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No. 439. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th September 1866, No. 6,331.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 6th August 1866, No. 190:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, dated the 23rd June 1866, No. 1,545, Revenue Department, communicated with the Board's Proceedings of the 29th idem, and in reply to inform you that, of the number of 1,495 *bona fide* Ináms, the Inám Commissioner admits that 205* cases are still lying in his office, and that 337 cases (A. and D.) should be enquired into, and reported on, by the Tahsildars. The remaining 953 cases have been lately disposed of by the Inám Commissioner, by forwarding Vernacular Registers and Title Deeds, as well as by assessing Ináms fully.

* A	98	
E	107	
	205	

2. Of the number of backyards, the Inám Commissioner states that 1,298 cases (B. and E.) have been lately disposed of by him, with the exception of 140 cases, which are lying over pending the receipt of further information. One hundred and eleven cases (C.) have been also disposed of by despatching the Quit-rent Registers. With regard to the remaining 3,467 cases, 3,439 are backyards, regarding which I have called upon the Tahsildars to report whether they have included any backyards which are not cognizable by the Inám Commissioner; and they have now submitted revised Statements classifying all the backyards, as specified in the accompanying Statement, with reference to the Inám Commissioner's Circular instructions, issued by him to the Tahsildars on the 12th March 1866, for their guidance.

3. From this Statement, it will be observed, that the number of backyards to be disposed of is 3,576, or 137 more than the number entered in their former Statements. They account for this by saying that, upon their further inquiry, the excess has been discovered. Of the number of 3,576, 747 cases will come under the scope of the Inám Commissioner's rules, because those lands are situated among the Zirayati tracts; and 2,829 cases are not to be treated as Ináms, because those lands are situated within or on the outskirts of the village sites. I observe that many backyards of the latter class are cultivable, or planted with cocoanut, areca nut or other gardens. I believe that many lands have been included by the residents into their backyards attached to their house-sites from the adjoining Zirayati lands in former years, whenever practicable, either fraudulently, or by the favor of the former Zemindars and proprietors. Besides which, the Inám Commissioner has ruled, at the latter part of paragraph 1 of his Circular Order to the Tahsildars, under date 12th March 1866, No. 257, that backyards, attached to the village sites, should be treated as Ináms, if the holders produce Sunnuds or Dumbalas for them to shew that they granted on Inám tenure.

4. I therefore consider that, unless an inquiry is held to a certain extent, with regard to almost all the cases, it is hardly ascertainable which ought, and ought not, to be treated as Ináms.

5. According to the Inám Commissioner's instructions contained in his letter, dated 9th February 1866, No. 169, I have issued a Notification in the District

Gazette, dated 28th April 1866, No. 17, page 158, that the holders of Asalminha gardens, Badibad lands, and backyards, should prefer their claims within three months; otherwise, their claims will not be attended to.

6. Up to the 28th July such claims have been received, and they have all been referred to the Tahsildars with instructions to find out those that should be recognised for enquiry under the Inám Commissioner's rules; but I am afraid that it will be difficult for them to do so, unless a rather lengthy enquiry is made.

7. The Circular instructions referred to having been issued by the Inám Commissioner direct to the Tahsildars, and no copies of those instructions having been forwarded to my Office, I was unable to know, when I submitted the report, which sort of backyards should, or should not, be particularly enquired into.

Statement shewing the classification of the Backyards remaining to be settled in the Godavery District.

Talooks.	Within or on the outskirts of the village sites.		Within the Zirayati tracts.	Total.
	Attached to the houses.	Situated separately from the house.		
1. Amalapur	240	991	483	1,714
2. Narsapur	719	...	211	930
3. Undi	730	...	35	765
4. Rajahmundry	23	6	16	45
5. Peddapuram	85	19	2	106
6. Ellore	1	...	...	1
7. Yernagudem	...	15	...	15
Total ...	1,798	1,031	747	3,576

Cocanada,
6*th August* 1866.

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Collector.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted to Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 23rd June 1866, No. 1,545.

2. The Government will perceive from the present letter of the Collector of the Godavery District, that out of the total number of 1,495 "*bona fide* Ináms," referred to in the Officiating Inám Commissioner's letter, contained in the Government Proceedings above alluded to,

953 cases have been recently disposed of by the last mentioned Officer,
205 cases are pending in his Office; and
337 cases remain to be enquired into and reported on by the Tahsildars.

Total... 1,495

The Officiating Commissioner's Statements in paragraph 3 of his letter correspond with the foregoing analysis.

3. As regards the Backyard Ináms, Mr. Blair stated that out of the 4,876 cases shown by the Collector, Registers had been received from the Tahsildars for 1,298 cases, but that several cases of ordinary backyards having been erroneously

included in the Registers, they had been struck out, and the remainder confirmed, with the exception of 140 cases which were pending in his Office awaiting the receipt of certain further information. That, for a further number of 111 cases, Quit-rent Registers had been despatched to the Collector, and that of the remaining 3,467 cases, Mr. Blair's impression was that only one-tenth of that number could be actually confirmed as Inâms under the rules.

4. The Collector now submits a Statement, from which it appears that

3,576 backyards remain to be disposed of, out of which

747 certainly come under the scope of the Inám Commissioner's rules, as the lands are situated in Zirayati tracts;
1,798 are attached to the houses, and
1,031 are situated separately from the houses.

3,576 Total.

5. The majority of the last two classes in the above abstract will not, it is believed, require finally to be treated as Ináms; but the Collector, for the reasons stated in paragraphs 3 and 4 of his letter, considers that most of them call for some enquiry.

No. 440. Order thereon, 18th October 1866, No. 2,823.

Land Revenue.

The Officiating Inám Commissioner is requested to submit a copy of the instructions to Tahsildars issued by him on the 12th March 1866, and to state whether he is still of opinion that the work of the Commission, which remains undone in the Godavery District, should be undertaken by the local authorities.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT.
Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
From the Offg Inam Comr dated
18th Septr 1866 N 18208

Dated 6th September 1866.
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Inam Title

Submitting with remarks letter from Collector of Godavery district reporting how far the Inam Commissioner's analysis, of the number of Inam cases remaining to be settled is correct.

No 2823. 18 Octr
With order

No 1,394 to 1.0.