3. Assuming it to be in every respect desirable that the work of the Commission should be closed as soon as possible, Mr. Blair has shown very clearly that the extra Establishment applied

• Things were in a very unprepared state in Tinnevely when the Deputy Collectors entered that District. The preparation of the preliminary Vernacular Registers by the Talook authorities had been generally neglected, and the Deputy Collector had to do every thing from the beginning. This added to the unusually complicated character of the Inám tenures of that District, necessitating nine separate Registers for each village, greatly retarded the progress of the Settlement.

In the large Zemindaries of Shivaganga and Ramnad, in Madura, most of the Ináms are entire villages and occupy much labour and time, and thus while the numerical result appears small, the actual labour undergone in the registration of each case is very considerable.

So also in Tanjore, an Agraharam case consists not unfrequently of 200 sharers, whose right must be inquired into and recorded, and thus probably a week's labour is represented by the addition of only a single case to the outturn of work.

In the District of Trichinopoly, the Deputy Collector reports that his work is considerably impeded by the complicated character of the cases coming before him, and by the litigious disposition of the Inám holders.

days of the undertaking and recall attention to what was anticipated at that time as compared with what has actually been realized. Judging from the short experience of a few months, and with the information then before me in regard to the number and value of the Ináms in this Presidency, which it may be remarked was very far from the truth I expected, when reporting to Government in 1859, that, with a staff of two Assistants and eight Deputy Collectors the enquiry would occupy a period of five years. I also stated that if the number of Deputy Collectors were increased to sixteen, which was afterwards done in 1860, the Settlement might be completed within three years.

4. This Estimate was formed, however, after actual experience in two only of the Northern Districts. It did not contemplate, nor was it possible at that time to foresee, the laborious and tedious nature of the Settlement in the numerous Zemindary Estates of Ganjam and Vizagapatam and some other Districts. Neither did the simple and uniform nature of the Ináms in the Districts first taken in hand prepare the Officers of the Commission for the infinite variety and greater intricacy of the tenures of the more Southern Districts.

5. These causes continued in operation from year to year, and have prevented an accurate estimate being formed of the probable amount of work required to be done either in the Central Office or by the Deputy Collectors. The result of our inquiries north of the Kistna and Godavary furnished no criterion of the actual state of matters to be found in Salem and the Arcot Districts, while these again provided an altogether fallacious estimate of the amount of work before us in Tanjore, Madura and Tinnevely.

6. It has thus happened that my anticipations, formed at the commencement of each year, have not been completely realized. It will be admitted that nothing could have been more unwise than to sacrifice care and accuracy to mere speed, and the greatest credit is due to the settling

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officers for proceeding with caution and making sure of their ground in the midst of the peculiar difficulties which beset their inquiries in the Southern Districts. It must be remembered, too, that the number of Deputy Collectors has gradually diminished from sixteen in 1860 to ten in 1862, and to six in 1864.

7. As regards the time involved in the review and transcription of Registers in the Central Office, that must depend upon the amount of work furnished by the settling officers. The latter has been greater than was expected, and has necessitated the longer duration and consequent larger cost of extra Establishments.

8. The following Statement shows the actual result realized by the Commission in the shape of additional revenue, and its annual cost from the commencement to the present date.

	New annual quit-rent.	Actual cost of the Commission.
From September 1859 to end of 1860-61 ...	2,04,585	2,24,466
1861-62 ...	1,92,237	1,75,000
1862-63. Village Service Ináms of Ceded Districts 5,62,396 } Ordinary Ináms ... 96,435 }	6,59,031	1,55,493
1863-64. Village Service Ináms of Ceded Districts. 10,494 } Ordinary Ináms up to March only ... 1,19,089 }	1,29,583	1,22,732
Deduct Village Service Ináms...	11,85,436	6,77,698
1864-65. Probable quit-rent to complete ...	5,73,090	
	6,12,316	
	1,12,654	1,55,372
	7,25,000	8,33,068

9. Assuming that every thing will be wound up by the end of 1864-65, the time occupied in the Settlement and formal registry of considerably more than 5,00,000* Inám claims will have been about 5½ years. The total cost of the Commission will have been nearly 8½ lacs, and the annual additional revenue secured to Government will be 7½ lacs, exclusive of 6 lacs realized by the enfranchisement of Village Service Ináms.

No. 61.

ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1864, No. 780.

Under the explanation afforded by Mr. Taylor as to the causes which have retarded the closing of the work of the Inám Commission as early as was expected, the Government resolve to transmit the Supplemental Budget of the Acting Inám Commissioner received with his letters dated 19th March 1864, No. 20, to the Government of India, through the Financial Department, together with a copy of Mr. Taylor's letter. This Budget was fully reviewed in the Order of Government dated 16th April 1864, No. 612, and a copy of it will also be furnished to that Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department with Supplemental Budget and G. O. No. 612.
,, the Acting Inám Commissioner.
,, the Acting Accountant General.
,, the Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

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Under date the 5th April 1864 -

Read the following
letter from G. N. Taylor Esq.
Coimbatore

Submits the explanation
called for in the Order of Govt
dated 16th instant N^o 642, with
reference to the Supplemental
Budget Estimate submitted by the
Acting Commissioner.

(Here enter 20th April 1864
N^o 29 -)

Under the explanation
afforded by Mr. Taylor, as
to the causes which have
retarded the closing of
the work of the ^{Income} Com-
mission as early as
was expected, the Govt
resolved to transmit the
supplemental Budget
of the Acting Income
Commissioner

Pro. 18 April 1864 N^o 255-256
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N^o 1035

From

G. N. Taylor Esq
Coimbatore

To

J. D. Sim Esq
Secretary to Govt
Revenue Dept

Dated 20 April /64

Rec^d 23rd /64

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23rd April 1864

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5th Unit Dept. with Supplemental Budget & G.O. 642 Dept. of Ind
11th Ag. Income Com.
3rd Secy. Secy. Ind.
3rd Civil Paym.
W. G. Taylor.

Revenue Dept.
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Df 6th May 1864.

Further (N: 1242/64)

From the Indian Comm.
31 October 1864 C. 12567.

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Indian Supple-
mental Budget for
1864-65.

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