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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following letters :—

No. 77. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., C.S.I., Second Member of the Board of Revenue, in charge of the Inam Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 1st July 1870, No. 25.

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Government, that I have settled almost all the remaining Inams, issued Title-deeds, and closed the Inam Registers, which have been despatched to the Collectors of the several districts, and thus almost brought to a close the operations of this department.

2. The establishment is now engaged in arranging records and destroying papers which are no longer of use, and will be discontinued from this day.

3. The marginal figures show the number of Inams and appeals disposed of since I took charge of the department. A large amount of other work has been performed in the Office in connection with the re-issuing of 17,000 Title-deeds in the new forms, and in authenticating and verifying the entries in about 650 volumes of registers.

New cases settled	28,000
Appeals and petitions disposed of ...	1,700
Tahsildar's reports disposed of ...	1,900
Title-deeds issued	45,000

4. Subsequently to 30th June 1866, the date up to which the returns forwarded with Mr. Blair's final report were closed, the settlement has consisted of petty Inams, and none of large value have been brought under review. The total amount of quit-rent raised on those since settled is Rupees 38,672, as shown in the following statement :—

No.	Districts.	No. of Title-deeds issued.	Extent. Dry.	Extent. Garden.	Extent. Wet.	Extent. Total.	Assessment.	Former quit-rent. Payable to Government.	Former quit-rent. Payable to Zemindars.	New quit-rent payable to Government.	Quit-rent not agreed to by Inamdars, whose Inams have consequently been left unenfranchised.	Total quit-rent payable to Government, or total of columns 8 and 10.	Quit-rent redeemed.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1.	Ganjam ...	209	2,821	416	5,296	8,533	10,936	563	1,300	3,917	.....	4,480	.....
2.	Vizagapatam ...	584	2,602	249	2,821	5,762	17,456	897	1,017	4,464	9	5,381	.....
3.	Godavery ...	12,[illegible]	[illegible]	285	714	10,281	29,731	946	20	10,923	.....	11,879	.....
4.	Kistna ...	4,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5.	Nellore ...	[illegible]	4,808	1,196	229	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6.	Madras ...	6,15[illegible]	3,212	135	8,307	11,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7.	Cuddapah ...	43[illegible]	4,691	.....	315	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
8.	Bellary ...	138[illegible]	3,685	10	290	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
9.	Kurnool ...	250	8,559	17	136	8,712	3,510	1,018	134	744	294	3,590	.....
10.	North Arcot ...	3,076	636	9	3,358	4,003	21,924	2,798	.....	3,593	.....	6,391	.....
11.	South Arcot ...	69	5,323	39	499	5,861	7,149	186	616	1,220	12	2,034	.....
12.	Salem ...	409	493	34	384	911	10,222	707	.....	889	.....	1,596	.....
13.	Coimbatore ...	56	1,631	122	29	1,782	880	98	604	92	10	804	.....
14.	Tanjore ...	586	5,961	.....	2,878	8,839	6,617	254	2,502	1,859	.....	4,615	.....
15.	Madura ...	62[illegible]	1,931	2	4,433	6,366	2,110	278	40	1,463	.....	1,781	.....
16.	Trichinopoly ...	316	.....	12	285	297	1,244	1,325	.....	193	.....	1,518	.....
17.	Malabar ...	8	2,257	.....	223	2,480	1,691	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....
18.	Tinnevelly ...	79	.....	.....	636	715	7,733	1,[illegible]	.....	325	428	1,753	25
	Total...	29,388	80,941	2,617	31,925	1,15,483	2,62,066	17,017	7,331	38,672	795	55,689	52

5. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 13th June 1870, No. 869, directing me to bring up the statement and tabular forms given in Mr. Blair's final report to date, I beg to observe that it would not be possible for me to do so without much additional cost and labour. I should require probably to maintain a considerable establishment, and even then the accounts could not be said to be complete, as there are still some cases undisposed of on account of non-attendance of Inamdars and other reasons. Under these circumstances, I trust that the Government will consider the information furnished in the preceding paragraph, regarding the financial results, etc., of the settlement made subsequent to 1866, sufficient.

6. The number of Inams that still remain to be settled in the several districts of the Presidency is given below. In most of these cases the non-attendance of the Inamdars seems to indicate that lands involved are unprofitable, and consequently abandoned by their holders. The non-settlement is therefore rather nominal than real. The Inam lands have all been placed under attachment, and will be incorporated with Government lands at the expiration of one year from the date of attachment. Of this period, a portion has already expired. In other cases information has been called for from the district. There is no case in the office at this moment which has not been disposed of:—

Districts.	Number left unsettled owing to the absence of the parties.	Number pending investigation.	Total.
Madras	1,084	90	1,174
Godavery	397	180	577
Kistna	246	146	392
North Arcot	23	135	158
Coimbatore	.....	8	8
South Arcot	.....	5	5
Bellary	.....	24	24
Tanjore	.....	8	8
Salem	.....	9	9
Trichinopoly	.....	5	5
Tinnevelly	.....	3	3
Kurnool	.....	13	13
Ganjam	.....	9	9
Nellore	.....	6	6
Cuddapah...	.....	36	36
Vizagapatam	.....	16	16
Total...	1,750	693	2,443

7. The amount sanctioned for the Inam Commissioner's Budget of 1870-71 is Rupees 15,000. I considered at one time that the grant would prove insufficient, and accordingly obtained the sanction of Government for a further grant of Rupees 4,000 from savings in other departments. The total amount thus placed at my disposal was Rupees 20,000 in round numbers.

8. The cost of the proposed fair-copying all the registers in arrears, or received since I took charge of the Office, was the heaviest item in the Budget. On re-consideration, however, and with the consent of my colleagues in the Board, I have decided that duplicates of these registers which were mostly of petty

Inams may well be dispensed with. The original registers, which are sufficiently neat and legible, have therefore been bound into volumes and furnished with a copious Index, and have been despatched, in their original state, to the districts. A large saving of time and money has thus been effected without impairing the usefulness of the record.

9. On the 1st proximo I shall have expended about Rupees 16,000 out of the sanctioned grant of 20,000 Rupees.

10. A small establishment, at a cost not exceeding 400 Rupees a-month, will be kept up from the 1st July for the custody of the records and for the disposal of cases still to be received from Collectors, and of appeal petitions presented by Inamdars who have only recently received their Title-deeds. The exact period for which this establishment will be required cannot be now stated with precision, but I will, from time to time, reduce it as the remaining work is disposed of.

11. This establishment will be placed under the immediate charge of the Head Sheristadar of the Board, whose experience as the Special Assistant to the Inam Commissioner will ensure the efficient performance of what duty may still devolve on it.

12. For some time to come, it will be convenient if Collectors correspond direct with me on Inam matters, and I have instructed them accordingly. And as some Title-deeds will have to be issued from time to time, it seems also necessary that my personal appointment as Inam Commissioner should continue.

13. From this date the services of my Special Assistant, Chentsal Row, will be placed at the disposal of Government. I must record my testimony of the ability and efficiency of this officer. They have been of the greatest use to me; and to his untiring diligence is, in a great measure, due the early closing of the department. I am also much indebted to A. Kristnaswamy Iyer, the Manager of the Office, for his efficient control of the establishment and rapid despatch of business.

No. 78. Official Memorandum from W. ROBINSON, Esq., C.S.I., Second Member of the Board of Revenue, in charge of the Inam Department, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th August 1870, No. 30.

In reply to the official memorandum of the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated the 26th July 1870, No. 138, the Inam Commissioner has the honour to state that, as a rule, original registers of Inams have been kept at the Central Office, and their transcripts only despatched to the Collectors in bound volumes. This has been observed in respect to the great bulk of all registered Inams. The original registers of all cases of any importance are deposited in the Board's Office.

2. The registers alluded to in paragraph 8 of the letter from this Office, dated 1st July 1870, No. 25, as those in regard to which the rule was departed from for the reasons therein given refer in the main to petty *Patiparada* and *Aslminha*, gardens of very small value. The tenures therein recorded consist of lists of a multitude of petty little patches of land involving very little inquiry and record of titles. Title-deeds descriptive of their extent, holders, and quit-rents, payable to

Government have been issued to the parties concerned, and corresponding books of registry in the vernacular have been simultaneously furnished to the district officers to enable them to realize the Government dues. The registers are of no further present practical use, and will be seldom referred to in future. It is therefore quite sufficient that the originals be preserved with each Collector.

3. The expense of re-copying and, in some cases, translating these unimportant records, simply for the sake of uniformity, has been, on full consideration of the matter, decided to be unnecessary, and such as may well be saved to Government, and the Commissioner is satisfied that no cause for regretting this economical arrangement is likely to arise.

No. 79. From W. ROBINSON, Esq., C.S.I., Second Member of the Board of Revenue, in charge of the Inam Department, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th August 1870, No. 29.

The experience of a month has sufficiently shown that the establishment required to carry on business in the Inam Office was, in my anxiety to spare expense, under-estimated.

2. A Title-deed Examiner and Writer are found indispensable, and also a Vernacular Goomastah to keep up the Vernacular Registers.

3. I have therefore the honour to request that the employment of additional hands at a cost not exceeding Rupees 100 per mensem may be sanctioned temporarily. The men will be dispensed with so soon as the state of business admits of it, and the outside cost of the department, including the establishment already proposed, will be under Rupees 500 per mensem.

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1870, No. 1,539.

Miscellaneous.

The first six paragraphs of the first paper above recorded relate to the Inam cases disposed of by Mr. Robinson since his nomination as Inam Commissioner, and these will be reviewed in a separate Order, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, under date 13th June 1870, No. 869.

2. In the remaining portion of this letter, Mr. Robinson reports that, with the concurrence of his colleagues in the Board of Revenue, he has dispensed with the fair copying of such of the registers of Inams as were in arrears, and that, from the 1st of July, he will only retain (under the orders of the Board's Sheristadar) a small establishment at a cost of Rupees 400 per mensem, which will be sufficient for the custody of the records of the Inam Department, and for the disposal of the few remaining cases and appeals.

3. Mr. Robinson concludes this letter by bearing a high testimony to the valuable services rendered by his Special Assistant, Chentsal Row, and by the Manager of the Inam Office, Kristnasawmy Iyer, the connection of both these officers with the Inam Commission having ceased on the 1st of July.

4. In the second paper above recorded Mr. Robinson replies to a memorandum from Government, questioning the expediency of retaining only one copy of so important a document as the Inam Register. Mr. Robinson explains that, as a rule, the original Inam Registers have been retained at the Central Office, fair copies bound in volumes having been despatched to the respective districts; but that in the cases of certain petty Inams of very small value, it was not deemed desirable to incur the expense of re-copying, and that in these cases, the original registers have been forwarded to the districts.

5. In the third paper recorded above Mr. Robinson reports that, after a month's trial, he finds that the establishment, retained at a cost of Rupees 400 per mensem, is unable to cope with the business of the department, and requests permission for the temporary employment of additional hands at a cost of Rupees 100 per mensem, thus making up the total temporary charge to Rupees 500 per mensem.

6. Notwithstanding the explanation of Mr. Robinson as adverted to in paragraph 4 above, the Right Honourable the Governor in Council has grave doubts of the expediency of dispensing with the fair registers of Inams in any cases. Mr. Robinson will now be requested to ascertain and report what would be the cost of having the original registers fair copied in the district offices to which they have been despatched, or of re-copying them and having them re-copied under his own superintendence. It is observed that the Inams, though individually of small extent and value, apparently aggregate 115,000 acres, assessed at Rupees 2,62,000, and charged with a quit-rent of Rupees 55,689, and to this extent, therefore, the registers retained at the Board of Revenue are defective.

7. The Right Honourable the Governor in Council sanctions the temporary establishment retained by Mr. Robinson at a monthly cost not in excess of Rupees 500, and relies upon him to make any reductions which may, from time to time, appear feasible.

8. The celerity with which the operations of the Commission have been brought to a close is most satisfactory, and the assiduity with which Mr. Robinson has devoted himself to the additional duties imposed upon him in connection with the department is highly creditable to him. The Government are also glad to receive his favourable report of the efficient manner in which his Special Assistant and Manager have conducted their duties while under his control.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Inam Commissioner.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1973

From The 2d Member of the Bd. of Revenue, No 25

Dated 1st July 1870.

FOR ORDERS.

As matters stand we must be content with the statements given by Mr R. in para 4 & the report should then be drawn up for the Govt & the Bd. finds. I see Dr. should be called for his work. With regard to para 8 I am under the im-

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE INAM COMMISSIONER,

&c, &c, &c.

Dated October, 11th.

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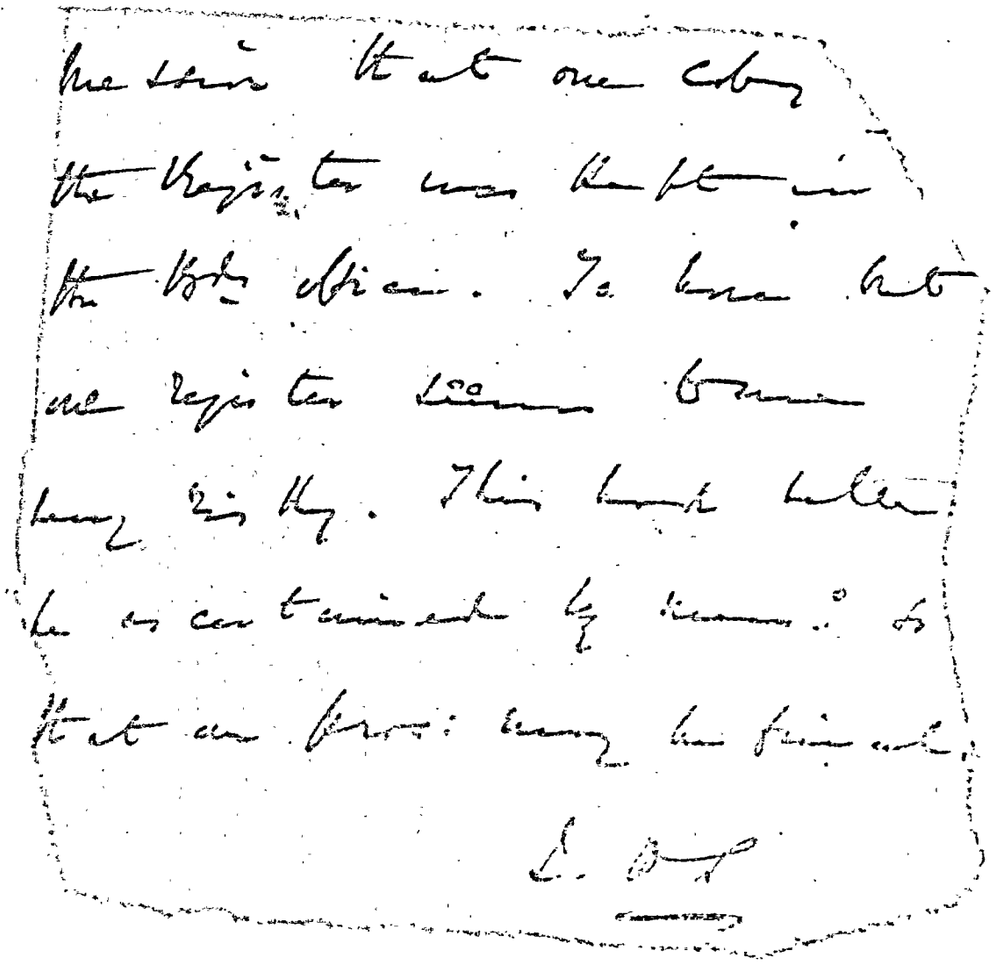
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G. O., 11th October 1870, No. 1,539.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 77—80.

Inam Commission.—Temporary Establishment retained by Mr. Robinson for carrying on the business sanctioned, and satisfaction expressed at the celerity with which the operations of the Commission have been brought to a close.



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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Nos 2382 & 2383

From 2d Member of the Board of Revenue, in charge of Inam Dy
No. 29 + 30
Dated 4th August 1870.

FOR ORDERS.

I think it is to be regretted that the Inamdar has declined from withdrawing the sanction of Govt. though in dismissing the suit Govt. relinquish a valuable Inam altogether to appellant 115,000 Acres assessed at Rs 262,000 & charged with a Quit Rent of Rs 55689. The Govt. Quit Rents therefore the Govt. registered

Rev. Dept.

No. 1539.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 11th October 1870

Read the following letters from the Secretary Member of the Board of Revenue in charge of the Inam Department.

Reporting that the work of the Inam Commissioner's tour has been brought to a close	3	dt. 12 July 1870, No. 25.
Submitting explanation regarding a portion of the Inam Registers sent to the Collectors in original	3	dt. 4 Aug. 30.
Soliciting sanction for entertainment of additional Establishments at a cost not exceeding Rupees per measem	4	dt. 29

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The 2nd Member
of the Board of Revenue
in charge of the
Indian Department

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department
Fort St. George

Dated 1st July 1870
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No. 25

Reports that the work
of the Indian Commission
has been brought to a
close —

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