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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th November 1868.

No. 171. Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, (Home Department—Legislative,) to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Simla, 30th October 1868, No. 434 :—

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,532, dated the 2nd instant, with its enclosure, containing the opinion of the Advocate General at Madras as to the invalidity of the Inam Title Deeds, and the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council as to the course to be adopted.

2. In reply, I am to observe that, although there is much to be said in favor of the view of the subject which is held by Mr. Norton, still the Government of India is advised that the question turns upon a certain peculiarity of expression in the provisions of Statute 22 and 23 Vic. Cap. 41, and that a different construction, from that which the learned Advocate General deems to be the proper one, may possibly be placed on those provisions.

3. Under this view, and looking to the distrust and suspicion which the reissue of the Title Deeds in a new and altered form would undoubtedly occasion in the minds of the vast number of persons—probably between one and two millions—whose interests are affected by the 400,000 documents already issued, the Government of India are clearly of opinion that the question of the validity or otherwise of these instruments, as tested by the Act of Parliament quoted, should be referred for the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown in England. The papers on the subject will accordingly be forwarded to the Secretary of State, with a recommendation to this effect.

4. I am to add that no further steps will be taken in respect of the Inam Title Deeds Bill, which has already been passed by the Madras Legislature, and referred for the assent of the Governor General ; but it is requested that all action may be suspended by the Government of Madras, as to the reissue of the Title Deeds, till the reply of the Secretary of State has been received.

No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1868, No. 2,829.

Land Revenue.

Communicated to the Inam Commissioner for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Inam Commissioner.
,, the Advocate General.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Legislative Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE.

To

THE INAM COMMISSIONER,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 11*th*.

Recd. Do.

G. O., 11*th November* 1868, *No.* 2,829.

From Govt. to the Commissr of Inam &c
Enclosing Law Dept. Memo. dated 7th Novr
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Inam Title Deeds.—Letter from Government of India, intimating that the question of their validity will be referred for the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown in England, and requesting that their re-issue may be suspended, pending a reply from the Secretary of State, communicated to Inam Commissioner.

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