

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.**Government of Madras.***Revenue* **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st September 1867.*

No. 358. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 18th September 1867, No. 227 :—

1. Lieutenant Walker to Captain Beddome, No. 9, dated 29th April 1867.
2. Conservator to Inam Commissioner, No. 18.
3. Inam Commissioner to Conservator, No. 555, dated 11th June 1867.
4. Conservator to Lieutenant Walker, No. 161, dated 19th August 1867.
5. Lieutenant Walker to Conservator, No. 99, dated 30th August 1867.

• Sandal and Acha trees in large numbers.

1. I beg to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the correspondence noted in the margin, relating to the operations of the Inam Commission in the Denkinotta talook of the Salem District.

2. It appears that the value of the timber* and forest produce has not been taken into account in the settlement of the Trishvegum or Hissa Shrotriem lands of that Sub-division.

3. The Officiating Inam Commissioner proposes to increase the quit-rent (paragraph 4 of his letter), but this does not meet the question in regard to Forest Conservancy, nor will it in any manner make good the loss sustained by the Government.

4. Mr. Walker correctly states that there are many thousands of young Sandal trees in these lands, which for some years have been carefully tended and cleared of creepers by the Forest Department, the ripe timber having been removed the value of the young trees is now small, but ten years hence it cannot be estimated at less than one rupee per tree.

5. The history of the Inams and Hissa Shrotriems in this Sub-division of the Buramahal is given in Buchanan's Journey through Mysore, &c., (Volume III, page 453,) 1807. "A few free estates (Inams) have been granted to those who have built forts and undertaken to keep them in repair." In other cases "one-fourth part of the lands watered by a tank was given to the person who constructed the reservoir on condition of keeping the tank in repair," so that in fact the Hissa was one-fourth share, and the holder laid no claim to the Acha or Sandalwood trees.

6. Apart from the money value of the timber, the conservancy of the Government forests is rendered almost impossible from the dovetailing of the adjoining portions.

7. As no account of the timber was taken before the villages were enfranchised, perhaps the old system may be allowed to continue, which permitted the Government contractors to fell Sandalwood in Trishvaja Agraharums (*vide* the Sandalwood lease, published in Proceedings of Government, dated August 5th, 1867). This course is suggested in the 5th and 6th paragraphs of Lieutenant Walker's letter, and, if feasible, would solve some of the difficulties as regards this department.

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No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1867, No. 2,215.

Forests, No. 8.

Referred to the Inam Commissioner for full report as to the former and present position of the Hissa Shrotriendars in the Salem District, especially with reference to rights over jungle tracts.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inam Commissioner.
.. the Conservator of Forests.
.. the Revenue Board.

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