

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd June 1864.*

No. 26. 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, 18th April 1864, No. 28 :—

SIR,

1. In their Order of the 15th October 1861, No. 1,987, Government were pleased to direct that "Ináms in the Madras District held for a limited number of lives should not be meddled with, whether those Ináms consist of pieces of land or entire villages."

2. The grounds assigned for this Order are the prevalence of Mirási right in the Madras District, and the apprehension of a complication of interests resulting from the enfranchisement and perpetuation, to their present holders, of Mirási villages held for limited terms.

3. Mr. Taylor, however, does not seem to have formed a decided opinion on the subject, as in his proceedings on the Madras District, paragraph 6 of which is alluded to by Government, he simply stated that it was a question requiring consideration, and that the cases would be disposed of on their merits, the wishes of the villagers being consulted in each case.

4. His remarks on some cases of life grants inadvertently brought on the Register by the Deputy Collector, indicate that he intended to re-consider them with other similar grants, not then before him.

5. Deputy Collector B. Gopalaiya who was recently employed in the Madras District, reports that upon the application of the Jaghiredar of Tinnanore, a village granted for three lives for entailing his village after enfranchisement under Section XV of the Inám Rules, the Government refused the prayer for the entail of the village, but raised no objection to its enfranchisement. He further adds that Mirasi exists in all the Shrotriems of the District, and is not in the least affected by the Inám Settlement which in Mirasi Districts involves only the question whether a party is entitled to the Melwaram which would under ordinary circumstances be payable to Government.

6. At a later date in passing their Orders on the settlement of the District of Coimbatore, Government ruled† in respect of a somewhat similar objection taken to enfranchising villages held for a limited number of lives in that District, that there was no reason to treat them differently from similar grants elsewhere or to consult the wishes of the Ryots. This was also the opinion† of the Board of Revenue.

7. On a full and careful consideration of the subject, I do not think sufficient grounds exist in the peculiarity of the Mirasi tenure of Madras to warrant our withholding the benefit of the Inám Rules from those who are anxious to secure it on the terms prescribed.

8. It is superfluous to add that in all such settlements every care is taken that the interests of Government do not suffer. A fair addition is made to the present value of the village, on account of prospective improvement from the cultivation of wastelands, and the rates of quit-rent are so arranged by the rules in proportion to the number of lives the grants have to run, that there is no ultimate sacrifice of the interests of Government.

9. I therefore beg to recommend that this distinction in the Madras District may be removed, and the life grants therein situated declared entitled to the benefit of enfranchisement under the Inám Rules in like manner with those in the remainder of the Presidency.

No. 27.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1864, No. 945.

Miscellaneous.

1. In this letter the Acting Inám Commissioner requests Government to re-consider their Order dated 15th October 1861, No. 1,987, in which they directed that Ináms in the Madras District for a limited number of lives should not be meddled with, whether those Ináms consist of pieces of land or entire villages.

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The reason of this prohibition was that the conflicting tenures of the Mirasi right might be perpetuated by enfranchisement; but Mr. Blair states that Mirasi is not in the least affected by the Inám Settlement, which in Mirasi Districts involves only the question whether a party is entitled to the *Melwaram* which would under ordinary circumstances be payable to Government.

2. The Government concur with Mr. Blair in the view taken by him of the Ináms referred to, and they authorize him to settle them according to the rules and instructions laid down for the guidance of the Commissioner. The enfranchisement now ordered will only extend to such rights as the Inámdars hold in the place of Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Acting Inám Commissioner.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

For Order. I think the
Ináms referred to, may
be dealt with under
the rules - as the en-
franchisement will
only extend to such rights
as the Inámdars hold
in the place of Govt.

I concur in
this view J.P.

Very well
MD

J D S

Revenue Department-

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 3^d ~~May~~ ^{June} 1864.

Read the follow-
ing letter from the Ag.
Sudam Commissioner,

Recommending
that the restriction placed
in the order of Govt. dated
15th October 1861 upon
the settlement of life ex-
grants of the Madras Dis-
trict may be removed,
and that they may be
allowed to be enfranchised
under the Sudam Rules-

(Here enters 18th
April 1864 No 28)

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In this letter
the Acting Sudam Com-
missioner requests Govt.
to reconsider their order
dated 15th October 1861,
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directed that Sudams
in the Madras District
for a limited number
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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

W. W. W.

Acting Sudam Commissioner

of lives should not be meddled with, whether those Indians consist of pieces of land or entire villages. The reason of this prohibition was that the conflicting tenures of the mirasi right might be perpetuated by enfranchisement; but Mr. Blair states that mirasi is not in the least affected by the Indian settlement which in Mirasi districts involves only the question whether a party is entitled to the melwa can which would under ordinary circumstances be payable to Govt.

2. The Govt. concurs with Mr. Blair in the view taken by him of the Indians referred to, and they

they authorize him to settle them according to the rules and instructions laid down for the guidance of the Commissioner. The enfranchisement now ordered will only extend to such rights as the Indians hold in the place of Govt.

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J. E. N.

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Revenue 1864 Sept.
to Govt for June.

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to the Madras Govt.

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Settlement of the

grants of the Madras

to the Govt to be

made by the Madras

Commissioner.

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