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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Read the following :—

No. 184. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th February 1868, No. 1,356.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Circuit Cutcherry at Gudewada, in Gudewada Talook, 20th January 1868, No. 39.

1. Referring to Board's endorsement, No. 38, dated 4th current, on Proceedings of Government, No. 2,818, dated 27th November last, I have the honor to submit a statement shewing the basis and rates of quit-rent adopted by the Inam Commissioner in the settlement of the Colair lake Pagoda Inams, side by side with the revised rates of assessment of the Settlement Department and quit-rent calculated thereon. In the new Settlement accounts, it will be observed that water-rate is calculated at the rate of two-thirds in the case of Pullavada on account of imperfect irrigation, and of three-fourths in all others on account of irrigation by picottahs. These Inams are, however, enfranchised as usual *wet*, and are, therefore, so long as they are Inams not subject to water-rate. The Settlement rates for the Inam in Pullavada are Rupees $1\frac{1}{2}$ and Rupee 1, or say, on the average Rupees $1\frac{1}{4}$. For all the rest the rate is Rupee 1 ; the average of the rates on which the quit-rent, as hitherto determined, was fixed is Rupees $2\frac{5}{8}$. In the first of the Inams there has been found by survey an increase of Acres 6-60 : of this, ten per cent. is under Standing orders allowed, and the remainder is subject to assessment in full ; the Inam being demarcated and surveyed as a single number, the holder could not, under ordinary rules, be permitted to relinquish the excess : calculating the quit-rent to be assessed on this and the other Inams, in the second of which there is a slight increase, and in the others slight decreases, on survey areas without regard to those hitherto recorded, which are often very inaccurate, and enfranchising the *holdings* on their true areas with quit-rents based on Settlement rates, the following results are obtained :—

Village.	Pagoda.	Survey area of Inam.	Settlement assessment (dry).	Quit-rent at ¼ Rupee, say.
1. Pullavada	Rajamowleswara Swamy	23 11	26 15 0	6 12 0
2. Wuremedylunka.	Do.	17 67	17 11 0	4 8 0
3. Dayempaud ...	Ramaswara Swamyvar...	16 66	16 11 0	4 0 0
4. Do.	Ramalingaswara Swamyvar ...	15 79	15 12 0	4 0 0
5. Potilunka	Amurteswara Swamyvar	7 25	7 4 0	1 12 0
		80 48	84 1 0	21 0 0

which, compared with the full assessment of the lands by the settlement, is very trifling. The areas represented by these quit-rents are,

	A.	C.	
1	5	80	nearly.
2	4	20	,,
3	4	0	,,
4	4	0	,,
5	1	75	,,
	20	5	

which being deducted, the survey areas of the respective Inams are,

		A.	C.
1	... ...	17	31
2	... ...	13	17
3	... ...	12	66
4	... ...	11	79
5	... ...	5	50
		60	43

and the question for determination is whether the former series of results enfranchising the *holdings* as they stand on quit-rents, or the latter shewing the areas to be absolutely enfranchised without any reservation on the part of Government is to be adopted. For the former it may be urged that the holdings have been surveyed; that it would be inexpedient to alter the holdings as already demarcated; that the quit-rents proposed are extremely moderate and trifling in amount when compared with the full survey assessment; and that if the alternative proposal is adopted in this case, it should be applied to all other Inams in the Colair: for the latter it may be said that except in the case of Inams no detail demarcation or survey of lands in the Colair islands was attempted or deemed advisable; that there are no Government lands in them held as permanent holdings, the holdings such as they are, being yearly created as the waters recede; and that there being no demand from the ryot of Government, except for what he, in any year, may cultivate, it is unreasonable to *fix* on Inams which are subject to the same contingency of submersion as the lands of Government, which, whenever that contingency happens, are exempt from assessment, a quit-rent that *must* be paid whether the lands are submerged or not. I have had some difficulty in determining which was the preferable course; but on the whole I am inclined to adopt the former for the following reasons:—

(1.) The holdings have been already demarcated and surveyed.

(2.) The adoption of the alternative course would involve, (1) new demarcation and survey; this would not be difficult, but the maps are finished; and (2) its application to all Inams in the islands subject to the same contingency of submersion.

(3.) The area resumed in redemption of quit-rent would be that portion, the contingency of whose submersion was almost a certainty; its nominal value would not, therefore, really represent the quit-rent it professed to redeem.

Forwarded to the Inam Commissioner for his remarks, with reference to the Order of Government, dated 27th November 1867, No. 2, 818.

No. 185. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th May 1868, No. 3,564.

Read again letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, dated 20th January 1868, No. 39.

Read also the following letter from the Officiating Inam Commissioner, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 20th March 1868, No. 8.

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th February 1868, No. 1,356, I have the honor to state that, under the circumstances explained by Mr. Wilson, I agree with him in thinking that it is desirable to confirm the Inams therein referred to, on the quit-rents calculated by him with reference to the Settlement assessment. By this arrangement, the Inamdars will have the benefit of a moderate quit-rent calculated on *dry* rates of assessment on land confirmed as *wet*, as a set off against the liability of the lands to submersion. The quit-rents already charged will be reduced by more than half.

2. I also see no objection to the excess in case No. 1 being disregarded, and to the extent according to the survey area being recognised as Inam.

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1. Resolved that the foregoing correspondence be submitted for the information of Government with reference to their Order, dated 27th November 1867, No. 2,818.

2. The Board consider that the rate of quit-rent proposed by the Collector, and calculated according to the special rate of assessment for lands in Colair lake, will afford the necessary relief, based as it is on dry rates, though the Inams will be confirmed as wet.

3. The Inam Commissioner will be requested to give effect to the Order of Government of November 27th, 1867, No. 2,818, by the revision of the quit-rent as proposed, and the issue of fresh certificates to the Inamdars.

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 8th June 1868, No. 1,596.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 14th May 1868.
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No. 3,564.

Submitting correspondence from Collector of Kistna district and Inam Commissioner, regarding rate of quit rent proposed and calculated according to special rate of assessment for land in Kolair Lake, and requesting Inam Commissioner to give effect to the Order of Government of November 27th, 1867.

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