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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28*th November* 1866

No. 685. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th November 1866, No. 8,177 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 6th October 1866, No. 2,685, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding to Board for report, after consultation with Inám Commissioner, letter from Collector of Malabar, regarding quit-rent on Garden Ináms.

1. The Board have discussed the subject with the Inám Commissioner, and concur in his view, already approved by Government, that the Inám Settlement in Malabar had better be carried out at once on a permanent footing, than left an open question so far as the Garden Ináms are concerned for an indefinite time, pending the introduction of a survey, and the revision of the garden assessment.

2. It is probable, as Mr. Ballard observes, that when such revision takes place, the existing tree toll system will be abandoned in favor of an assessment on the land, and that this change may, in many instances, lead to a reduction of taxation ; but it is observed from Mr. Blair's letter in Government Order, dated 1st August 1866, No. 1,913, Revenue Department, that the average of the full tree toll charge on the acreage of the Garden Ináms would be only Rupees 3-0-6 per acre, and it is evident that the additional quit-rent for enfranchisement calculated on this average cannot be excessive, and that the average would not be materially affected by any change in the system of assessment on gardens.

3. Mr. Blair suggested that a discretion might be left to the Collector to revise the existing assessment calculated from the tree toll distributed on the area, where manifestly excessive; but the Board do not think it can be necessary to exercise this discretion in more than the small extent, (something under five acres), which would be now charged at the rate of from Rupees 11 to Rupees 24 per acre, if paying full tree toll. For the rest a permanent settlement at the existing rates appears to the Board very preferable to the adoption of any course which would leave these Ináms unsettled for an indefinite time.

4. It will be easy at any time hereafter to reduce the rate, should it be deemed necessary, when the survey and revision take place. The Board learn from the Inám Commissioner that all the Title Deeds have been prepared in accordance with the Government Order of 1st August last, and most of them sent to the Collector.

No. 686. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1866, No. 3,250.

Land Revenue.

The Government agree with the Board of Revenue and the Inám Commissioner. The extent of Inám garden is so small, that it is not worth while to depart from one of the leading principles of the Inám Settlement.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Concurring with Inam Commissioner in considering it preferable to carry out Inam Settlement in Malabar at once on a permanent footing, than to leave it an open question, so far as Garden Inams are concerned, for an indefinite time.

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