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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 443. Read the following letter from the Officiating Inám Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 25th September 1866, No. 70:—

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 16th June 1866, No. 1,472, I have the honor to make the following report on the amount of the work remaining to be done in my own Office and in the Districts.

	In the Districts on account of the non-attendance of the holders.	In the Central Office pending further information.
	Cases.	Cases.
Balance on hand on the 1st May 1866	3,392	1,595
Since settled... ...	263	448
Remainder ...	3,129	1,147

2. The marginal statement shews the number of cases left unsettled on the 1st May 1866, the date of my last report, and those since settled. The statement, however, does not include the special tenures of the Godavery and Kistna Districts, on the subject of which I had the honor of separately addressing* the Government.

* Commissioner's letter, dated 18th September 1866, No. 67.

3. Besides these, there are also the cases of Dittum and Ivu Ináms in Tinnevelly, and the Hissa Shrotriems of Salem, which have all been settled by this Department, but for which title deeds have not been issued pending the allotment of lands in lieu of the ready money deductions hitherto made in favor of the Inámdars. The assignment of lands cannot take place in Tinnevelly till the completion of the Survey and Settlement; and in Salem the question has been lately raised whether the allotment of lands in that District also should not be deferred till the ensuing Survey and Settlement. I have addressed the Collector on the subject, and shall shortly submit the matter for the orders of Government.

Order of Government, dated 17th August 1866, No. 2,113, Revenue Department.

4. No title deeds have been as yet issued to the holders of Grama Manyems in the District of Madras, pending certain information called for from the Talooks, but the work is mainly of a clerical character.

5. The Government will observe that Registers for the unsettled cases in the Districts are not coming in rapidly from the Collectors, and, as already stated in my previous letter, dated 1st May 1866, it is my impression that most of these unsettled Ináms are unclaimed, and have to be simply fully assessed at the expiration of the period of one year, which will occur towards the end of the current official year.

	Petitions.	Records.
Outstanding on the 21st November 1865 ...	3,100	834
Since received up to 15th September 1866 ...	3,584	1,657
	6,684	2,491
Settled up to 15th September 1866 ...	5,447	1,872
Remainder ...	1,237	619

6. I have disposed of a large number of petitions and records. The number outstanding on the 21st November 1865, the date of my last report on this subject, and that since received and settled, is shewn in the margin. The addition to the file of Petitions has been exceedingly large, owing to the notification published limiting the time for appeal.

7. The number of petitions and records which still remains to be disposed of is not very large, but I must not omit to mention that there are still eight hundred records or replies due from the several Talooks of the Presidency, on account of the various references made to the Tahsildars on appeals presented by the Inámdars.

8. The amount of correspondence with the Collectors, Board, and Government, has considerably increased during this year. The number of letters received and sent from the 1st January up to the 20th September of this year is 1,948,* while the number received and sent during the same period in the preceding year amounted only to 1,300, or, in other words, the correspondence may be said to have increased by one-half. However insignificant the subject of many of these communications may be, each of them involves a reference to the Register of the particular case or village to which it relates, and a good deal of past correspondence has to be gone through in every case. Thus no small portion of my own time, and that of my Special Assistant was occupied in the correspondence branch of the work.

Received	...	1,116
Sent	...	832
	*	1,948

9. The unusual accession to this branch of the work is what I had no means of foreseeing, and I am now inclined to believe that so long as the Collectors are not furnished with the fair copies of the English Registers, which alone contain the requisite information in each case, the correspondence must continue to be at least as heavy as it has been within the last six months.

10. I have despatched to all the Districts the lists of Ináms fully assessed during the whole period of the Inám Commission, and also of those Ináms confirmed for one or two lives or on present tenure, the holders not having agreed to enfranchise. The latter class of Ináms have to be investigated by the District authorities on every case of lapse, and though I have furnished them with lists of these Ináms with a view of specially drawing their attention to them from out of the mass of Ináms settled by this Department, the lists are still necessarily wanting in some of those details which can only be obtained by a reference to the Registers, which cannot be forwarded to the Collectors till their examination is completed. So long, therefore, as the Registers are not sent to the Collectors, reference to this Office regarding these cases in almost every case of lapse, is inevitable.

11. I have no doubt that the fair copying of the Registers will be completed before the end of the official year, as I had anticipated in my letter to Government, dated 30th May 1866† but I must repeat my apprehension or rather my belief that the establishment of Examiners will have to be retained even after the end of current official year. I have personally paid great attention to this branch of the work, but it was impossible to accomplish more than what has been done. The time of some of the Examiners was wholly occupied in other miscellaneous but more important and emergent work, such as examining the lists of fully assessed and unenfranchised Ináms, compiling the important correspondence relating to the settlement of each District for eventual publication, &c.

† G. O. dated 20th June 1866, No. 1,506.

12. Under these circumstances, and with my present knowledge of the nature and quantity of the work performed in the Office of the Board, I do not think it would be possible for them to undertake the work of this Office at its present stage, or indeed at any time previous to the despatch of all the Registers to the Collectors, which, as I have explained above, can only take place in the course of the next official year.

13. I have, therefore, the honor to request the orders of Government regarding the continuance of the Commission, as a separate body, till the end of the current official year. In the Budget there is provision for the whole establishment excepting for myself and my Assistant, and Deputy Collector T. Krishna Rau and Parthasaradhi Aiyangar and their establishments. The additional amount required for the continuance of the Commission, with its full strength, for the whole period of the official year amounts to Rupees 5,992,* which can be met from the undrawn† portion of my pay.

	Rs.
For Commissioner for six months, at Rupees 166-10-8 per mensem ...	1,000
T. Krishna Rau and his establishment for do., at Rupees 466 per do. ...	2,796
C. Parthasaradhi Aiyangar and his establishment for do., at Rupees 366 per do.	2,196
	* 5,992

† G. O. dated 20th June 1865, No. 1,507.
Do. 3rd August 1866, No. 1,940, Revenue Department.

14. Should the Government, in consideration of the circumstances above set forth, consider it advisable that the work of the Commission should, as heretofore, be performed by a distinct agency, till all the Collectors are furnished with fair copies of the Inám Registers, I purpose to frame my Budget for the next year accordingly.

No. 444. ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1866, No. 2,825.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government have no alternative but to sanction the retention of the Inám Establishment until the end of the official year.

2. The Accountant General has shewn that the additional charges cannot be set off against the savings in the Officiating Commissioner's salary. The Government of India will be again addressed on the subject of the additional grant required during the current year as soon as the Commissioner's reply to G. O. No. 2,824, of this days date is received.

3. With regard to the Budget for 1867-68, the Commissioner is directed to submit, after careful consideration, proposals for an establishment which will be adequate to complete the work of the Department, but which will not cost the State more than is really necessary.

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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With regard to the Budget for

Pro. 12th May 66 N. 219 & 20
16. June — 366-7
20 — — 439 & 442
3 Aug — 57-58
17 — — 1315-2

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Pro of Govt for Oct.
No. 3314.

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From
The Offg Insm Commissioner
To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

Dated 25th September 1866
Recd 25th do —

No. 1470.

Submits the report called for in the Order of Government dated 15th June 1866, No. 1472, on the amount of work remaining to be done both in his own Office and in the Districts as regards the Cases transferred to the Collectors for enquiry.

No. 2855-18 Oct 66

W. Kennedy

No. 4443-4444

Recd 18th Octr 66.