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*Revenue* DEPARTMENT

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Read the following papers :—

No. 431. From the Officiating Inám Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 15th January 1866, No. 1.

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 28th November 1865, No. 2,963, I have the honor to submit, for the approval of Government, the form\* of the Certificate I propose to grant to the holders of Gráma Mányams in the District of Madras.
- \* 1. For tax-free Ináms.  
1. For Jodi Ináms.

2. The Deputy Collectors of this Department have registered the classification, extent, assessment, and the Jodi, if any, of each Gráma Mányam in the District of Madras, but they have not given the name of each sharer or the extent enjoyed by him.

3. An enquiry by this Department into the details of the very minute shares in which each Gráma Mányam is held appears to me to be superfluous, inasmuch as no quit-rent of any sort has to be charged with reference to the title of each holder.

4. The object of the Certificate proposed to be granted being simply to enable the Courts to take cognizance of suits connected with these Ináms, without a special authority from Government in each case, I would propose that only one Certificate should be granted for the whole Inám in the village, which can be readily done from the Registers in my office. The Certificate would be delivered to the chief Mirassidar of the village.

5. With reference to the nomenclature of the document now proposed to be delivered to the holders of Gráma Mányams, it appears to me to be better to call it a Title Deed than a Certificate, because Section 2 of Act IV. of 1862 enacts that it is the *Title Deed* of the Inám Commissioner that is to be received by the Courts as evidence of enfranchisement and not a Certificate. If a Certificate is to be granted it must, I imagine, be under the signature of one of the Secretaries to Government, as provided by Regulation IV. of 1831.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for their opinion on the Commissioner's proposal.

18th January 1866.

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

No. 432. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1866, No. 4,672.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on circuit at Cattiwak, 1st June 1866, No. 155.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 25th January last, No. 583, calling for my opinion on the subject of the form of Certificate proposed to be given to Mirassidars in the District on account of Gráma Mányams, I have the honor to state that, as observed by the Inám Commissioner, it would be better if the Deed to be given them were called a Title Deed instead of Certificate. The forms of Title Deed, which the Inám Commissioner proposes to adopt, seems to me open to no objection.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
17th August 1866.*

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 18th January 1866.

2. From the tenor of the Order of Government, under date 28th November 1865, No. 2,963, the Board understand that it is not desired that the tenures referred to should be treated in precisely the same manner as "enfranchised" Ináms, and Act IV. of 1862 (Madras,) only permits the Courts to deal with such Ináms, or with those that have been converted into permanent freeholds. The wishes of Government can probably best be carried out by granting the holders of these Ináms a Certificate from the Secretary to Government, acknowledging the Inám, and absolving it from the operations of Regulation IV. of 1831.

No. 433.

ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1866, No. 2,113.

**Land Revenue.**

The Government consider it preferable that the Title Deed should be issued to the holders of Gráma Mányams under the seal and signature of the Inám Commissioner in the form submitted with his letter above recorded for tax-free tenures.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

*Secretary to Government.*

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

Exd S. T. Augustin.