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DATED 20th May 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

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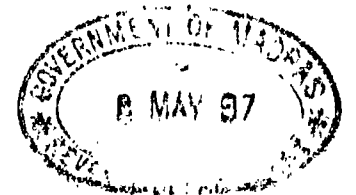
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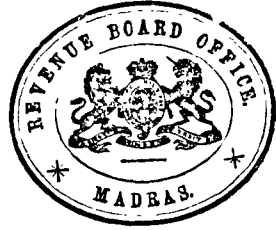
Submitting with remarks
for the orders of Government
Endorsement of the Collector of
Bellary supporting the proposal that the
assessment on certain charitable
of Adoni Saluk, which were ordered to
credited to Government may be made
over to the Saluk Board for the im-
provement of water supply.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

Dated 5th May

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No. 1614

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READ — endorsement of the Collector of Bellary, Ref. on C. No. 1425 dated 9th April '97, on letter from the Deputy Collector, Adoni Division, Ref. on C. No. 444/96, dated 6th April 1897.

9P Resolution:- Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board recommends that the assessment of the Enams, resumed under G.O. 3807 Enis, 23-9-96, may be transferred to the Adoni Saluk Board for being utilized for the improvement of the water supply within the local limits of the Saluk Board's jurisdiction, as was done in the similar case disposed of in G.O. 556, 22-10-96.

Enc. Extracts
The Secretary to Govt., R.D.,
with Collis's letter in original
to be returned.

Secretary.

Read again L.O. 3807 of 23.9.96
also Cho. 3865 of 97

Hon. Mr. Grose. C. I. &

Approved

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L.O. (Pres) No 368 of 20th May 1897

The Board's recommendation in para 2 of its Proceedings is sanctioned.

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To
The Board of Rev (L.R)
" Local and Hunt Dept. }
with enclosed. 10/5

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Note. Please see note in L.O. 3807 of 23.9.96. The L.S. letter reply referred to in the concluding portion has since been received and it is ~~stated therein~~ that the "Government of India do not desire to suggest any change in the procedure hitherto followed by the Govt of Madras in the disposal of resumed charitable endowments" vide L.O. 567 of 26th October 1896.

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G.O., No. 368, 20th May 1897.

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Charitable Inams.

Sanctioning the Board's recommendation that the assessment on certain — in the Adóni taluk, which were ordered to be resumed, may be made over to the Taluk Board for being utilized for the improvement of the water-supply within the limits of the Taluk Board's jurisdiction.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., Mis. No. 3807, Revenue, dated 23rd September 1896:—

ABSTRACT.—Sanctioning the Board's recommendation that the charitable inams covered by title-deeds Nos. 2238 and 2239 may be resumed and that the fall assessment thereof inclusive of the past collections amounting to Rs. 441-6-0 may be credited to Government.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 1614, dated 5th May 1897:—

Read—the following letter from M.R.Ry. K. NARASIMHA RAO PANTULU Garu, Deputy Collector of Adóni Division, to the Collector of Bellary, dated 6th April 1897, Ref. on C. No. 444 of 1896:—

With reference to your foot-note, I have the honour to inform you that the Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 4475 (Land Revenue), dated 30th September 1896, communicating G.O., Mis. No. 3807, Revenue, dated 23rd idem, directing the resumption of the charitable inams situated in the village of Sajjalaguddam in Adóni taluk covered by title-deeds Nos. 2238 and 2239, I have the honour respectfully to request you to be so good as to move for a reconsideration of the order in question, in view to the inams being made over to the Taluk Board, on condition of the proceeds thereof being applied towards the improvement of water-supply in the villages under its jurisdiction.

2. The full history of this inam is given in your letter Ref. on C. No. 1299 of 1895, dated 30th July 1896, and I therefore need not recapitulate it. The question for decision there was whether the inam should be assigned to the Taluk Board merely subject to the condition that its proceeds should be devoted to the improvement of water-supply generally, instead of, on the condition hitherto insisted upon in similar cases, viz., that the proceeds be utilized for a specific charitable work, such as a particular well or tank in a particular village and so on. The Taluk Board was of opinion that its hands should not be tied by being required to spend the proceeds of each charitable inam that may be transferred to it, on a particular work or a specific purpose and that the object of the original grant of the inam by the State, i.e., provision and maintenance of water-supply would be best served by allowing the inam to be merged in the Board's Endowment fund, so as to swell the accumulated receipt, of the fund and thus enable the Board to deal more effectually with the crying want of water-supply which exists in many a village in the taluks under the Board's jurisdiction, but which it is unable to meet on account of its inability to find the comparatively large sums required for such improvements.

3. This view is set forth at length in my letter embodied in G.O., No. 556, Revenue, dated 22nd October 1896, regarding the charitable inam in the village of Hissaramuruvani and that the Collector, in submitting the Taluk Board's resolution on the subject with his letter Ref. on C. No. 3334, dated 27th July 1896, to the Board of Revenue, gave it his support, remarking that there was force in what I said. The Board of Revenue in its Proceedings, Mis. No. 4484, dated 1st October 1896, accepted the Taluk Board's proposal and recommended it to the Government for sanction which was accordingly granted.

4. But unfortunately the Board of Revenue in dealing with the Sajjalaguddam inam, which forms the subject of the present reference, has in its Proceedings, Mis. No. 3896, dated 25th August 1896, taken a different view, though the two cases are exactly alike, and though the Collector in forwarding the Taluk Board's proposal in the case now under consideration with his letter quoted in paragraph 2 *supra*, drew the Board's attention to his letter Ref. on C. No. 3334, dated 27th July 1896 (regarding the Hissaramuruvani case) and observed that the principle involved was the same in both cases. I venture to hope that if the Board's attention is again drawn to the fact that the two cases are alike, it would be ready to reconsider its view in respect of the present case, and to recommend the assignment of the inam now in question to the Taluk Boards on the principles laid down in its Proceedings, No. 4484, dated 1st October 1896.

5. It would be a great pity if charitable inams originally granted by the State for the purpose of securing adequate water-supply to the public should be resumed and incorporated with the imperial revenues. This view, I respectfully submit, is in consonance with the view enunciated by Government in paragraph 2 of G.O., Mis. No. 1159, dated 2nd August 1875, where the Government said that it considered that "such inams should, as a rule, be assigned for other charitable or benevolent purposes instead of being brought under assessment for the petty advantage of imperial revenues." That view which was intended to apply to all charitable inams generally applies with peculiar force to inams granted for the conservation and improvement of water-supply. I submit further that the Local Board, having taken the place of the Government, in supplying the wants of the public in the matter of water-supply, it is but proper that the assessment of all such inams, when resumed for default on the part of the private holders thereof, should be assigned to the Local Board within which the inam is situated for being utilized towards water-supply.

6. I have given my attention to the subject of the charitable inams of the kind under consideration, which exist to a very large extent in this division, and I have arrived at the conviction that whatever may have been the advantages which the State had in view when it originally assigned those inams to private individuals for the upkeep of particular sources of water-supply, the present conditions make it futile to expect that these works can be always maintained in an efficient state by the private owners of such inams. My reason for holding this view is that with the unlimited sub-division of property which goes on according to the Hindu Law and custom, these inams, like other landed property, became parcelled out among an ever increasing number of holders, with the result that there is no feeling of individual responsibility for keeping up the works to which they are attached, in an efficient state. Added to this is the almost utter impossibility of all the shareholders who, in many cases, reside in different places, combining together and doing any needful repairs to the works concerned. Therefore, sooner or later, these inams are bound to be resumed, if only the authorities are on the alert to find out cases of default. I know that in the two big villages of Joharapuram and Molagavelli, which are remarkably badly off in the matter of water-supply, there are large inams granted for the upkeep of tanks or wells which are either in disuse or out of repair.

The question of recommending such inams for resumption is now under correspondence with the Tahsildar and will be reported upon in due course. If the assessment of these inams, which are being enjoyed free without any service being rendered in return, be transferred to the Board, it would be possible for the Board, if not at once, at any rate by and by when sufficient funds have accumulated, to undertake some comparatively costly work calculated to improve the water-supply in these villages.

7. How badly off this division and more particularly Alur taluk is in regard to water-supply and how helpless the Taluk Board is in the matter of improving it is forcibly brought home to one's mind in this present season of drought.

Endorsement, Ref. on C. No. 1425.

Submitted for the favourable consideration of the Board and Government.

(Signed) J. T. LEVER,
for Acting Collector.

9th April 1897.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1614, dated 5th May 1897.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Collector's letter, in original, to be returned.

ORDER—No. 368, Revenue, dated 20th May 1897.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's recommendation in
paragraph 2 of its Proceedings is sanc-
tioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), with enclosure.
„ the Local and Municipal Department.

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