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16TH FEBRUARY 1893, No. 164, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., dated 21st December 1892, Mis. No. 5612, Revenue.

ABSTRACT.—Referring to the Inam Commissioner, for remarks, petition from B. Kuttianna Mudaliar, Secretary to the Hindu Devasthanam Committee, Coimbatore taluk, praying that a single title-deed may be granted in the name of Sri Patteswaraswami for the Entire Perūr Inam Village.

READ—also the following letter from A. T. ARUNDEL, Esq., Acting Inam Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 19th January 1893, Disposal No. 65:—

With reference to G.O., dated 21st December 1892, Mis. No. 5612, the enclosures to which are herewith returned, I have the honour to state that by rule 3 of the Inam rules the department is required to bring separately under Inam Settlement minor inams granted for the upkeep of services in religious institutions. The object of this rule is, doubtless, to give security of tenure to the temple servants and to save them from being ousted without just cause by the trustees. A copy of this office letter, dated 16th July 1892, R.C. No. 719, on which the Collector's order complained against is based, is enclosed. The petitioners' request to include these minor inams in the title-deed for the whole village is thus inadmissible under the Inam rules.

ENCLOSURE.

From the Inam Commissioner, Madras, to the Collector of Coimbatore, dated 16th July 1892 R.C. No. 719.

In reply to your reference, dated 18th June 1892, Mis. No. 1767, I have the honour to observe that it has been the practice of this department to issue title-deeds for temple service inams in the names of the servants without any reference to the managers for the time being of the temples. This leaves unaffected the right of the managers to eject the servants from the service and from the inams attached thereto by suit in the Civil Courts for any default on their part. The register called for should therefore exclude such inams also. The enclosures to your letter are returned.

ORDER—dated 16th February 1893, No. 164, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government is unable to accept the Inam Commissioner's decision in this case. The Inam Commissioner appears

to have misapprehended the purport of rule 3 of the Inam Settlement rules, which was framed not for the purpose of securing a separate title-deed to each servant of a religious institution, but with a view to limiting the power of Government to interfere with a temple inam whether it be registered in the name of the temple itself or of trustees. A similar case to the present one will be found in that of the village of Sankaramanallur which was declared, in G.O., dated 8th August 1889, No. 680, to be an Entire Inam Village and in which the previous enfranchisement of all Service Inams was expressly cancelled, a single title-deed being issued for the village as a whole. The circumstances in the present case are exactly the same as in that above quoted, and the same course should therefore be followed. If the Perūr Village had been treated as an Entire Inam Village, at the Inam Settlement as it should have been, no separate title-deeds would have been granted to the temple servants, and now that this initial mistake has been rectified, it naturally follows that these title-deeds, which were erroneously issued, should be cancelled. Indeed, to permit the servants of the temple to remain as independent inamdars would be to defeat the very object which

the Devasthanam Committee had in view in asking Government to declare Perúr to be an Entire Inam Village. The temple servants cannot reasonably object to the cancellation of their title-deeds for they will still be secure in the enjoyment of their inams so long as they perform their duties properly.

2. For the above reasons the Government directs that the title-deeds of all service inams in the Entire Inam Village of Perúr be cancelled, and a single title-deed issued for the village as a whole, as desired by the petitioners.

3. The petitioners will be referred to the Inam Commissioner for orders on their petition.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Inam Commissioner.

Paragraph 3 to petitioners, with 14 enclosures.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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G.O., 16th February 1893, No. 164.

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Temple service inams.

Directing that the title-deeds granted for all
in the Entire Inam Village of Perur in
Coimbatore district be cancelled, and a single
title-deed be issued for the village as a whole as
desired by the temple authorities.