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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 509. Read the following letter from the Officiating Inam Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 18th November 1867, No. 55 :—

1. In reply to the Order of Government, dated 25th October 1867, No. 2,506, I have the honor to state that the assessment of the Inams therein referred to was fixed according to the valuation made by the Village Curnums, and recorded in the account of 1853. This account was found to afford the best available data, and the valuation therein recorded was consequently adopted throughout the district as the basis for calculating the assessment of Inams. Where, however, the Inamdars objected to the valuation of 1853, inquiry was made by this department as to the quality of the land, its means of irrigation, &c., and a reduction allowed if found to be called for. In the cases under notice, the assessment was fixed at Rupees 2¼ and Rupees 3 an acre, and the quit-rent calculated thereon. No application having been made by the Inamdars for a reduction of the quit-rent thus charged, no inquiry was made by this department regarding the fairness of the valuation upon which the quit-rent was calculated.

2. The cases in the " Caldindi Purgana," referred to by the Collector in his letter of the 27th December 1866, as being similar to those under notice, appear to be those in which Mr. Taylor allowed portions of the Inams to be resumed in lieu of a fluctuating Jodi, which used to be collected on an annual estimate of the produce of the cultivated portion of the land. I do not think that these cases are analogous to those under notice.

No. 510. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1867, No. 2,818.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Board of Revenue will ascertain from the Collector whether the adoption of the special rate of revised assessment allowed for lands in the Kolair lake, as the basis on which to calculate the quit-rent for the Inams in question in lieu of the rate adopted by the Inam Commissioner, will afford the necessary relief, and if so, the Inam Commissioner will revise the quit-rent accordingly.

2. Otherwise, the Government sanction the resumption of so much of the land as will, at the full revised assessment rate for its class, suffice to free the remainder of the Inams from quit-rent.

3. The Officiating Inam Commissioner will issue fresh certificates to the Inamdars in question, revised according to the plan which may be ultimately adopted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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