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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
18th August 1862.*

No. 56. Proceedings of Government, dated 18th August 1862, No. 607.

In their Orders of 21st June last, on the Civil Budget of the Madras Presidency for the current year 1862-63, the Government of India demur to the change which had been ordered by the Government of Madras in respect to the date at which Departmental Estimates were to be furnished by heads of Departments, namely, that it be thrown forward from the 15th December to the 1st November. The objection proceeds on the ground that the alteration would necessitate the preparation of their Estimates by the Local Officers some time in September, and that in September it is most difficult to determine the results of the current or to foresee the probable character of a succeeding year. By December however the available data both for the current and the succeeding year are much more reliable; the produce of the rice crops and the prospects of the cold weather crops can be ascertained with tolerable accuracy. There are no doubt it is added many items of charge which may as a rule be as correctly estimated six months before the commencement of a year as three or four; but this does not hold good as respects *revenue* which may be largely affected by accidents of season or other circumstances between September and January.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the Land Revenue of this Presidency is dependent partly on the North-east, and partly on the South-west monsoon. The former rains prevail from the middle of October to the end of November, and sometimes later and the crops cultivated by means of them are harvested in the course of January or February, and all long before the end of April. The South-west monsoon on the other hand prevails from the middle of May until the middle of August, the crops raised from it are reaped by October at latest. A knowledge of the outturn of the crops raised under the influence of both these monsoons of one official year can be of use only in enabling a judgment to be formed of the prospects of the year then current. It can supply no data for estimating the outturn of the year that has to come. This is wholly influenced by the local periodical rains which do not fall until after the year itself has commenced and long after the time when the Budget Estimates will have gone in.

3. In order however to meet as far as possible the objections of the Government of India, and at the same time to promote the object which both that Government and that of Madras have so much at heart, viz., the thorough and effective scrutiny of the local Estimates, His Excellency the Governor in Council, while he will not for this year depart from the Orders issued on the 15th April last, resolves to instruct the several Collectors through the Board of Revenue to forward revised Estimates of the expected Land Revenue receipts of their District, both for the current and ensuing year so as to reach the Board of Revenue punctually by 1st January, by which time the nature of the North-east monsoon will have been fully ascertained. The Board will forward these Estimates direct to the Accountant General as a means of enabling him to correct the Budget Estimates previously submitted—copies being at the same time forwarded for the information of Government. These orders will be reported to the Government of India and the reasons for them fully explained by this Government in forwarding the Budget for 1863-64.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Dated 18th August 1862 No. 607

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