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BOMBAY INAM COMMISSION,

AND

SUPPLEMENTARY SETTLEMENTS,

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Prefaced by a Sketch of the Extent and Treatment of Alienated Revenue throughout the Presidency from the Introduction of the British Government up to the Present Time, under the various Rules and Regulations in Force in different Localities, showing the steps which led up to the Creation of a Special and Trained Department for Investigating Claims to Alienated Revenue in the Decan and Southern Mahratta Country, and wherein Act XI. of 1852 was required to give place to Acts II. and VII. of 1863 for the finishing and completion of the whole.

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The columns are numbered so as to correspond with abstract statement para. 83.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.					CASH ALIENATIONS.							
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.			
		Class of holdings.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.			Hereditarily.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.		Hereditarily.
1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9			
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
I. Political	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 6,83,633.	2,963	...	18,188	...	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 1,65,849.	...	...	...	...
II. Personal		581	1,11,484	16,334	...		7,392	5,538	...	...	
III. Dewasthan		...	50,095	...	...		...	15,852	...	...	
IV. Wuttun		3,14,191	...	45,849	...		4,417	13,429	...	...	
V. Talooka wuttundars whose services have been retained		...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
VI. Village servants		...	1,25,969	...	...		...	1,19,221	...	...	
		3,14,191	3,549	2,87,548	80,371	...	4,417	7,392	1,35,073	18,967	..		

NOTE.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX B.

CLASSIFIED table shewing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Belguum.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with abstract statement para. 83

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.					CASH ALIENATIONS.							
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operation.		Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.		Result of Operations.			Remaining for settlement.
			Recovered.		Confirmed.					Recovered.		Confirmed.	
	Villages	Uzmls.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					
I. Political	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 13,98,754.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 1,59,537.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
II. Personal		17,090	16,327	1,54,355	16,563	...		4,873	...	3,222	...		
III. Dewasthan		8,77,261	...	32,266	...	...		3,486	...	...	...
IV. Wuttun		...	...	1,29,458	...	...		3,386	...	13,831	...
V. Talooka wuttundars whose services have been retained		...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
VI. Village servants		...	...	1,53,474	...	...		12	85,326	...	...
		8,77,261	16,327	3,42,095	1,63,111	...	33,778	19,408	88,812	17,539	...		

NOTE.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX C.

CLASSIFIED Table showing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Kaladgi.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with abstract statement para. 83.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.						CASH ALIENATIONS.						
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.			
		Villages.	Urnuls.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.			Will lapse, after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.		Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.
1	2			3	4		5	6	7		8	9	
I. Political	Included in the four collectorates of Dharwar, Belgaum, Sholapur, and Satara, out of which the collectorate of Kaladgi has recently been formed.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Included in the four collectorates of Dharwar, Belgaum, Sholapur, and Satara, out of which the collectorate of Kaladgi has recently been formed.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
II. Personal		..	4,862	75,073	19,476	..		..	..	3,935	2,310	4,366	..
III. Dewasthan		..	..	16,237	..	..		..	..	..	4,956	..	..
IV. Wuttun		..	..	..	91,808	..		..	..	..	..	10,942	..
V. Talooka wuttundars whose services have been retained		..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..
VI. Village servants		..	..	1,20,819	..	..		..	..	..	78,914	..	..
		..	4,862	2,12,129	1,35,822	..		..	4,295	86,180	17,412		

NOTE.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX D.

CLASSIFIED Table shewing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Sholapur.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with abstract statement para. 63.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.						CASH ALIENATIONS.						
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.		Result of operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.		Result of operations.			Remaining for settlement.
			Recovered.		Confirmed.					Recovered.		Confirmed.	
			Villages	Umuls.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.				Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.		Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.
1	2		3	4	5	6	7		8		9		
I. Political	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 3,29,886.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 1,46,004.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
II. Personal		13,410	3,382	47,885	539	2,213		363	3,738	282	15,537	...	
III. Dewasthan		2,13,953	...	4,662	...	71		...	10,138	...	...	...
IV. Wuttian		...	...	20,331	...	...		...	17,450	...	...	...
V. Talooka wuttundars whose services have been retained		...	...	...	...	101		...	...	...	...	...
VI. Village servants		...	23,018	...	...	...		...	69,532	...	...	...
		2,13,953	16,792	75,565	23,083	493	27,084	2,223	83,408	33,239	...		

NOTE.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX E.

CLASSIFIED Table shewing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Satara.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with abstract statement para. 83.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.					CASH ALIENATIONS.							
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of operations.				Remaining for settlement.	
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.			
		Villages	Umuls.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.			Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.		Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.
1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8		9		
I. Political	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 11,47,692.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 4,72,106.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
II. Personal		2,96,590	22,175	3,30,494	1,14,880	575		85,943	1,56,273	16,337	6,454	...	...
III. Dewasthan		..	..	70,506	..	..		..	..	18,558	..	..	..
IV. Wuttun		..	..	..	1,00,161	..		..	..	..	20,633	..	..
V. Talooka wuttundars whose services have been retained		..	..	..	48	..		..	..	..	..	..	..
VI. Village servants		..	..	1,39,890	..	..		..	..	1,28,337	..	..	..
		2,96,500	33,896	5,40,890	2,75,741	575	85,943	1,62,863	1,63,232	60,068			

NOTE.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate

APPENDIX F.

CLASSIFIED Table shewing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Poona.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with abstract statement para. 83.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.						CASH ALIENATIONS.						
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.		Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.		Result of Operations.			Remaining for settlement.
			Recovered.		Confirmed.					Recovered.		Confirmed.	
	Class of holdings.		Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Remaining for settlement.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Remaining for settlement.	
	Villages.	Urnuls.											Lands.
1	2		3	4		5	6	7		8		9	
I. Political	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 4,68,027.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 4,05,200.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
II. Personal		9,986	11,138	81,131	29,693	101		53,903	...	33,095	207		
III. Dewasthan		...	...	36,372	..	..		11,811	12,340	9,943	..
IV. Wuttun		1,99,675	..	..	11,444	..		..	41,910	..	..
V. Talooka wuttundars whose services have been retained		..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..
VI. Village servants		..	..	58,906	..	..		..	90,665	307	..
		1,99,675	21,124	1,76,409	67,718	101	1,27,137	65,714	1,44,915	67,227	207		

NOTE.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX G.

CLASSIFIED Table shewing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Ahmadnagar.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with Abstract Statement, para. 83.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.					CASH ALIENATIONS.						
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations. Class of holdings.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.		
		Villages.	Unuls.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.			Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.		Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.
1	2		3		4	5	6		7		8	9
	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 12,23,606.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Political				Rs. 13,209	Rs. 38,384				Rs. 15,534		Rs. 23,840	
II. Personal				924	1,02,345				4,240		11,776	4,310
III. Dewasthan					25,099						5,561	
IV. Wuttun			9,49,543		7,910				1,68,775		25,095	
V. Taluka wuttundars whose services have been retained												
VI. Village servants					48,661						1,31,744	
			9,49,543	14,133	1,76,105	83,825			1,68,775	19,774	1,49,081	53,245

NOTE.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX H.

CLASSIFIED Table shewing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Ratnagiri.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with abstract statement para. 83.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.					CASH ALIENATIONS.						
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.		
		Villages.	Umuls.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.			Will lapse, after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.		Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.
1	2	3		4		5	6	7		8		9
	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 81,460.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 83,317.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Political			1,130	...	2,061	..			10,379	...	440	...
II. Personal			805	44,812	7,893	* 2,655		3,275	2,700	2,824	156	
III. Dewasthan		2,224		10,765		48		9,546		16,337		51
IV. Wuttum					301						257	
V. Taluka wuttundars whose services have been retained						† 7,401						† 17,982
VI. Village servants				1,363						19,270		
		2,224	1,935	56,940	10,257	10,104		9,546	13,654	38,307	3,321	18,189

NOTE.—Acroage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

* Inams held on cowd, or lease, not capable of immediate settlement.

† Settlement in abeyance pending introduction of revised revenue survey (Resolution No. 4459 dated 9th September 1872, para. 2.)

APPENDIX I.

CLASSIFIED Table showing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Colaba.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with Abstract Statement para. 83.

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Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.						CASH ALIENATIONS.					
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.		
		Villages.	Umuls.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.			Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.		Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
I. Political	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 59,593	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
II. Personal .....		..	..	26,209	7,862	1,656	..	16,124	..	..	..
III. Dewasthan		9,067	..	11,072	..	..	..	..	5,503	..	..
IV. Wuttun .....		..	..	..	2,342	..	12,540	..	..	12,134	..
V. Talooka wuttundars whose services have been retained .....		..	..	..	..	1,088	..	..	..	..	2,577
VI. Village servants.		..	..	207	..	..	..	..	13,755	..	..
		9,067	..	37,488	10,294	2,744		12,540	18,239	20,102	13,061	2,577

NOTE.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX J.

CLASSIFIED Table showing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Tanja.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with Abstract Statement para. 83

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.						CASH ALIENATIONS.						
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.			
		Villages.	Umul.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.			Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.		Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					
I. Political	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 1,49,172.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 1,16,100.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
II. Personal		..	..	445	10,008	..		..	109	6,331	1,875	..
III. Dewasthan		10	49,053	35,706		568	..	2,818	2,064	1,964	..
IV. Wuttan		12,032	7,260
V. Talooka wuttundars whose services have been retained		4,535		10,550	..
VI. Village servants		24,355	..		6,542	..	373	..	728	5,597
		5,918	10	55,885	50,249	7,110		18,880	3,300	64,256	24,117	5,597	

Note.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate

APPENDIX K.

CLASSIFIED Table showing the value and present condition after settlement by the Laram Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Nasik.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with Abstract statement para 83

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.					CASH ALIENATIONS.					Remaining for settlement.					
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.								
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.						
		Villages	Umuls.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements			Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.		Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	
1	2			3		4		5	6			7		8		9
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Political		23,539	1,634	63,556	4,777		6,902	5,530								
II. Personal		2,698	64,368	13,942	1,177		4,239	5,018	3,806	2,784						
III. Dewasthan		...	11,135	...	...		...	26,196	...	527						
IV. Wuttuu		17,770	...		...	...	23,806	...						
V. Talooks wuttundars whose services have been retained		341		...	...	...	751						
VI Village servants		...	71,975	...	...		...	91,225	...	...				
		26,237	1,49,052	68,268	6,295		10,541	1,22,439	33,142	4,062						

NOTE. — Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate

APPENDIX L.

CLASSIFIED Table showing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Khandesh.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with Abstract Statement para. 83.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.						CASH ALIENATIONS.						
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.			
		Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.			Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.		
Villages.	Umuls.	Lands.											
1	2		3	4		5	6	7		8		9	
I. Political	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 5,47,669.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 3,29,565.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
II. Personal		14,223	4,077	79,144	...	11,147		468	8,698	9,791	6,000	2,686	
III. Dewasthana		2,07,080	...	11,444	...	...		...	6,214	675	2,251	7,069
IV. Wuttun		...	...	21,593	...	...		...	...	12,093	...	...
V. Talooka wuttundars whose services have been retained		...	1,829	...	3,827	4,423	...	7,812	353
V. Village servants		...	...	1,93,077	...	...		...	...	1,96,442	...	...
		2,07,080	19,829	2,83,665	36,567	468		...	32,774	19,335	2,19,001	48,315	10,140

NOTE.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX M.

CLASSIFIED Table shewing the value and present condition after settlement by the Taam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the collectorate of Surat.
The columns are numbered so as to correspond with Abstract Statement para. 83.

Case of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.						CASH ALIENATIONS.									
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.					Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.				
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.						
		Villages.	Umuls.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.		Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Remaining for settlement.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.		Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Remaining for settlement.
1	2	3		4		5	6	7		8		9				
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				
I. Political.....	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 4,84,664.		229						1,31,888		68,718	4,139				
II. Personal.....			19,523	2,46,209	14,254	4,476		4,881	10,775	4,334						
III. Dewnasthan.....					15,174					11,268						
IV. Wuttun.....		71,811			18,172					28	29,454					
V. Talooka wuttundars whose services have been retained.....																
VI. Villageservants.....					90,233		4,583				42,531		899			
		71,811	19,752	3,69,788	14,254	9,059		1,04,281	1,36,797	94,028	73,052	5,038				

NOTE.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX N.

CLASSIFIED Table showing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Broach.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with Abstract Statement para. 83.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.						CASH ALIENATIONS.					
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations. (Class of holdings.)	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.		
		Umuls.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.			Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse, after one or more lives.		Permanently.	Hereditarily.
1	2	3		4		5	6	7		8		9
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Political.....	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 6,71,448.		...	...	...	...	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 1,36,887.	8,648	345	18,452	..
II. Personal.....		1,37,710	133	3,71,159	11,428	..		4,958	553	1,556	...	
III. Dewasthan.....			...	20,287	..	..		..	4,028	...	..
IV. Wattan.....		425	17,931	..	..	..		1,223	17,613	..	..
V. Talookawattundars, whose services have been retained .....			...	243	..	..		243	..	436	..
VI. Village servants...			1,11,002	..	1,125	..		..	25,817	..	4,523
		1,37,710	563	5,20,379	11,671	1,125	53,492	10,072	48,356	20,444	4,523	

Note.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX O.

CLASSIFIED Table showing the value and present condition after Settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Kaira.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with Abstract Statement para. 83.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.					CASH ALIENATIONS.						
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value of the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.		
		Class of holdings.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.			Hereditarily.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.		Hereditarily.
Villages.	Urnals.	Lands.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
I. Political	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 8,17,023.	1,708	..	1,346	4,729	35,070	..		
II. Personal		14,476	6,46,822	10,731	2,367	1,721	6,055	26,006	..			
III. Dewasthan .....		..	33,621	..	..	..	8,376	..	..	
IV. Wattun .....		..	910	183	..	..	1,145	..	..	
V. Talooks wuttundars whose services have been retained	18,470	273	..	22,860	..		
VI. Village servants .		..	64,497	..	20	..	67,846	..	66			
		23,209	14,476	7,45,850	31,101	2,387	1,11,076	3,340	88,151	83,936	66	

NOTE.—Acreage omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX P.

CLASSIFIED Table showing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Collectorate of Ahmedabad.

The columns are numbered so as to correspond with Abstract Statement para. 83.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.					CASH ALIENATIONS.									
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.	Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.			
		Recovered.		Confirmed.				Recovered.		Confirmed.					
		Villages.	Umals.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.			Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.		Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.
1	2		3		4	5	6	7		8	9				
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.				
I. Political	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 7,13,896.	..	14,270	25,287	..	Not sufficiently particularised at this period to admit of accurate specification. The Collector's accounts merely exhibit a total of Rs. 1,41,041.	398	12,676	37,099	..					
II. Personal.....		2,136	3,37,159	6,871	3,279		7,674	9,207	11,427	2,790					
III. Dewasthan .....		..	32,793	..	43		12,960	..	..	..		
IV. Wuttun .....		..	695	3,665	..		1,469	8,446	..	..			
V. Talooka wuttundara whose services have been retained		2,44,367	..	..	..		..	..	..	..
VI. Village servants ..		..	43,121	..	..		19,926	..	..	60
	2,44,367	2,136	4,28,038	35,823	3,322	16,909	8,072	56,238	56,972	2,850					

NOTE.—Average omitted because not complete in this collectorate.

APPENDIX Q

CLASSIFIED Table showing the value and present condition after settlement by the Inam Department of all Tenures of Land and Cash Alienations existing in the Godra Panch Mahal District, a recent cession by Scindia.
The columns are numbered so as to correspond with abstract statement para. 63.

Class of Tenure.	LAND ALIENATIONS.						CASH ALIENATIONS.						
	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations. Class of holdings.		Result of Operations.				Remaining for settlement.	Total value on the Government books at the commencement of alienation operations.		Result of Operations.			Remaining for settlement.
			Recovered.		Confirmed.					Recovered.		Confirmed.	
			Villages.	Umals.	Lands.	Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.				Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.		Already lapsed, including credits from all recent settlements.	Will lapse after one or more lives.	Permanently.	Hereditarily.
1	2		3		4		5	6	7		8		9
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Political ...													
II. Personal ...													
III. Dewasthan ...													
IV. Wuttun ...	Nil		...	...	...				...		...
V. Taluka wuttandars whose services have been retained ...													
VI. Village servants ...													

Nore.—Wholly remaining to be settled.

APPENDIX R.

STATEMENT showing the Proportion of Land Alienations to Net Land Revenue, and the Percentage of award to District and Village Officers from Net Realisations.

Letter of Appendix.	Collectorates.	Net land revenue for the year 1870-71.	Alienations villages lands <i>umuls.</i>	Proportion to the net land revenue.	Amount awarded to the offices of the hereditary district and village officers.	Percentage to the net land revenue after deducting alienations.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
A	Dharwar...	22,18,854	3,67,919	about one-sixth	1,32,650	about 7 per cent.
B	Belgaum...	18,07,176	5,05,206	above one-fourth	99,157	under 8 per cent.
C	Kuludgi...	15,29,085	3,47,951	under one-fourth	89,856	under 8 per cent
D	Sholapoor...	9,73,146	99,141	above one-tenth	86,982	under 10 per cent
E	Satara...	25,56,786	8,17,206	about one-third	1,48,970	above 8 per cent.
F	Poona...	14,06,045	2,44,228	above one-sixth	1,14,854	under 10 per cent.
G	Ahmednagar...	16,88,069	2,59,930	above one-seventh	1,56,839	under 11 per cent.
H	Katnaguri...	9,87,875	77,301	above 1-thirtieth	37,509	about 4 per cent.
I	Colaba...	7,59,192	50,526	about 1-fifteenth	32,103	above 4 per cent.
J	Tanna...	14,93,669	1,43,244	under one-tenth	1,09,908	under 8 per cent
K	Nasik...	15,57,079	2,23,615	above one-seventh	2,05,868	under 13 per cent.
L	Khandesh...	37,66,463	3,20,700	above one-twelfth	4,55,388	under 15 per cent.
M	Surat...	28,91,138	3,93,101	under one-seventh	1,85,872	under 8 per cent.
N	Broach...	27,12,096	5,33,175	about one-fifth	1,78,690	above 8 per cent.
O	Kanra...	28,69,045	7,79,338	above one-fourth	1,76,096	under 9 per cent.
P	Ahmedabad...	18,61,694	4,67,183	about one-fourth	77,352	above 5 per cent.
Q	Godra Punch Mahal.	...	...	.....	...	.....
	<i>Wholly remaining to be settled.</i>					
	Total...	3,10,76,412	56,29,764	above one-sixth	22,58,034	under 9 per cent.

APPENDIX S.

Showing the Names of those Gentlemen who have served in the Inam Commission.

Name and present rank (or rank at date of death or retirement.)	Rank and date of first entry.	Remarks.
HENRY EDWARD GOLDSMID, C.S. <i>Deceased.</i>	16th June 1843. Member of Committee.	Afterwards Chief Secretary to Government.
Honourable WILLIAM HART, C.S. <i>Retired.</i>	17th January 1844. Member of Committee.	Afterwards Inam Commissioner, Secretary to Government, Judge of High Court, Revenue Commissioner, and Member of Legislative Council.
Lieut.-Col. MITCHE FORBES GORDON. <i>Retired.</i>	18th August 1847. Assistant Inam Commissioner. <i>From Political Department.</i>	Afterwards Inam Commissioner.
Captain CHARLES JOHN GRIFFITH. <i>Deceased.</i>	22nd March 1851. Assistant Inam Commissioner.	Afterwards Inam Commissioner.
Brigadier-Genl. J. W. SCHNEIDER, C.B. <i>Left Department.</i>	22nd May 1851. Assistant Inam Commissioner.	Afterwards Judge Advocate General of the Army, and now Political Resident at Aden.
Lieut.-Colonel T. A. COWPER. <i>Retired.</i>	23rd May 1851. Assistant Inam Commissioner. <i>From Public Works Department.</i>	Afterwards Inam Commissioner, Revenue Commissioner for Abenations, and Commissioner Hyderabad Assigned Districts.
CHARLES JAMES MANSON, C.S. <i>Deceased.</i>	28th June 1851. Assistant Inam Commissioner.	Afterwards Inam Commissioner and Political Agent, Southern Mahratta Country.
Colonel A. T. ETHERIDGE, C.S.I. <i>Present Incumbent.</i>	12th April 1852. Assistant Inam Commissioner. <i>From Political Department.</i>	Afterwards Assistant Revenue Commissioner. Now Inam Commissioner under Section 9, Act II. of 1863, and Alienation Officer, Deccan and Southern Mahratta Country. In charge of Poona Duitur and Records, &c.

APPENDIX S—concluded.

Showing the Names of those Gentlemen who have served in the Inam Commission—concluded.

Name and present rank (or rank at date of death or retirement.)	Rank and date of first entry	Remarks.
Honourable FRANCIS STUART CHAPMAN, C.S. <i>Left Department.</i>	23rd June 1852. Assistant Inam Commissioner in charge of <i>Dak</i> inquiry.	Afterwards Collector of Satara, and now Chief Secretary to Government and Member of Supreme Legislative Council.
FORSTER FITZGERALD ARBUTHNOT, C.S. <i>Left Department.</i>	21st April 1856. Special Duty, Guzerat.	Afterwards Collector of Bombay.
Honourable E. W. RAVENSCROFT, C.S. <i>Left Department.</i>	12th May 1856 Special Duty, Guzerat.	Afterwards Inam Commissioner, Mandvee Pergunah, and now Acting Chief Secretary to Government and Member of Legislative Council.
Major PETER DODS <i>Retired.</i>	22nd November 1856. Assistant Inam Commissioner.	Afterwards Inam Commissioner, and Director of Public Instruction in the Central Provinces.
Honourable BARROW HELBERT ELLIS, C.S. <i>Left Department.</i>	25th April 1857. Revenue Commissioner for Aliquotations.	Afterwards Secretary to Government, Member of Council Bombay, and now Member of Supreme Government.
WILLIAM GEORGE PEDDER, B.A., C.S. <i>Left Department.</i>	14th February 1859. Special Duty, Guzerat.	Afterwards Inam Commissioner, Mandvee Pergunah, Commissioner at Nagpore, and now Municipal Commissioner, Bombay.
JAMES BRAITHTWAITE PELLE, M.A., C.S. <i>Left Department.</i>	19th March 1861. Settlement Officer, Guzerat.	Afterwards Under Secretary to Government, Director of Public Instruction, and now Political Agent in Kattiawar.
JAMES BELLOT RICHEY, C.S. <i>Left Department.</i>	5th February 1862. Assistant Revenue Commissioner N. D.	Afterwards Under Secretary to Government, and now Talookdarce Settlement Officer, Guzerat.
EDWARD HOPE PERCIVAL, C.S. <i>Left Department.</i>	28th August 1863. Settlement Officer, Guzerat.	Afterwards Private Secretary to the Governor, and now special political duty.

APPENDIX T.

Giving Questions and Answers referred to in Note § para. 2 of Narrative.

QUESTIONS PUT BY MR. HART TO MR. REEVES.	MR. REEVES' REPLY.
<p>1st. Whether the establishment of the Inam Commission caused any general feeling of alarm, distrust, or discontent among the inhabitants of the districts under your supervision ; or whether any such feeling with respect to it has of late sprung up among them ?</p>	<p>Para. 2. To question the first I have to reply that, as far as my knowledge extends, the establishment of the Inam Committee caused no general feeling of alarm, distrust, or discontent in the districts under my control in 1844. I state this with considerable confidence, because, in the years 1844 and 1845 I was called upon to institute minute enquiries into the state of the public feeling in consequence of the intrigues and disturbances which, you are aware, showed themselves about the middle of the former year. It is certain, I think, that, if the Inam Committee had then occasioned any such alarm or distrust as you allude to, the fact would have become apparent however disguised its tokens might at first have been ;—discontent would have found a mouth-piece either in Belgaum, Dharwar, Kolapore, or Sawantwarri. But among the numerous examinations which originated in the course of my protracted investigations, not even a hint was dropped at the Inam Committee.</p> <p>Para. 3. No such feeling of distrust or alarm has of late sprung up with respect to the Committee.</p>
<p>2nd. Whether you have reason to believe that the summary interference of your own assistants with the rights of Inamdars is calculated to create a greater or less degree of discontent among the ryots, than the proceed-</p>	<p>Para. 4. To the second question I reply that I have no doubt whatever that the summary proceedings of my assistants are calculated to create a much greater degree of discontent than the proceedings of the Inam</p>

ings of the Inam Commission, so far as the latter have come under your observation?

3rd. Whether, with the exception of the case of the villages of Budlee and Nurvinhullee (since resumed by orders of Government) and that of Modugay, the Committee has ever advocated your adoption of summary measures towards Inamdars?

Committee. I find that between the commencement of 1840 and the end of April 1845 inclusive no less than 167 Inam possessions were attached in the Belgaum collectorate; of these 155 were attached previous to 1844 and twelve subsequently. No enquiry except what is usually made by a mamuldar appears to have taken place—the possessors were deprived of their holdings, the proceeds of which were annually realized and put in deposit, pending final decision on the several cases, which, until the formation of the Committee, was simply an event unlikely to happen. This seems well calculated to cause discontent. I must, however, mention that I ordered the release of all these Inams as soon as ever I heard of them.

Para. 5. To the third question proposed I would observe that, as far as it has come under my observation, the conduct of the Committee in its very delicate inquiries has been remarkable for its forbearance and liberal spirit; and I know one instance only, besides those of the villages named by you, in which summary process was advocated by it towards Inamdars. It was that of the third share of the village Gool Hosoor held by the heirs of Chitamber Dixit; but in each of the cases noticed by you preliminary and accurate inquiries had been made which proved the Committee's recommendation to be necessary. In the case of Modugay I myself ordered an attachment in the first instance when I sent you the papers connected with it—while in that of Gool Hosoor, the share of Mrityoonja Dixit only was attached, and that only until he appeared to answer for himself before the Committee, which had repeatedly but unsuccessfully called on him to attend for that purpose.

4th. Whether the Committee has not, on the contrary, in some cases suggested the adoption of a milder course than that adopted or contemplated by the ministerial officers of your collectorate, regarding interference with Inams suspected of being invalid?

5th. Whether the enquiries of the Commission (the peculiar characteristics of which are its exclusive attention to claims to alienated land and its constant access to a large mass of Government records) are or are not better adapted to ensure full justice being done to the ryots (as well as to Government) than the investigation of their titles by the regular ministerial officers of your collectorate?

Para. 6. In a letter dated July 3rd, No. 257 (of 1846) addressed to me by the Inam Committee these words occurred:—

'The attachment of a suspected Inam before the final decision of Government has been pronounced, though of common occurrence, is not a step I should feel disposed to advocate except under circumstances of fraud.'

This is quite coincident with the views expressed by me in a letter which I wrote to the Revenue Commissioner, Southern Division, deprecating the system of summary attachment which had previously been pursued in this collectorate by assistants to the Collector, and, considered in connection with the course advocated by the Committee in several instances in which complaints and references were made to it, enables me to answer direct in the affirmative to the 4th question propounded by you.

Para. 7. In regard to the fifth question I would observe that I am unable to conceive how a Collector can be expected to supervise in a satisfactory manner the duties now performed by the Inam Committee, any more than those of the Superintendent of the Revenue Survey and Assessment. I am asserting, I believe, nothing but a truism when I say that Collectors are unable to meet the current exigencies of their offices; but if true of Collectors generally, this is I imagine very palpably applicable to the Collector of Belgaum who to the usual duties of these officers adds those of Political Agent and Commandant of Irregular Horse.

Para. 8. It will take some years before the pressure of business occasioned by several late acts of Govern-

ment will be got over, and by that time other exigencies will probably have occurred. Indeed the business of Collectors seems annually to increase rather than decrease. There is no hope of their ever being able to undertake any additional duty.

Para. 9. As to Inam enquiries being conducted by Assistant Collectors, I am of opinion that my assistants, even if they were qualified, have no time for them; and this may be gathered from the circumstance alluded to in my answer to the second question. Assistant Collectors, it should also be remembered, are liable to sudden transfer from one collectorate or even district to another, by which the local knowledge and progress gained in one spot would be lost, and Inamdars would be subjected to much real hardship and injustice.

Para. 10. I am very clearly of opinion that inquiries into doubtful Inams demand the exclusive attention of able persons possessed of abilities and experience of a peculiar sort; for not only is their intricacy frequently excessive and embarrassing, but they involve an extensive acquaintance with the records and domestic history of late Governments; at all events I should say that, until he has become acquainted with the records and official history of the country, the cleverest man cannot possibly do justice either to the Natives or to Government.

Para. 11. The Inams in this collectorate amount to very nearly half of the gross revenue, a proportion so greatly in excess of what is elsewhere met with, that it has constantly attracted the attention of Government. It certainly warrants a suspicion that

unauthorized possessions are now extensively held. I trust, therefore, that since the establishment of the Collector of Belgaum is so utterly inadequate to undertake double duty of asserting the rights of Government and ensuring a nice and liberal measure of justice to the present holders of these possessions, the Inam Committee which is undoubtedly well qualified for it will continue as heretofore to perform it.

QUESTIONS PUT BY MR. HART TO
MR. FRERE.

1st. Whether, during the periods in 1845 and 1846, in which years you were successively in charge of both the collectorates of the Southern Mahratta Country, you had reason for supposing that the existence of the Inam Commission was the cause of any general feeling of alarm, distrust, or discontent among the inhabitants of the districts under your supervision?

MR. FRERE'S REPLY.

Para. 1. In reply to the first question I have the honour to inform you that the impression I derived from my intercourse with the Natives was that they had no feelings of alarm, distrust, or discontent whatever against the existence of the Inam Committee.

Para. 2. It has been my lot as acting Collector of Belgaum to take possession of the villages of Budlee and Nurvinhullee from the Dixits, and as acting Collector of Dharwar to resume Badh (I think, but I have no records to refer to) in this latter collectorate, under decisions from Government upon reports of the Inam Committee, and I am very certain that both the families affected by these decisions were well satisfied with the justice of them and the liberality with which they were treated by Government, and if since that they or any others have expressed dissatisfaction it has arisen from the machinations of evil disposed persons and not from their own

spontaneous feelings. I do not think there is any part of the Honourable Company's territories in which the Government are held in higher esteem and confidence than in the Southern Mahratta Country, and when we hear the increased intelligence and information of our Native subjects so much and so justly extolled, they would, I think, lose their title to it if they were unable to appreciate the liberality as well as justice of Government, who, when making a strict enquiry into the titles of a few, is at the same time reducing the assessment upon all around them.

2nd. Whether the enquiries of this Commission (the peculiar characteristics of which are the exclusiveness of its attention to claims for alienated land, and its constant access to a large mass of Government records) are or are not better adapted to ensure full justice being done to the Inamdars (as well as to Government) than the investigation of their titles by Collectors or their assistants?

Para. 3. In reply to the second question I have the honour to inform you that both experience and the records of Government show how much has been done by the Inam Committee which the Collectors and their assistants were unable to do. If Government are inclined to give up all Inams to the present holders the Committee may as well be abolished, but if Government intend to continue an enquiry into the titles, or to allow the titles to be questioned, it can never be done so justly as by an authority whose whole attention is directed to the subject.

Para. 4. The peculiar qualifications for carrying on these enquiries as far as my observation leads me is an intimate acquaintance with the Mahratta history (in further detail than is to be found in Grant Duff's most excellent and entertaining work) embracing also a knowledge of all the different mamuldars and what their holdings were and whether they held the lands as mamuldars or on any other tenure, a fruitful cause if I recollect right of confusion; a knowledge also of chronology and

contemporary events, more ready and more in detail than any revenue officer could hope to command, with due attention to his other duties, is also, I think, another essential, and for this purpose, as well as to avoid any rash or hasty opinion, a person enquiring into these titles ought in my opinion to be free from all other duties.

Para. 5. IF the Collector and his assistants are expected to enquire into these cases they will, as they have hitherto done, overlook false claims, and should they by chance never reject a good title, still the very inequality and uncertainty of their decisions, though they may be far more liberal than the present, will give rise to discontent. A man is well satisfied to forego his claim or resign it with content when he sees that the law or *raica* and justice are against him, but he is not so easily satisfied when he sees that it was only his luck failed him, and that others with no better title have been more successful—a Commission attending to nothing else would be inexcusable did any appearance of caprice manifest itself in their opinions; all should be consistent with themselves and with one another; but such is not to be expected from a Collector or his assistant whose multifarious duties enable them to dispose with much tact and quickness of cases summarily, but renders their means of forming a deliberate judgment very uncertain, and I fear in many cases unsound. In saying this, however, I restrict myself to judgments including also the grounds of that judgment and not to opinions in general, which latter may be correct though founded on wrong bases and drawn from false premises.

QUESTIONS PUT BY MR. HAET TO MR. MANSFIELD.	MR. MANSFIELD'S REPLY.
<p>1st. Whether the establishment of the Inam Commission caused any general feeling of alarm, distrust, or discontent among the inhabitants of the districts under your supervision ; or whether any such feeling with respect to it has of late sprung up among them ?</p>	<p>Para. 2. In reply to your first question I beg to state that I have been employed in this zilla since November 1843, and with the exception of three months in each of the subsequent years have been living completely in the districts to which the enquiries of the Inam Committee have been exclusively confined, and have had therefore excellent opportunities of becoming acquainted with the feelings of the population towards Government. It is my firm opinion not only that there is no symptom of ill-feeling or dissatisfaction in consequence of the operations of the Inam Committee, but there has been a great improvement in the feeling of the population in favour of Government, and in proof that this opinion is the result of my own conviction and not of any feeling in favour of the Inam Committee I send you an extract from my jumna bundee report which was written nearly a month ago.</p> <p>Para. 3. Those individuals whose Inams have been attached or declared life holdings are discontented I have no doubt, and it would be very unnatural if they were not so ; but that the discontent extends to the great mass of the population is not the case, and if I received an order to-morrow to attach every Inam in the zilla I should not have the least anxiety regarding the peace of the country or the exhibition of any feeling of general dissatisfaction. The great mass of the population are the ryots, who, with the exception of a few Mussulmans, are all Lingayuts</p>

and would be perfectly indifferent. As for the village and district officers they would be delighted, for it would give them an excuse to follow the example of Government and resume large portions of their wuttun lands alienated to Inamdars by their ancestors, as from these alienations they are, as a class, reduced to extreme poverty. I have received frequent petitions from these officers to be allowed to resume these lands.

Para. 4. Among the Inamdars themselves I believe dissatisfaction against the Inam Committee to be confined entirely to those who have their Inams attached, for I recollect meeting in last February an Inamdar while out riding and on asking him what he thought of the proceedings of the Committee he said at once they were perfectly just—that all Inamdars who were entitled to their Inams had been confirmed in them, and only those who had surreptitiously obtained them had suffered.

2nd. Whether the enquiries of this Commission (the peculiar characteristics of which are the exclusiveness of its attention to claims for alienated land, and its constant access to a large mass of Government records) are or are not better adapted to ensure full justice being done to the Inamdars (as well as to Government) than the investigation of their titles by the Collector or his assistants?

Para. 5. In reply to your second question, I beg to state I have served in the Poona, Tanna, and Belgaum zillas. The revenue and magisterial current duties in those collectorates are as much as the Collector and three assistants can barely get through; but it seldom happens that the Collector has his full complement of assistants and it is only by the zeal of public servants that the current duties are performed, very frequently they are very much in arrears, and, therefore, every extra duty is postponed *ad infinitum*. In proof of this the records of Government can show the difficulty which always occurs when any detailed enquiry or investigation of numerous claims is ordered, the number of

circulars issued calling for the statements of losses sustained by individuals by the abolition of the transit and town duties, and how frequently the statements are returned in consequence of the imperfect information they contain owing to the Collector being unable to afford time to make a proper investigation. In this zilla there are two descriptions of claimants for losses sustained by the abolition of the transit duties. A satisfactory enquiry and settlement could have been made by any revenue officer of experience in two months, and yet, though nine years have elapsed since the abolition took place, the enquiry has not been brought to a close. Again, Government ordered in 1835 an enquiry into the wurshasuns of this collectorate, but no progress whatever has been made in it, and none will be until some officer distinct from the collectorate is appointed to enquire into them. Meantime, Government are losing annually large sums by the enquiry being deferred.

Para. 7. A person to conduct an investigation into these Inams requires experience, it is also necessary he should be intimately acquainted with the history of the former Government and its records and he should always have access to the latter. A Collector and his first assistant might have sufficient experience but they could not afford time to make themselves acquainted with the history and records of the former Government; but supposing they had time their other duties require them to be constantly travelling in the districts and therefore they could not have access to the records unless they carried them about with them which it is obviously impossible they could do.

QUESTIONS PUT BY MR. HART TO
CAPTAIN WINGATE.

CAPTAIN WINGATE'S REPLY.

1st. Whether the proportion of land in the Southern Mahratta Country alienated as Inam, &c., is so great as to make it advisable that Government should continue to appropriate exclusively for the investigation of the titles by which such land is held an establishment such as that of the Inam Commission; or, whether the Collectors or their assistants could, in addition to their current ministerial duties, also complete, with justice to Government and the ryots, all the investigation regarding alienated lands which may be requisite?

Para. 2. In reply to your first question I beg to state that in my opinion the very large proportion of land alienated in the Southern Mahratta Country, amounting I imagine to nearly a half of the whole province, and held in great part on defective title according to common report, the correctness of which has been proved by the enquiries hitherto made, make it most advisable that Government should continue to appropriate exclusively for the investigation of the titles by which such land is held an establishment such as that of the Inam Commission. The Collectors and their assistants have already difficulty in getting through with the current duties of their respective charges, and it would, I am assured, be quite impracticable for them to conduct the enquiries in question. And were the case otherwise, the enquirers themselves require for their successful prosecution peculiar qualifications and a familiar acquaintance with the records and usages of the former Governments, which it would be unwarrantable to expect in any officer whose principal duties lay in some other direction. Many other objections to the prosecution of enquiries into these Inams by any other than a department constituted for the express purpose suggest themselves; but without detailing these, I may state my opinion, that in no other way could they be satisfactorily completed, so as to secure justice to the Inamdars and a due regard to the interests of Government.

2. Whether the establishment of the Inam Commission caused any general feeling of alarm, distrust, or discontent among the inhabitants of the districts under your supervision; or whether any such feeling with respect to it has of late sprung up among them?

Para. 3. To your second question I have to reply, that, as far as I am aware, no general feeling of alarm, distrust, or discontent among the inhabitants of the districts under my supervision was occasioned by the establishment of the Inam Commission or has since sprung up in consequence; and I do not conceive it possible that such should exist without my being aware of it. And more than this, so completely the *reverse* is the fact, that I have no hesitation in affirming the population generally to be better disposed to our Government at this moment than it was during any part of the period intervening between our conquest of the province and the introduction of the combined operations for the revision of assessment and settlement of Inams which form the objects of the present survey.

Para. 4. I have little doubt of there being land held as Inam in the Southern Mahratta Country upon fraudulent and defective title, which under Government management would yield a revenue exceeding two lacs of rupees per annum, and I am at a loss to conceive a sufficient reason in the circumstances of the case for Government relinquishing so important a resource at a time when the execution of public works admitted to be of the utmost importance is avowedly deferred from financial considerations. The Inamdars as a body do not cultivate their own lands, and are by no means either liberal or indulgent landlords. Their tenants would generally rejoice to hold their lands of Government direct; so that it is difficult to imagine in what way an enquiry into the titles or resumption of the lands of Inamdars could occasion ill-feeling among the general

population. The latter, in fact, will be found perfectly indifferent to the proceedings of the Inam Committee, which are dreaded only by those directly or indirectly interested in the retention of lands to which their possessors have no just title.

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RESOLUTION.—Colonel Etheridge has completed the important task assigned to him by Her Majesty's Secretary of State in an able and satisfactory manner.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council does not feel called upon to record any opinion as to the principles and policy which regulated the proceedings of the late Inam Commission. But he considers it due to the eminent officers who were entrusted with those proceedings, to state his conviction that they were actuated by a sincere desire to do justice between the State and the parties concerned, and that they did their work with a degree of accuracy and precision which produced the most beneficial effects on the general revenue administration of the Presidency.

3. Colonel Etheridge's interesting and concise report will be of much value hereafter as a work of reference. It is to be printed and published as a selection from the records of Government.

F. S. CHAPMAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.

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