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No. 195. Read the following letter from the Acting Inâm Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 13th August 1864, No. 64:—

In acknowledging the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 1st July 1864, No. 1,130, I have the honor to state that according to a report made by the Collector of the Jaghire to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th July 1844, No. 86, on the emoluments of the village servants, there were Grama Maniems in only 1,827 out of the 2,259 villages then comprised in the District. Their extent and assessment for the Circar, Shrotriem, and Zemindari villages are given in the margin. Talookwar details are given for the Circar villages alone in another report of the Collector, dated 9th April 1844, but I have not extracted them in this letter as the Talooks have been since re-constructed. Subsequent to the above date, there were considerable additions to the territorial extent of the Jaghire from the neighbouring Districts, but as the Grama Maniems are confined to the villages of the Jaghire proper, their extent could not have been materially affected by the above changes. I have, in conclusion, only to add that I have preferred the above mode of supplying the information called for, required as it is for general purposes, to attempting to make out a fresh abstract from the Villagewar Statements prepared by the Deputy Collector, which would take up considerable time.

	Extent.					
	No. of villages.	Dry.	Wet.	Garden.	Total.	Assessment.
		Kanies.	Kanies	Kanies.	Kanies.	Pagodas.
Circar Villages ...	1,233	1,584	3,814	26	5,424	9,850
Shrotriem	258	247	734	...	981	1,678
Zemindari	336	644	946	...	1,610	2,185
	1,827	2,495	5,495	26	8,016	13,714

No. 196. Order thereon, 14th November 1865, No. 2,767.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government observe that as pointed out in Mr. Taylor's letter of 29th April 1861, the Rules of the Inâm Commission can confer no additional rights on these Grama Maniems, they being already "Surva Maniem" or wholly tax free, and having practically been recognized as not liable to resumption from time immemorial. They have also been treated without question as alienable at will with the Mirasi share to which they appertain.

2. Under these circumstances all that is needed appears to be that Government should declare under what Regulation they are to be deemed included, whether as Service Inâms under Regulation 6 of 1831, or as free from any condition of service and falling under Regulation 4 of 1831.

3. The theory of the advocates of Mirasi exceptional rights is that they included "Kani Maniem" and "Kani Méra" as part of the special privileges granted in compensation for the hardships incident to the occupation of that part of the country in which Mirasi is said to have exceptionally prevailed, but without expressing any

opinion as to the soundness of this theory, it may readily be admitted that there is no evidence whatever to shew that the obligation of "Village Service" in its usual sense ever at all attached to these Maniems

4. Under these circumstances the Government have no hesitation in declaring that Regulation 6 of 1831 is not applicable to the "Kani Maniems" of the Madras District. They authorize the Inám Commissioner to declare them free from any disabilities under Regulation 4 of 1831.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Inám Commissioner.
,, the Director of Revenue Settlement.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.