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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31h January 1868.*

Read the following:—

No. 113. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th October 1867,
No. 6,395.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Inam Commissioner, to the Secretary
to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 22nd June 1867, No. 12.

I have the honor to submit to the
From the Collector of the Godavery District, Board of Revenue, for such observations
dated 10th April 1867, No. 18. as they may have to offer, the corre-
To do., dated 20th June 1867, No. 608. spondence noted in the margin, on the
subject of the treatment of excesses in Inams in certain classes of cases.

From the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Officiating Inam Commissioner, dated Cocanada,
10th April 1867, No. 18.

1. Referring to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, noted in the margin, I have the
honor to submit, herewith, a statement for the
Dated 13th February 1866, No. 1,016. Talook of Ramachendrapur, shewing the mode
Do. 26th March " " 2,123. in which the additional quit-rent has been

charged in conformity with the instructions contained in the Board's Standing Circular No. LX.,
dated 13th September 1865, and with the form of account which accompanied it. From this, it
will be observed, that the area in acres entered in Column 5 as equivalent to that in the Title
Deeds does not correspond exactly with the area in acres converted from the registered native
local measure in Column 4 at the customary local rate of the village, as shewn in Columns 13, 14,
and 15 of the statement. The real cause of the difference is, as you are aware, unknown in the
absence of your Registers.

2. I hear that in the Title Deeds acres were inserted, not only by converting the local native
measure entered in the village account, but by measurement of lands, as well as with reference
to the entries in some old documents, &c., in the possession of Inamdars.

For instance, I beg to point out a case No. 1 in the statement. In the names of Akkina
Seshamma and Subbamma, in Vedurapaka, the registered extent according to the native local
measure is P. 3, T. 5. The rate of conversion into acres in that village is 8 acres to a putti; 26
acres are accordingly equal to P. 3, T. 5; but 29 acres are entered in the Title Deed. I under-
stand that the Inam was measured under the order of the Inam Deputy Collector, and having been
found to be 29 acres, it was so entered in the Title Deed, charging quit-rent for 26 acres at one-
eighth of the assessment, and for 3 acres at one-half. The Inam is A. 33, C. 65 by regular survey.
There are numerous cases of this kind throughout the district.

3. According to paragraph 3 of the Board's Standing Circular above quoted, and headings
of the form of account therewith received, it appears that in Column 7 equivalent in acres of local
native measure on average of village as found by survey should be entered. The area according
to native local measure is what is entered in Column 4. In Column 8, true equivalent in acres of
area in Column 4, plus ten per cent. should be entered. Survey area is entered in Column 9, and
any excess in Column 9 over Column 8 should be assessed. By this calculation I see that the area
in Column 5 as entered in the Title Deed is not to be taken into consideration. I therefore request
your opinion as to how I am to deal with such cases.

4. I think that it would be fair, in order to avoid confusion, that the acres inserted in the Title
Deeds, whatever they may be, should be converted into local native measure at the customary local
rate prevailing in the village, and that that measure should be put in Column 4 of the statement,
and computation made accordingly in the subsequent columns as laid down by the Board. If you
agree with me in the above view, I trust that the matter will be laid before the Board for their
consideration and orders with reference to their Standing Circular No. LX.

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5. I am also doubtful in the following point, and request your opinion. A Title Deed is issued in a village for 8 acres of Inam equal to a putti according to customary local rate. It is found by survey to be 16 acres. Agreeably to the provisions of the Standing Circular* the

* No. LX., dated 13th September 1865.

excess should be charged after allowing the Inamdar the average excess of the village as found by survey and ten per cent. The average rate of the village by survey is 5 acres to a putti, which plus ten per cent. being 5.50 is put in Column 8, as true equivalent in acres to the local native measure in Column 4, and the excess of Column 9, viz., 16 acres over Column 8, viz., A. 5, C. 50, being A. 10, C. 50, is fully assessed. By this calculation the Inamdar is assessed for a portion of what is entered in the Title Deed, while for a similar case in another village in which the average rate of the village by survey is A. 20 to a putti, the Inamdar is free from any charge. Although it is so by the mode of calculation agreeably to the Board's form of the account, I think it is the intention of the Board, as expressed in paragraph 1 of their Standing Circular, that any excess beyond that area entered in the Title Deed should be assessed with additional quit-rent, and I, therefore, beg to suggest that the headings of certain columns of the form should be altered to this effect. Should you concur with me in this opinion, I request that you will bring this to the consideration of the Board.

From the Officiating Inam Commissioner, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Madras,
20th June 1867, No. 608.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 10th April 1867, No. 18.

2. In carrying out the Inam Settlement in your district, a larger extent of land than that entered in the present accounts was, in several cases, confirmed and inserted in the Title Deeds, with reference either to the grants or other documents produced, or to the entries in the earlier accounts. In all such cases there is no objection to your converting the acres entered in the Title Deeds into native land measure at the customary rate of conversion for the purpose of calculating the charge on excess, as proposed by you in paragraph 4 of your letter under reply.

3. In some cases, however, a larger extent was confirmed with reference to the results of measurements made occasionally in individual cases. In these cases the excesses, so far as they were known, were confirmed under the then rules on half assessment, and I do not think that this settlement can now be disturbed, whatever may be the rate of quit-rent chargeable on excesses under the present rules.

However, as these lands, which were confirmed on half assessment, were in their origin excesses, and not Inams, they cannot be treated as part of the original Inams, for the purpose of calculating the allowable extent of excess under the rules sanctioned by the Secretary of State. I am, therefore, of opinion that, in calculating the charge for the excess brought out by the new Survey over and above the extent confirmed in the Title Deeds, the allowance prescribed under the rules should have reference to the extent of the Inam as entered in the accounts, and not to the extent entered in the Title Deeds.

4. I am aware that, in the absence of the English Registers, it will not be possible for you to distinguish the excesses confirmed with reference to the grants from those discovered on measurement and confirmed subject to a charge under the then rules. Neither is the form of the statement prescribed by the Board adapted for the entry of the latter class of cases.

5. I would, therefore, suggest your sending to me all such Title Deeds as contain a larger extent than that recorded in the accounts with the necessary information embodied in a statement in the same form as that which accompanied your letter under reply. I will then dispose of the excesses according to the circumstances of each case, and return to you the Title Deeds duly revised.

6. In the statement sent with your letter you have entered some cases in which the extent inserted in the Title Deed is equal to, or in excess of, that brought out by the Survey. Such cases need not be forwarded to this Office, as there is no charge to be made for them. It would, perhaps, be well, however, to enter the correct extent in the Title Deed simply for record.

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7. With regard to the question raised in the last paragraph of your letter, I have to observe that, where the Survey rate of conversion of native local measure into acres may be less than the customary rate, the excess discovered by the Survey, minus only ten per cent., has to be charged for. Certainly, no charge can be made on any portion of the extent already inserted in the Title Deeds. In such cases I would repeat in Column 7 of the statement the extent shewn in Column 4, rather than open new columns for the sake of a few exceptional cases.

8. A Memorandum is appended shewing what has to be done in the particular cases referred to by you in the Ramachendrapur Talook.

9. I take this opportunity of observing that, in order to render the English Registers complete, I think it is absolutely necessary to enter in them the extent and assessment of each Inam according to the Survey, with the additional amount of quit-rent charged by you on account of excess. To enable me to do this, I request that, as you complete each talook, a copy of the statement, kept under the order of the Board, may be forwarded to this Office, in view to the entry of the necessary particulars in the English Registers.

10. I shall forward a copy of this letter to the Board for such remarks as they may think fit to offer, and shall communicate the same to you in due course.

11. The statement received with the letter under reply is herewith returned.

1. In their Standing Order No. 173, the Board have laid down the principles on which any excess found on survey in minor Inams settled by the Inam Commission is to be assessed. In this order the Inamdar is given the benefit of any excess in the rate of conversion of the native measurements into acres which may be found to be due to him, as this rate is determined for each village by the Survey Department, and he is also allowed ten per cent. for original errors of measurement. Mr. Fraser in his letter to the Inam Commissioner recorded above, points out that the orders issued are not applicable to certain Inams in his district, which were allowed a certain excess discovered on measurement by the Inam Department, and were charged half assessment for it. As it now appears, on a scientific survey, that the entry in the Title Deeds is incorrectly given, Mr. Blair has properly requested Mr. Fraser to return the Title Deeds for revision in such cases, and not to enter them in the Register forwarded by the Board with the Order adverted to above.

2. In the same letter Mr. Fraser requests instructions as to another class of cases, viz., those in which the proper rate of conversion of the local measures into acres is found to be below instead of above, the rate hitherto adopted. He explains that, if such cases are dealt with in the manner proposed in the Board's Order, it would result in the Inamdar being charged for some of the acres entered in his Title Deed, inasmuch as this extent was entered in the document with reference to the old rate of conversion of local measure into acres. Mr. Blair justly observes that no extra charge can possibly be made for any land entered in the Inam Title Deed, and that it is only the excess beyond that extent which can be charged for under any circumstances.

3. He proposes to obviate the difficulty raised by Mr. Fraser, by repeating in Column 7 of the statement, forwarded with the Board's orders noticed above, the same figures as are entered in Column 4. The Board observe, however, that the entry in Column 7 would not then correspond with the heading of that column, and rather than sanction incorrect entries of the description proposed, however conducive to convenience, they would require a separate Register to be kept of all cases of the nature under notice. The Collector would then have one Register containing the excess charged on minor Inams in all those villages in which the correct rate of conversion of the local measure into acres was either equal to, or in excess of the rate hitherto in force, in the form already prescribed, and he would have another Register in the form annexed, containing the Inams in those villages in which the old rate of conversion was found to be in excess of the correct rate. These two Registers should be bound up in one volume for each talook.

4. The Inam Commissioner is requested to favor the Board with his opinion on this proposal.

Register of excess charged in minor Inams where the village rate of converting local measures into acres is found on actual survey to be too high.

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No. 114. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th November 1867,
No. 7,372.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th instant, No. 6,395, I have the honor to state that I see no objection to the Board's proposal to open a separate Register for the class of Inams, referred to in paragraph 7 of my letter to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated 20th June 1867, No. 608.

No. 115. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1868, No. 58.

The Government see no objection to the arrangement proposed by the Board, and sanction its adoption.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
 „ the Inam Commissioner.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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For in
 C. O. No 7,372.

Requesting that course proposed in Board's
 Proceedings dated 7th October 1867 No 6395
 relative to treatment of excess found on survey
 in minor Inams may be sanctioned for general
 adoption in cases where the old rate of conver-
 sion into acres of the local measure in which
 Inam lands are entered in the Registers is found
 to have been too high.

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