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11th September 1869.

No. 190. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1869, No. 9,268. —

Read the following letter from W. T. BLAIR, Esq., Officiating Inam Commissioner, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 23rd June 1869, No. 2.

I have the honour to make the following report with reference to the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 28th April 1869, No. 148, and the memorandum from the Board of Revenue, dated 14th May 1869.

Districts	Number of cases	2. The number of Inams remaining unsettled in each district up to date is shown in the margin.
Godavery	1,165	
Kistna	177	
Madras	1,991	
Ganjam	29	
Vizagapatnam	39	
Nellore	35	
North Arcot	107	
South Arcot	9	
Tirunelveli	40	
Tanjore	12	
Madras	2	
Tinnevely	33	
Karnool	28	
Bellary	60	
Salem	8	
Coimbatore	18	
Total	4,355	

3. For the first three districts two Deputy Collectors are employed in the investigation of Inams: one for the district of Madras, and another for the districts of Godavery and Kistna. Considering that the cases remaining to be settled in these districts are scattered in small numbers over a large extent of country, and that the Deputy Collectors have besides much miscellaneous work to perform in the way of answering references, for further information regarding cases forwarded to this office for confirmation, completing the registers of the Village Service Inams, and winding up their work, I am of opinion that the settlement of the Inams cannot be closed earlier than June 1870 in the district of Godavery and Kistna, and March 1870 in the district of Madras. More work has been discovered in the Kistna District than was reported to exist at the date of my last Budget Report, and the Deputy Collector employed in the Godavery District was lately obliged to take three months' leave in consequence of sickness, and owing to these two causes my expectation of completing the work in these districts by the end of the current official year has been disappointed.

4. As the other districts noted in the margin of the preceding paragraph, the cases have for the most part, been already surveyed, but their final settlement is deferred, pending the receipt of further information which has been called for from the Collectors and Tahsildars. The time of their settlement is not fully ascertained, but it is probable that more than half of the information is in hand in all these cases. I must, however, state more than half of the matter will be disposed of in the course of the present official year.

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5. Besides the cases above referred to I have found, on reviewing the Service Registers, that there are about 800 cases of Inams as shown in the margin, held for the alleged obligation of rendering certain honorary or nominal services, such as teaching and studying the Vedas, churning butter, collecting medicinal drugs, cutting grass, etc., and I have placed myself in communication with the Collectors of the several districts in view to determining whether these Inams can be enumerated as has been done elsewhere. In some of these cases the registers contain no information whatever as to the nature of the service for which the Inam has been held, but I have no doubt that a long and careful investigation will be required to ascertain the exact nature of the service for which the Inam has been held. The collection of these cases can be completed within the current official year, if the Collectors are able to furnish the necessary information for each case. The Collectors of North Arcot, however, have already informed me with reference to the Inams in their district that they are unable to furnish the necessary information for each case, and that they are unable to furnish the necessary information for each case, and that they are unable to furnish the necessary information for each case.

District	Number of cases
North Arcot	100
South Arcot	100
Chingleput	200
Nellore	100
Tamil Nadu	100
Madras	100
Collector	100

Total 775

6. The fair copying and examination work will be finished this year for cases received before October next; but cases received after that date will have to lie over for the following year.

7. The correspondence work will remain heavy so long as the Commission lasts. The fair registers cannot be forwarded to the Collectors until all the appeal work is closed and the remarks then made are transcribed on the fair registers; and until the fair registers are forwarded to the Collectors, correspondence with Collectors and Tahsildars must continue. The marginal statement exhibits the amount of correspondence carried on during the last six months.

8. Having now given the Board a full account of the work that remains to be done, both in the Central Office and in the districts, I have only to add that after the completion of the out-door work (and that, I have shown, cannot be brought to a close earlier than August 1870) I shall require four or five months to enable me to wind up the work and prepare my final report.

9. Should the Board, after considering what I have written, come to the conclusion that the remaining work of the Inam Commission can be undertaken by them and the Collectors from the commencement of the next official year, I request that their decision to that effect may be communicated to me at an early date. It is impossible for me to wind up the work of the Commission while out-door work is going on, and in the event of its being decided to discontinue the Commission and separate department at the end of the present official year, it will be necessary for me to direct the Deputy Collectors employed in the districts to close their work at the end of October next, leaving all such Inams as are unsettled at that date to be disposed of by the Collectors. In that case, there will be about 1,000 cases left in the districts, which will have to be finally disposed of by the Board of Revenue. There will besides be about 500 appeal records and some appeal petitions to be gone through, and some establishment will continue to be maintained for copying and examining the registers that may be received during next year.

10. The fair registers cannot be forwarded to the Collectors until all the appeal work is closed and the remarks then made are transcribed on the fair registers; and until the fair registers are forwarded to the Collectors, correspondence with Collectors and Tahsildars must continue. The marginal statement exhibits the amount of correspondence carried on during the last six months.

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8. With the exception of the review of a few cases and appeal records that may reach me towards the close of the year, I hope to be able to get through all, or very nearly all, the work alluded to in the preceding paragraph during the current official year; but there will still remain some work to be performed during the succeeding official year. There are now about 900 replies due from the talooks to references made from this office, and of these, I do not calculate on receiving more than 300 within this year. Possibly I may receive a hundred more, but that would still leave 500 to be disposed of next year. Moreover, petitions will continue to come in for some time after the out-door work is completed.

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	Number
English letters sent	301
Do. received	331
Vernacular orders sent	864
Do. Arzies received	272

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12. Should the Board, after considering what I have written, come to the conclusion that the remaining work of the Inam Commission can be undertaken by them and the Collectors from the commencement of the next official year, I request that their decision to that effect may be communicated to me at an early date. It is impossible for me to wind up the work of the Commission while out-door work is going on, and in the event of its being decided to discontinue the Commission and separate department at the end of the present official year, it will be necessary for me to direct the Deputy Collectors employed in the districts to close their work at the end of October next, leaving all such Inams as are unsettled at that date to be disposed of by the Collectors. In that case, there will be about 1,000 cases left in the districts, which will have to be finally disposed of by the Board of Revenue. There will besides be about 500 appeal records and some appeal petitions to be gone through, and some establishment will continue to be maintained for copying and examining the registers that may be received during next year.

Submitted for the consideration of Government, with reference to paragraph 1, Government Order, 24th April 1869, No. 145.

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2. Mr. Blair reports that he cannot wind up the work of the Inam Commission before December 1870 or January 1871, and if it is taken out of his hands and transferred to the Board, there can be no doubt that it will remain unfinished for a much longer time.

3. The Board have carefully considered Mr. Blair's statement, showing the work still to be disposed of in the provinces and in his office, and do not hesitate to recommend that Government will retain the Commission on its present footing till the work is complete.

4. There are still 4,300 cases to be disposed of in the three districts in which Inam Deputy Collectors are employed, and 400 in other districts. About 800 more cases have lately come to light, which will require special investigation. Hence, there is still much work which will require an out-door establishment for some time to come.

5. In the office there are large arrears still undisposed of, and the out-door establishment would have to be maintained even if the out-door establishment were dismissed, its heavy arrears handed over to Collectors, and the general supervision undertaken by the Board.

6. As already the Board are strongly inclined to repeat the opinion expressed in paragraph 4 to 6 of their Proceedings of the 22nd December 1868, although much progress has been made by the Inam Commission since that date, its labours are still far from finished. It is still most desirable that the Commissioner, a specially qualified and experienced officer, should complete his work, carrying out to the last the principles and precedents of which he alone has a practical knowledge, and it is still impossible for the Board to undertake the duties without possessing sufficiently the aid to his work which, under existing conditions, would be necessary.

7. The Board do not believe that the retention of the services of the Inam Commissioner will involve a greater expenditure than would be necessary if he were to be dismissed with effect at the end of the official year, because of the great amount of arrears which would have to be maintained if the Commissioner were dismissed. However, the expense would be greater, and the delay to the work would be considerable, should it be decided to dismiss him at the end of the year, and the work which would be left to the Board would be very large.

8. The Board are of opinion that the retention of the Inam Commissioner is the best course to pursue.

Resolved—

That the Inam Commission be continued as a separate department.

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during the official year 1870-71. The Inam Commissioner and the Board will, however, distinctly understand that it is the earnest desire of Government that the Commission should be brought to a close on the 31st March 1871 at latest.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Officiating Inam Commissioner.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Financial Department.

Exd. E. R. Bantleman.

N 2562 R.D.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 11th Sept 1909.

Read the following Pro:
of the Pro: of R.D.:-
H.C. 21st Aug 1909 N 6268.

Under the circumstances
represented by the Board
of Revenue in the foregoing
Pro: it will be absolutely
necessary to retain the
Main Commission as a
separate Dept during
the special year 1910-11.

The Main Com: and the
Board ^{with} ~~without~~ however dis-
tinctly understand that
the Commission ^{should} ~~must~~ be
brought to close in the 31st
March 1911 at latest.

W.D.

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I think the order in this for
determination is not with all
to carry it out.

It is the earnest desire of
govt. that the

The R.D. this Mr. W. Robinson,
been directed to superintend
with Mr. Blair's work & see
what he has really been doing.
Has any thing been done in
that order? It ought to have
been answered before this.
& Sept 1909 W.D.

14 Files of R.D. 13
15 - Main Commission
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17 - 1910-11