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The Madras Accounts for December 1869.

No explanations have yet been received from the Accountant General.

OBSERVATIONS.

RECEIPTS.

Excise—Shows a good increase.

Assessed Taxes.—Very little progress has been made with the additional collections.

Salt.—There is a considerable increase of £17,196, compared with December 1868, due, of course, to the increased taxation.

CHARGES.

Land Revenue.—There appears still much probability that the regular estimate will be exceeded considerably; such a result would be deemed very unfortunate.

Excise.—And here too.

Salt.—The large increase in the month's expenditure makes it improbable that the regular estimate will suffice.

Mint.—The continued expenditure under this head upon so large a scale is not understood.

Administration and Public Departments.—The increase of £3,013 in the month needs explanation. Clearly the regular estimate is too low.

Education.—The excess expenditure, compared with last year, in the month and to date is considerable. The grant will be inevitably exceeded.

Stationery and Printing.—The same remarks apply.

Pensions.—The large decrease in the month should be explained.

ORDERED, that a copy of the foregoing Observations be sent to the Government of Madras, and the Accountant General of that Presidency, and to the Comptroller General of Accounts. The Government of India must solicit the immediate attention of the local Government to the continued *increase* of *Civil* expenditure. Manifestly the greatest vigilance is required in this respect.

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

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