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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th April 1867.

Read the following papers:—

No. 134. From the Officiating Inam Commissioner, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, [illegible] January 1867, No. 2.

As directed in the Order of Government, dated 10th January 1867, No. 74, I have the honour to submit, for approval, a draft of the proposed Notification on the subject of unenfranchised Inams.

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Referred to the Revenue Board, with the Commissioner's former letter, for any remarks they may wish to offer.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
28th January 1867.

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No. 135. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th March 1867, No. 1,723.

Read the following Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 28th January 1867, No. 210.

ABSTRACT.—Referring to the Board, for remarks, a letter from the Officiating Inam Commissioner, submitting, as directed in the Order of Government of 10th instant, No. 74, a draft of the proposed Notification on the subject of unenfranchised Inams.

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1. The Board do not think it advisable that further inducements should be held out to unenfranchised Inamdars who have hitherto declined to avail themselves of the very liberal terms already offered.

2. That the enfranchisement of Inams has been conducted in an exceedingly liberal manner is evident from the large number of Inams (96½ per cent.) which have undergone this process.

3. It appears that in more than half the cases in which enfranchisement has been declining, (the total number being 6,414 only,) the Inamdars have no heirs or relatives, and, consequently, no inducement to incur the expense of converting their terminable property into freehold.

4. As, in each of these 6,414 cases, the Inam Commissioner has, of course, recorded all the incidents of tenure, the great evil of the former system of dealing with Inams on lapse has already been removed; for the Collectors can now without difficulty learn all the circumstances of each case, without the delay which was formerly experienced, and which caused so much trouble to the Officers of Government, and anxiety and uncertainty to the Inamdar.

5. The Board consider that the operations of the Commission have been too general and notorious to allow much weight to be attached to the plea of ignorance advanced by Mr. Blair in paragraph 5 of his letter, dated 18th December 1866, No. 85.

6. With regard to the burdensome nature of the quit-rent, which is stated in the same letter to act as an impediment to enfranchisement, it certainly does seem advisable that, where the additional Jody has raised the entire assessment above the

ordinary rates of the village for land of a similar class, some measures should be taken to correct a state of things which cannot have been intended, namely, that of placing an Inamdar in a worse position than the ordinary ryots.

7. In cases of this kind, the Board agree with Mr. Blair's suggestion that a certificate of the proper assessment of the land should be sufficient for the revision of the quit-rent, save that they consider that such certificate should be issued by the Collector.

8. The Board apprehend that the interests of the Inamdars will have been amply considered, if it be decided that the enfranchisement continue open till the end of the current year, on condition of all arrears being paid up, save in the cases where a higher rate of quit-rent has intermediately become chargeable; those Inamdars who may still decline to enfranchise of course continuing entitled to the protection afforded by Regulation IV. of 1831.

No. 136. ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1867, No. 818.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government concur in opinion with the Board that it is not advisable to hold out special inducements for enfranchisement, which would have the effect of placing those Inamdars who have held back in a more favourable position than those who availed themselves of the liberal terms offered.

2. The Inam Commissioner is accordingly authorized to notify that applications for enfranchisement of Inams from liability to lapse, on the terms offered at the time of the original settlement by the Inam Commissioner and with arrears from that date, will be received up to the 31st December 1867, and dealt with under the existing rules, and that after the above date no such applications will be admitted.

3. The Government do not gather from the Commissioner's letter that, as supposed by the Board, cases exist in which the additional Jodi has had the effect of raising the total Government demand above the full ordinary assessment on similar land in the same locality, but only that the Jodi has been calculated on erroneous data and is higher than is warranted by the rules.

4. Every facility should be afforded for adjusting such inequalities, and the Government are not prepared to bar applications after a certain date. A fixed limit of time for such appeals from the date of the original settlement may, however, reasonably be fixed, and the Government authorize the Commissioner to notify that after 31st July next, no appeals against the assessment of the Jodi will be admitted unless presented within six months' time from the date of delivery of the Title Deed.

5. A certificate by the Collector is sufficient authority for the revision.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

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Notification

As the Inam Commission is drawing to a close and as the terms of Compromise for the enfranchisement of Inams sanctioned under the Inam Rules of 1859 cannot be held out to the Inamdars indefinitely, the following rules for the disposal of future applications for the enfranchisement of Inams which have not been converted into free-holds under the present settlement are published with the approval of Government for the information of those Concerned:

1st Inams which have been Confirmed for one or two lives will not be allowed to be enfranchised on any terms after the 1st July 1867. Up to that date they may be enfranchised without the necessity of paying the arrears of quit-rent from the date of the Inam settlement.

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2. All other unenfranchised Inams may be enfranchised under the present rules up to the 1st July 1867 without the liability of paying the arrears of quit-rent from the date of the Inam settlement.

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After the 1st July 1867 the enfranchisement of this latter class of Inams will only be permitted under the following conditions.

1st If the Inamdar making the application for the

the enfranchisement of his Inam is entitled, with reference to his then position as regards heirs, to the lowest rate of quit rent ($\frac{1}{8}^{th}$) under the present rules, the offer of enfranchisement will be accepted on his agreeing to pay the higher rate of quit-rent of one-fourth.

2. In all other cases, where the Inamdar may only be possessed of terminable heirs, or where he may have no heirs whatever, the application for enfranchisement will be rejected, in the same manner as those from the parties whose Inams have been confirmed for one or two lives.

3. It is believed that in some cases over-assessment has been the cause of the non-enfranchisement of Inam lands. The holders of unenfranchised Inams are therefore informed that on their producing an endorsement from any of the Covenanted Revenue Officers of the District stating the proper amount of assessment chargeable on their lands with reference to the quality of the soil and the assessment borne by similar Government lands the quit-rent will be revised accordingly. But no application of this nature will be received after the 1st July 1867.

Inam Commissioner's Office
Madras

Offg Inam Commissioner

Revenue Dept.

No. 818.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 9th April 1867.

Read the following letters.

From the Offg. Inam Comm.r

Submitting as directed in the Order of Govt. dated 10 January 1867, a draft of the proposed Notification on the subject of unenfranchised Inams.

Received 21st January 1867 No 2

From the Board of Revenue

Passing remarks on Letter from Officiating Inam Commissioner on proposed notification on subject of unenfranchised Inams.

Received 30th March 1867 No 1723.

The Government concur in opinion with the Board that it is not advisable to hold out special inducements for enfranchisement which would have the effect of placing those Inamdars who have held back, in

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a more favorable position than those who availed themselves of the liberal terms offered.

The Inland Commissioner is accordingly authorised to notify, that applications for enfranchisement of Inams from liability to Cesses, on the terms offered at the time of the original Settlement by the Inam Commissioner and with arrears from that date, will be received upto the 31st December 1853, and dealt with under the existing rules; but after the above date no such applications will be admitted.

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the Commissioner's letter that, as supposed by the Board, cases exist in which the additional Jodi has had the effect of raising the total Government demand above the fair ordinary assessment on similar land in the same locality. but only that the Jodi has been calculated on erroneous data and is higher than is warranted by the Rules.

Every facility should be afforded for adjusting such inequalities — and the Government are not prepared to bar applications after a certain date. A fixed limit of time for such appeals from the date

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A Certificate by the Collector is sufficient authority for the remission.

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Inam Commissioner to notify that applications for enfranchisement will be received upto Dec. 1867 and dealt with under the rules.

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