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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 411. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th July 1865, No. 4,159.

Read again Board's Proceedings under date 14th June 1865, No. 3,230.

Read also the following letter from W. T. BLAIR, Esq., Officiating Inám Commissioner, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 3rd July 1865, No. 16:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated the 11th ultimo, No. 3,230, on the subject of the disposal of excess in Ináms hereafter discovered.

2. The reason why an allowance of 10 per cent. was thought sufficient for all the surveyed Districts was simply because that was the recognized allowance made in Government lands to cover errors of measurement in the native survey.

3. Adverting to the illustration given in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, I beg to observe that in no District coming under the category of surveyed Districts, were the original seed measures in which Ináms were granted converted directly into acres. The Paimash accounts give the results of actual measurement. In some Districts, as in Bellary, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Salem, Tanjore, the extents are recorded in *acres*, in others, as in North and South Arcot, Madras, Nellore, in local measures of Cawnies and Gorrus. In the former case, the areas were taken and confirmed by this Department as they were found recorded, that is in acres, and in the latter, the local measures were reduced to acres according to the established rates of conversion.

4. It is, however, a notorious fact that in several parts of the Presidency, the Paimash measurements were very loosely conducted. In such cases the application of the special allowance, *plus* 10 per cent. rule will be but just, seeing that a general excess in all the lands of a village can only arise from erroneous measurement. If, on the other hand, the results of the new professional survey should go to shew that the hitherto assumed margin of error was correct, no injury can ensue from making the rule generally applicable to all Districts.

5. Strictly speaking, therefore, there is no reason why the benefit of the special allowance should be denied to Ináms in the so-called surveyed Districts, and I concur with the Board that in fairness it may be declared applicable to all Districts.

Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government. It will be observed that on re-consideration the Acting Inám Commissioner agrees with the Board in thinking that in dealing with excess in Ináms found on measurement the special allowance, where applicable, should be given in all Districts, as well as the usual ten per cent. excess, and the Board trust that the Government will, therefore, no longer object to the issue of the proposed Circular as originally drafted by the Board.

No. 412. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1865, No. 1,979.

Land Revenue

1. The Government authorize the Board to issue their Circular Order as originally drafted.

2. The effect can no where be otherwise than fair to all parties, for if the original survey or rather measurement was correct, no adjustment will be necessary on re-survey, but if it was incorrect (which may safely be assumed to have been every where more or less the case) then it is only just and reasonable that detected errors should be corrected.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Officiating Inám Commissioner.
,, the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 3,230.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th June 1865.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 4th April 1865, No. 724, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the draft Circular Order submitted by the Board, on the subject of the assessment to be charged on the excess in Inams discovered by the Revenue Survey, does not quite meet the requirements of the case, and making remarks on certain points connected with the subject.

1. Before issuing the Circular referred to by Government, the Board resolve to request the Inam Commissioner to inform them upon what he based the conclusion arrived at in paragraph 4 of his letter quoted by Government, that as the areas of all Inams, except in Godavery and parts of Guntoor, were based upon actual measurement made of the lands on former occasions, no allowance for excess beyond the 10 per cent. would be required.

2. As the entries made in the Inam Registers are in acres, their correctness must entirely depend upon the exactness of the rate of conversion from the old local measure in which the extent was formerly recorded. For instance, if an Inam in Tinnevelly was granted in seed Cottahs, and on survey, the scale for converting seed Cottahs into acres, which had been adopted by the Inam Department, was found to be incorrect, it is clear that considerable injustice might be done either to the Inamdar or to the Government, as the equivalent for a seed Cottah adopted might have been below or in excess of the proper equivalent.

3. To ensure all Inamdars being treated fairly, the Board consider that the so-called special allowance should be given in all Districts where it may apply, in addition to the 10 per cent., and it seems to them that this is the intention expressed in the Secretary of State's Despatch, dated 29th June 1860, No. 38.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To W. T. Blair, Esq., Officiating Inam Commissioner.

Exd. J. Wright.

No 3,230.

Requesting certain information from the Officiating Inam Commissioner in regard to the assessment to be charged on the excess in Inams discovered by the Revenue Survey.

Dated 14th June 1865.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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No. 4,159.

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1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated the 11th ultimo, No. 3,230, on the subject of the disposal of excess in Inams hereafter discovered.

2. The reason why an allowance of 10 per cent. was thought sufficient for all the surveyed Districts was simply because that was the recognized allowance made in Government lands to cover errors of measurement in the native survey.

3. Adverting to the illustration given in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, I beg to observe that in no District coming under the category of surveyed Districts, were the original seed measures in which Inams were granted converted directly into acres. The Paimash accounts give the results of actual measurement. In some Districts, as in Bellary, Cuddapah, Kurnool, Salem, Tanjore, the extents are recorded in *acres*, in others, as in North and South Arcot, Madras, Nellore, in local measures of Kawnies and Gorrus. In the former case, the areas were taken and confirmed by this Department as they were found recorded, that is in acres, and in the latter, the local measures were reduced to acres according to the established rates of conversion.

4. It is, however, a notorious fact that in several parts of the Presidency, the Paimash measurements were very loosely conducted. In such cases the application of the special allowance, *plus* 10 per cent. rule will be but just, seeing that a general excess in all the lands of a village can only arise from erroneous measurement. If, on the other hand, the results of the new professional survey should go to show that the hitherto assumed margin of error was correct, no injury can ensue from making the rule generally applicable to all Districts.

5. Strictly speaking, therefore, there is no reason why the benefit of the special allowance should be denied to Inams in the so-called surveyed Districts, and I concur with the Board that in fairness it may be declared applicable to all Districts.

Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government. It will be observed that on re-consideration the Acting Inam Commissioner agrees with the Board in thinking that in dealing with excess in Inams found on measurement the special allowance, where applicable, should be given in all Districts, as well as the usual ten per cent. excess, and the Board trust that the Government will, therefore, no longer object to the issue of the proposed Circular as originally drafted by the Board.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

R. A. Dalyell

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 14th June 1865, No. 3,230.

Copy to W. T. Bair, Esq., Officiating Inam Commissioner.
„ to J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department.

No. 1979

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 24th August 1865.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue.

Submitting for consideration
and orders letter from the officiating
Inam Commissioner with copy of
Board's Proceedings dated 14th
June 1865 No 3230 on the subject
of the disposal of excess found
in Inams on measurement.

(Here enter 19th July 1865
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The Government
authorise the Board to issue
their Circular Orders as
originally drafted.

The effect can not
where be ascertained from
to all parties, for the original
survey, or matter measurement
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 19th *July* 1865.

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14 - To the Boards Ofc
9 - To the Offg Insp Genl Ofc
13 - To the Offg Surv Genl Ofc

As the above L.D. adopts certain Revs: of the Bd. Wt. Lines & sent up endorsing signatures &c - Bd's Plans. but have them objected by Wt. under the impression apparently that the Insp Genl had made an adjustment of areas Wt. they have not had any means of making & explaining the newly surveyed Lots, I beg to point out

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that Wt. Regt's raised the objections & the Draft L.D. Wt. the Bd. have press - but that Wt. since appears to have indeed him to think it under the above impression was erroneous.

The fact is that the measurements (miscalled surveys) on Wt. the Insp Genl have based their record of areas - have no Wm. warrants & need correction when the trig. survey is introduced - and all that the Bd. propose is to rectify errors in the old records of areas when detected by present regular survey. L.B. 17.8.65

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We have the question is how the rectification is to be computed. - It seems to be provided that the standard of the neighbouring villages should be applied to the Insp Genl; and that where villages assumed to be 20 per cent in excess of the registered area. a similar proportion should be added to the Insp Genl plans 10 per cent as a standard allowance - I see no reason for this, indeed I see no reason for the standard allowance of 10 per cent - the principle of the Revenue Survey is or ought to be to determine accurately

the land on the occupation of the different holders and to change and reassessment upon such land. I see no reason why A who have paid his 10 acres should be ~~A~~ per mitted to hold 11 acres for the assessment upon ten. still like do I see the justice of allowing a man who has a part of 10 acres or 10 a part of 11 acres because the latter is ~~is~~ because the next villain happens to have occupied 50 per cent more land than mine is paying for, be taken to have a claim to 50 per cent addi- tion to his own. — The same by this would be readily established a varying value in each district. How must be done means of arriving at the value of acres by the local terms. and I cannot conceive how I call a better means place 5 acres and mean this place 9 acres

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Proof the Madras Govt
of 24th August 1865

Authorizing Board of
Revenue to issue their
circular order on the
subject of excess in
Inams as original drafted

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