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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 439. Read again letter from the Officiating Inám Commissioner, dated 14th April 1866, No. 29, recorded in G. O. 28th May 1866, No. 1,262.

Read also the following letter from the Officiating Inám Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 30th May 1866, No. 42:—

1. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Order of Government, dated 19th May 1866, No. 1,195, I have the honor to make the following report.

	Titles confirmed.	Quit-rent. Rs.
1864-65	24,972	1,05,739
1865-66	22,989	1,22,641

2. The number of titles confirmed and the quit-rent thereby secured, during the preceding two years, are shewn in the margin.

3. It is not, however, from a mere consideration of these figures, that a correct idea can be obtained of the amount and nature of the work that has been actually performed during this period. 9,429* Petitions received from almost the very commencement of the Commission from Inámdars, who considered themselves aggrieved by the settlement, and the disposal of which had from time to time been deferred from pressure of other business, and 1,200 records of enquiry connected with these Petitions have been gone through and disposed of. A large number of cases (between 5,000 and 6,000) left undisposed of, either from some doubt or for want of certain information, had to be settled; and much time and labor were expended in collecting them from among the large mass of Registers containing upwards of three lacs of cases. The Ináms decided to be fully assessed in the course of the settlement had to be sorted and embodied into statements, and sent to the Collectors, and a correct account of the financial results of the operations of the Commission, with a classified table of Ináms for the purposes of a final report, had also to be prepared.

In 1864-65	3,036
„ 1865-66	6,393
	* 9,429

4. All this and other miscellaneous work connected with the closing operations of the Commission, on which I had to employ several of the most intelligent Examiners and Writers, necessarily interfered with the progress of the work of transcription and examination of the fair Registers.

5. The number of Registers still requiring to be fair copied and examined is shewn in the margin. This work I have no doubt will be accomplished before the end of the current official year, as the causes which have hitherto interfered with its progress no longer operate to

Sides to be copied	9,000
Sides to be examined	55,000

the same extent. But I must not here omit to express my apprehension that a small portion of the establishment of Examiners may have to be retained for a few months, even after the end of the current official year. The pages that have been already examined, require to be looked over again though cursorily, for the purpose of transferring to the fair registers the numerous alterations and remarks that have been made since the examination. This, as well as other sundry work, such as indexing, paging, and despatching the Registers, will, I fear, have to be performed next year.

6. The more important work which remains to be done during this year is *(a)* review of cases, *(b)* settling of Appeal Petitions, and *(c)* the disposal of records received from the various Talooks of the Presidency.

(a.) The number of cases settled by the Deputy Collectors, and which remained for review at the commencement of the official year was 3,700. I have since reviewed and settled all of these excepting 1,600, which are lying over pending further information, which has been called for from the District authorities. It is impossible to say exactly when all these pending cases will be disposed of; but I have adopted the necessary measures to obtain the information as early as possible, and hope that half the number will be settled by the end of September next. Besides these cases there are 3,400 Ináms under attachment on account of the absence of the holders, and 3,200 fully assessed for the default of the parties to appear within the time prescribed by the Rules. The holders of some of these Ináms may appear within the time prescribed, or, where the time has already expired, may afford satisfactory explanation of their non-attendance. In either event, their Ináms will have to be settled by this Department; but such cases will not be numerous, and will certainly not lie over for next year, inasmuch as the time for fully assessing these Ináms for default will have expired before the end of the official year.

(b.) The number of Petitions pending at the commencement of this year together with those since received is 2,500. I have settled 600, and 1,900 still remain. There will, however, be no accession to this branch of work after the 30th of June next, as no Petitions will be admitted after that date under the notification recently published with the sanction of Government. Those on hand, together with those that may be received up to the end of June, will all be disposed of before September next.

(c.) A considerable number of Appeal Petitions have been referred to the Tahsildars for enquiry, where such a step was unavoidable. The records of enquiry received from the Tahsildars, in reply to such references, numbered 650 at the close of the last official year, and 400 have been since received. I have disposed of 350, and there are 700 yet to be gone through. I hope to be able to settle before September next all the records received before the end of August. Those that may be received in September and afterwards will have to be disposed of by the Board of Revenue.

7. A detail of the scale of expenditure to be incurred in the current official year is exhibited below:—

Items of Charge.	Amount per mensem.	Estimate.
	Rs.	Rs.
1 Inám Commissioner for six months from April to September 1866	2,500	15,000
1 Special Assistant for the whole year	600	7,200
His Establishment for do.	136	1,632
Office Establishment for the whole year.		
1 Manager	250	3,000
1 Head Examiner of Fair Registers on Rs. 75 22 Examiners of Fair Registers at „ 60 each. 23 Readers ... ... „ 25 each.	1,970	23,640
1 Record-keeper ... ... „ 60 1 Deputy do. ... ... „ 35 2 Assistants to do. ... ... „ 25 each. 2 Do. ... ... „ 20 each.	185	2,220
10 Copying Clerks ... ... „ 30 each. 25 Do. ... ... „ 25 each.	925	11,100
1 Correspondence Head Clerk ... ... „ 50 1 Do. 2nd do. ... ... „ 30 1 Do. 3rd do. ... ... „ 25	105	1,260
1 Head Munshi ... ... „ 50 1 Deputy do. ... ... „ 35 1 Head Gumashta ... ... „ 30 3 Gumashtas ... ... „ 25 each.	190	2,280
33 Office Servants, consisting of 2 Muchies, 4 Pasters, 8 Attenders, 8 Stampers, 1 Duffadar, 8 Deloyets and 2 Sweepers...	348	4,176
Contingent and Saderwarid charges including house-rent.	150	1,800
Cost of binding Registers	...	2,000
	Total...	75,308

No. 440. ORDER THEREON, 20th June 1866, No. 1,506.

Land Revenue.

1. Ordered that the above paper be communicated to the Supreme Government with reference to paragraph 7 of the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 29th March 1866, No. 1,585, in which this Government were informed that pending receipt of a detailed explanation of the Budget provision for the Inám Commission in 1866-67, and a report of the progress made in the past two years, that provision of Rupees 75,300 had been reduced by Rupees 40,000.

2. The desired information is furnished in the above letter, and this Government need only add that they are perfectly satisfied that no efforts have been spared to promote the despatch of the work of the Commission, and that as rapid progress has been attained as could reasonably have been expected, although the too sanguine anticipations of the Commissioner as to the date at which the Commission might be dissolved have not been fulfilled.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th June 1866.

3. The following Extract from the Proceedings of this Government, dated 17th January 1866, will convey to the Government of India some idea of the extent of the work that has to be performed by the Commission and of the results that have been attained.

"When the entire work is finished, the Government will have realized in "round numbers an *additional annual* revenue of nine lacs of Rupees, at an outlay "once for all, of eleven lacs; the titles more or less doubtful, of nearly 372,196 "Inámdars will have been placed on a secure basis, and five million acres of land "freed from the disadvantages which unsafe titles impose"

4. The total cost of the Commission since its institution in 1859 has been Rupees 10,08,570, and the additional amount of revenue actually derived by the State from its labors in the same period may be approximately stated at Rupees 12,17,494, so that during the proceedings of the Commission the additional amount of revenue has already considerably exceeded the expense attending its institution and enquiries, securing the eventual clear additional revenue as stated above of more than eleven lacs.

5. The Government consider that the provision of Rupees 75,300 for the Commission made by them in the Budget for the current year, is absolutely necessary, and cannot be reduced if the work is to be performed.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Inám Commissioner.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.

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is rapid progress attained
deserves assuredly [illegible]
expected - also the [illegible] anticipations of the Comm[rs] as to the state
of the Comm[rs] in getting the Estates
[illegible] sold.

The following extract from the Min: of
the Dec[r] 17 January 1865. will convey
to the Gov[t] Calcutta some idea of the
amount of the work that had been performed
by the Comm[rs] & the results that
have been attained.

"When the Settlement work is finished, the Govt
"will have realized in Bengal some two
"additional Annual Income of
"nine lacs of Rupees, & an outlay
"of 20 lacs for all, of which lacs, the Govt
"have or have distributed, of grants,
"372, 195 Rupees with have been
"placed at the Comm[rs] disposal
"the rest will be from

"the Resumptions & waste lands
"improved"

The Govt consider that the provision
of Rs. 75,000 for the Comm[rs] made by
them in the Budget for the current
year is sufficient for carrying on
the work in the progress.

20th June 1866

The total cost of the Commission since
its institution in 1859. has been Rs. 18,08,870.
and the additional amount of Rs. actually drawn by
the Comm[rs] from the Treasury in the same period may
safely be estimated at Rs. 12,17,494: 32 Rs.
During the progress of the Survey the collections of
annual revenue have already considerably exceeded
the expenses attending its institution and
ensures the eventual clear additional
revenue as stated above of some three
lakhs Rs.

6 Sub Deputies Commissioners
14 Head Surveyors
6 Assistant Surveyors

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