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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <u>1146</u>	Piers Ma.
Dated <u>6-7-40</u>	<u>18/7/40</u>

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd July 1871.*

No. 15. From the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Revenue Department, dated Colombo, 13th June 1870, No. 27 :—

I AM directed, by the Governor of Ceylon, to transmit to you the enclosed copy of an Ordinance passed by the Legislature of Ceylon to ascertain and define the services due by various classes of tenants, who hold their land by tenure of rendering service to the land-owner, and to provide for the commutation of those services for a money-payment.

2. The Governor is desirous of obtaining any information that may be useful to the officers entrusted with the duty of carrying the Ordinance into effect, and he therefore requests that, with the sanction of the Governor of Madras in Council, you will be so good as to inform him whether land is held in any part of the Madras Presidency on the tenure of rendering personal service; and, if so, that you will furnish him with any information in your power as to the nature of such services and the action of Government in reference to them.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd July 1871.

No. 16.

No. 1,146.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, COLOMBO.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—I am to express the regret of
His Excellency the Governor in Council
that your letter of the 13th June 1870

should have remained so long unanswered, and to explain that it was lost sight of
entirely by accident.

2. In reply to your inquiry I have the honour to state that there is a very
large extent of land in this Presidency, some probably in every village, held on the
tenure of rendering personal service; but this service is, for the most part, render-
able to the Government or the community, and not, as appears to be the case in
Ceylon, to a landlord.

3. Where, in this Presidency, the landlord is the person interested in the
maintenance of the service, he is left, in all cases of dispute between himself and
the tenant, to seek his remedy in the established Courts of Law. In other cases a
different course is adopted, as I proceed to explain—

First.—Various hereditary village-offices in the Revenue and Police Depart-
ments, annexed from time immemorial, as wages for the performance of public
services.

These services are exacted, and claims to vacancies adjudicated by the
District Collectors, subject to an appeal to the Board of Revenue, whose decisions
again are subject to the revision of the Governor in Council.

During the "Inam" investigations, commenced in 1859, it was found (a)
that it was desirable to discontinue some of these village tenures as obsolete; and
(b) that the land enjoyed was sometimes excessive in comparison with the duties
required. In the first case the entire tenement, in the second the excess above
a certain maximum, was confirmed to the tenants as freehold, subject to the
payment of a reasonable quit-rent, which may at any time be redeemed by the
payment of a lump-sum equal to twenty times its amount. The Inam inquiry is
concluded, and the tentative step is now being taken in one or two districts of
enfranchising the whole of the Village Service Inams, and paying the persons
selected for the office in money; the fund for this purpose consisting partly of the
quit-rents of the enfranchised holdings, and partly of the proceeds of a cess imposed
on all land-holders of 1 Anna in every rupee of their assessment.

Second.—Grants of land-revenue, made by former Native Governments, and
continued by the British Government, for services in (1) religious or (2) charitable
institutions, or (3) for the construction and repair of tanks and channels. These
are considered permanent, and are respected without interference of any kind, so
long as the buildings or institutions or public works concerned are maintained in

an efficient state, and the services continue to be performed according to the conditions of the grant. The general superintendence of (2) and (3) is vested by law in the Board of Revenue; that of (1) in Committees selected in each district from the community interested therein.

4. Further details will be found in the Rules of 1859 "for the adjudication "and settlement of Inam lands," copy of which accompanies. I am only to add, in conclusion, that should any additional information be required, this Government will gladly furnish it.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Acting Secretary to Government.

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Colonial Secretariat Office
Colombo 13 June 1870.

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The Governor is desirous of obtaining any information that may be useful to the officers entrusted with the duty

The Secretary
to Government
Fort St George.

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28-10-91 ✓
5-12-92 ✓

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REVENUE.

To

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

COLOMBO.

Dear Sir,

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 3444 of 1871, No. 1146.

GOVT.
No. 1616.

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Sir

Your most obedt servant

Henry E. Irving
Colonial Secretary

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The donor had told me the
donorship was pending.

Yr. Servant

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R. E. Jones

1 Copy sent to Capt. G. M.
Green (Ruler Dept) 6 July

No 11116
To the Colonial Secretary
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Yours C. S. J. 18/6/71.

3rd July/71

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