

Collectors Office,
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Sheet No 1467

From The Ag Collector of Madras
To The Inam Commissioners, Madras
Sir

With reference to Mr. Blair's letter No 335 dated 20 March 1866, I have the honor to state that of the 25 villages therein mentioned to have been fully ascertained, 21 villages in the Raimond Zamindari have been confirmed as Inams and made over to the Zamindar under the instructions contained in Mr. Blair's letter No 415 dated 29 August 1868.

The remaining 4 villages are situated in the Shivaganga Zamindari 2 of them named Kalkolam and Puthukolam were originally endowed for the support of the Pagoda of Tirunagevora Mudiar in Kallumadai. Here the temple and come under Rule III. It appears that the villages were given to the Zamindar 50 years ago or in Fash 1246 in all probability for the purpose of paying the Inam. The Inam Deputy Collector in December 1864 states that the temple is not efficiently kept up, and the object of the grant is being frustrated since the last 3 years but it is however shown from an enquiry now held into the claim of one Chockalinga Othwar that the service in the temple was kept up for about 18 years after Fash 1246 and that he and his ancestors have repaired the temple on several occasions and lastly the year 1864. It is stated that it will now cost about 1000 Rs to put the Pagoda in good order.

The Ram of Shivaganga and Sundarapandia Othwar son of the said Chockalinga Othwar both claim the Hackdarship, and the latter has established his right. He agrees to restore the temple and to have Pujas performed within a reasonable time after the villages are made over to him. I consider that the long lapse of time since the performance of service and the ruined state of the Pagoda render the redemption of the villages and their incorporation with Government lands advisable. It is manifest that the collections of former years during which the villages have been under attachment should be credited to Government as it is not pretended that any has been done in furtherance of the object. At the same time it would be

be impossible for the grantee to restore the Pagoda unless the surplus be paid over to him. If the Inam Commissioners consent to the arrangement a period of one year might be allowed to Sundarapandia Othwar to restore the Pagoda and establish Pujas failing which the villages should be permanently incorporated under Government.

4. The Poruppu entered in the Inam Registers for these villages viz Rs 67-4-3 seems to be inaccurate the correct amount being Rs 57-2-10 as admitted by the Zamindar himself.

I have &c
Signed J. H. Horsfall
Ag. Collector

No 17
Official Memorandum

Letter from the Collector of Madras dated 22 September 1876 No 2229

If the Inam villages referred to in the above letter have not yet been as appears to be the case finally incorporated with Government lands, the Inam Commissioners is of opinion that they may be made over with full powers to the owners on their restoring the service for which the Inams have been granted provided they do so within a reasonable time say 2 years hence. The request of the Shivaganga Zamindar to have the Inams confirmed for objects different from those contemplated by the grant is inadmissible.

2. If the Inams have been ^{already} finally incorporated with Government lands the sanction of Government will have to be obtained for their restoration, &c. Collector is requested to report again.

Revenue Board Office,
Inam Department
Madras 26 January 1877

Signed J. Arthanott
Inam Commissioners

To The Collector of Madras

No 625

Madras Collector's Office
22 February 1877

From W. H. Deane Esquire
Collector of Madras
To The Honorable D. Arthanott
Inam Commissioners
Madras

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge your official Memorandum dated 17th regarding the restoration of the Inam villages of Kalkolam &c.

condition of continuing the services in the Srinagavaram (Mudaliar Court Temple) for which they were originally granted. Before taking action in the matter they submit the following new claim for orders.

2. One Sivagami Ammal has presented a petition to me claiming on behalf of her minor son the above two villages with part proceeds. A genealogical tree is enclosed showing the families of the petitioner's husband ^K and Sundarapandia Othwar ^H to whom the villages were recommended by Mr. Horsfall to be granted.

3. The petitioner Sivagami Ammal says that ^A was the original Mukadar, that he was succeeded by his adopted son ^F in whose time the villages were attached and that as a certain Mirasee right in the Meenacki Pagoda which was held by ^F was made over first to ^J and then to ^K her husband and now to ^L, the villages in question with part proceeds should in the same way pass to her son ^I.

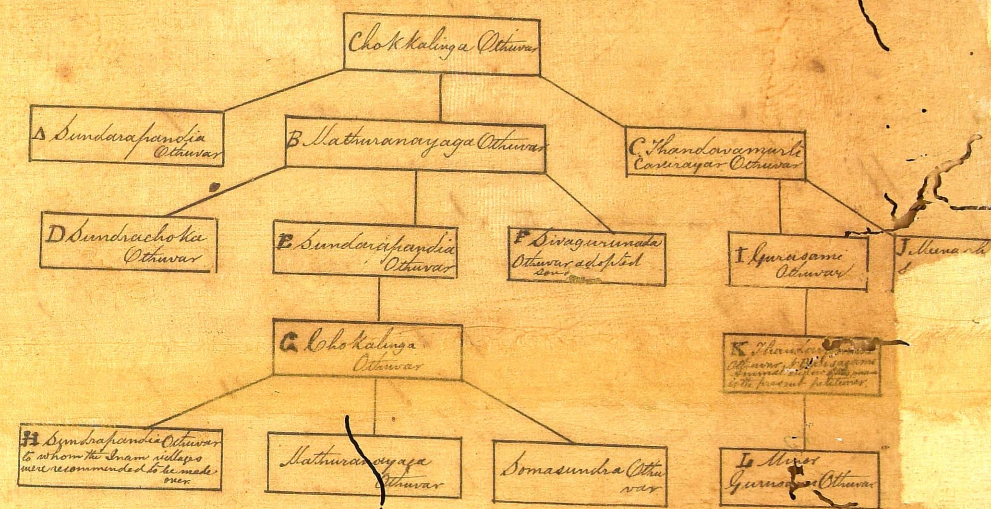
4. The authenticated copies of the old Zamindari records and the several cadjan receipts in proof of payment of Poruppu produced by Sundarapandia Othwar (^H) during the original enquiry regarding his claim clearly show that the Mukdarship was enjoyed by ^B, ^F and ^D successively and that the villages were not finally attached during the life time of ^F as alleged by Sivagami Ammal but that they were enjoyed by ^D after ^F's death. This single fact affects the ground on which the Petitioner founds her son's claim.

5. Neither the names of ^C nor of his sons ^I and grandson ^K who composed an entirely separate branch of the family appear in any of the documents aforesaid. It is in evidence that ^G was the last Mukdar and that in his time the villages were finally attached by the Zamindar. A Mahazarnameh acknowledging the ^{right} receipt of ^H as the son of the last holder ^G was produced during the enquiry and it contains the Signature of Petitioner's husband ^K. The case was pending before the Collector for 6 years, during which time ^K did not put forward any claim to the villages while a Brahmin and

and the Shivajanga Zamindar contested Sundarapandia Othwar's (^H) and failed to establish theirs. But now after the death of ^K his widow the petitioner claims the villages on behalf of her son.

6. In these circumstances I think that ^H has a preferential claim to the villages as the senior member of the branch of the family in which the Mukdarship has ever continued while petitioner's husband's family is not only an entirely separate branch but it never held the villages. I therefore recommend that the villages with part proceeds may be made over to Sundarapandia Othwar (^H).

I have seen
Signed / W. Mc Lush
Collector.



Signed / W. Mc Lush
Collector.

No 120

Official Memorandum

Letter from the Collector of Madras dated 22 February 1877 No 625

It appears from the Collector's letter, that when the villages were attached by the Zamindar in Faski 1246, they had been held by ^G the father of the first claimant ^H, as Mukdar, and I think, therefore, they may be safely made over to ^H as recommended by the Collector. It seems unnecessary for this document to go into the claim of the second claimant ^I who is shown to be

member of a collateral branch of the family. If she has any claim to prefer on behalf of her minor son, there is nothing to prevent her establishing it before the Courts of Judicature.

The genealogical table sent up by the Collector with his letter above cited shows that the first claimant has two brothers, and presumably they are not set up any rival claim. As a precautionary measure, however, the villages should, I think, be made over to H. after obtaining the written consent of his brothers or to all the three jointly.

The Collector does not say distinctly whether or not the villages have been finally incorporated with Government lands, though from the general tenor of his letter it is ^{inferable} impossible that they have not been. If, however, such is not the case, the Collector should report the fact, in order that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the restoration of the villages.

The Collector apparently contemplates the restoration of the villages to H. This, however, is not the course prescribed in Official Memorandum dated 26th January 1877 No 17. The villages should not be made over before the pagoda in ruins has been restored and the service resumed within the time specified vizt two years from the date of that order.

Revenue Board Office,
Inam Deptt.
Madras 2nd May 1877

Signed/ D. Arbutnotth
Inam Commissioner

To
The Collector of Madras.

No 1933

Madras, Collector's Office,
8th June 1878.

H. J. Stokes Esquire
Esq. Collector of Madras.

The Inam Commissioner
Madras.

Sheet No 1468

Sir,

With reference to your Office Official Memorandum dated 2nd May 1877 No 120, I have the honor to state that the pagoda therein referred to was restored and the service in it resumed from the 20th June 1877. With the consent of the brothers of Sundarapandia Othwar, the villages of Kalkolam

Kalkolam and Puthacolam have been made over to him with the said Sundarapandia Othwar has now applied to me for Deeds for the villages in question and I request that it may be done.

I have &c.

Signed/ H. J. Stokes
Esq. Collector.

No 149.

Revenue Board Office
Inam Department
Madras 21st June 1878.

From

The Inam Commissioner

To

The Collector of Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No 1933 of the 8th Instant I have the honor to request that you will inform me whether the Zamindar of Sivaganga, who appears to have taken possession of the villages of Kalkolam & Puthacolam so far back as Feb 1246, has formally made them over to Sundarapandia Othwar or still retains possession and whether the present Zamindar has any objection to the issue of Title Deeds as recommended by you.

2. I have at the same time to request that you will inform me what amount of meane profits was paid to Sundarapandia Othwar, and whether that amount was in deposit or carried to the credit of Government at the time the payment was made.

I have &c.

Signed/ H. A. Ballard
Inam Commr.

No 2803

Madras Collector's Office
on Circuit (Camp) Tirumangalam
15th August 1878.

From

The Acting Collector of Madras.

To

The Inam Commissioner, Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 149 dated 21st June 1878, I have the honor to report that the 2 villages therein referred to were attached by the Collector as requested by the Inam Commissioner in his letter No 335 dated 20

they continued under attachment till the last Tash when they
made over to Sundapandita Othwar.

One Agent of the Estate says that there are no such records in the
amindari as would tend to raise objection for the issue of Title Deed in the
name of the Othwar. The meane profits paid to him amounts to Rs 2931. This
amount was in deposit in July 1877 when payment of it was made, but a
portion thereof amounting to Rupees 507-10-9 having been entered in the
Register of Lapsed deposit sent to the Accountant General 3 months before
that time that officer objected to its payment and at his request sanction of
the Board was obtained in their Proceedings dated 20 August 1877 Miscellaneous No 11624.

I have &c.

Signed H. J. Stokes
Sg. Collector

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Nov 5. 1878