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FROM

THE HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Assistant-Secretary Hollingbery's letter, dated the 21st December last, No. 3331, I am directed to transmit copy of a statement furnished by the Accountant-General, together with a copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 8th ultimo, No. 2375, which explain the causes of increase and decrease under certain heads of revenue and expenditure for the seven months from April to October 1869.

2. I am also desired to transmit, for the information of the Government of India, the enclosed Proceedings of this Government in the Revenue Department, sanctioning a refund of Rupees 19,219-3-0, with interest at six per cent. per annum, to the Zemindar of Davaracottah.

1st March 1869, No. 530.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
20th May 1870.

Chief Secretary.

——	Estimate for whole year.	Actual Accounts. April to October 1868.	Actual Accounts. April to October 1869.	Explanation of the cause of Increase and Decrease.
Revenue.	£	£	£	
Stamps...	3,90,000	2,16,367	2,47,607	A reference has been made to the Board of Revenue to explain the cause of the falling off in this revenue in October 1869.
Marine...	3,000	1,243	1,214	The receipts from this source were over-estimated when the Budget was framed, hence the decrease in the actual collections.
Disbursements.				
Interest...	82,110	17,700	26,124	The increase is in consequence of a payment of Rs. 42,666-3-3, ordered to be paid to the Zemindar of Davaracottah.—*Vide* G. O., R. D., No. 530, dated 1st March 1869, for which no provision was made in the current year's Budget.
Allowances, Refunds, and Drawbacks.	13,600	11,602	21,247	The increase is caused by certain large refunds of Land Revenue of Rs. 19,219 and 19,862 ; of an Abkarry refund of Rs. 35,666, and of a refund of Rs. 18,223 as compensation for non-collection of Moturpha-tax by the Jaghiredar of Arnee for four years.
Superannuation, Retired, and Compassionate Allowances.	3,03,830	1,84,207	1,94,127	This increase is in consequence of the adjustment on account of the Military Fund pensions payable in Europe.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
15th January 1870.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant-General.

No. 320.]—*To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George,*
with reference to his endorsement, dated 7th January 1870.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th April 1870, No. 2375.

Read the following letter from the Acting Superintendent of Stamps, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 30th March 1870, No. 803 :—

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 27th January last, No. 597, I beg to state that, after reference to the several districts in which a falling off in the sale of impressed stamps in October 1869 as compared with October 1868 occurred, I am not able to report that the falling off can be traced with certainty to any particular cause.

2. Some of the probable causes assigned by the Officers in charge of the District Treasuries concerned (the last of whose replies was received on 28th instant) are—

(I.) That the Stamp Vendors may have had a large stock on hand in October 1869, and did not require to purchase to the usual extent that month.

(II.) That the announcement of the forthcoming Court Fees Act, (in lieu of Act XXVI. of 1867, with a reduced scale of Stamp duty,) the bill for which was introduced into the Governor-General's Council on 10th September 1869, postponed litigation and produced a reduction in the sale of stamps.

3. The falling off may also have been owing, in some degree in one or two of the districts, to the unavoidable delay in transmitting bi-colour stamped papers from this office to replace the embossed papers withdrawn.

4. Ample supplies of impressed stamps have been sent long since to every district and are continued to be sent, and I may add that, from a reference to the accounts received in this office for the current year, there is, notwithstanding the falling off in October 1869, an actual increase on the whole in the receipts up to the end of last month.

Forwarded to the Accountant-General, with reference to his letter of the 15th January, No. 6285.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Secretary.

No. 17.

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, in continuation of this Office Statement, No. 320, dated 15th January 1870.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
23rd April 1870.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON,
Accountant-General.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

Exd. J. Wright.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

From

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,

Financial Department.

Dated 20th May 1870.

Read.

No. 201.

Enclosure.

Transmitting copy of a Statement furnished by the Accountant-General, together with a copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, explaining the causes of increase and decrease under certain heads of revenue and expenditure for the seven months from April to October 1869.

Revenue	Estimate for whole year	Actual Accounts April to Oct.r 1868	April to Oct.r 1869	Explanation of the cause of Increase and Decrease
	£	£	£	
Stamps	390000	216367	247607	A reference has been made to the Board of Revenue to explain the cause of the falling off in this Revenue in October 1869.
Marine	3000	1243	1214	The receipts from this source were over estimated when the Budget was framed hence the decrease in the actual collections.
Disbursements				
Interest	82110	17700	26124	The increase is in consequence of a payment of Rupees 12,666-3-3 ordered to be paid to the Zemindar of Devarakotta vide Government Order Revenue Department No. 530 dated 1st. March 1869 for which no provision was made in the current years Budget.
Allowances Refunds and Drawbacks	13600	11602	21247	The increase is caused by certain large refunds of Land Revenue of Rupees 19219 & 19862. of an Alienamy refund of Rupees 35666, and of a refund of [illegible] in compensation for non collection of Inclusphu tax by the Sheristadar of Ramee for 4 Years.
Superannuation Retired and Compassionate Allowances	303830	184207	194127	This increase is in consequence of the adjustment on account of the Enfeeding fund & pensions payable in Europe

Fort Saint George
Accountt. Genl.s Office
15th. January 1870.

No 320

F. Rushworth
Accountant General

To The Acting Chief Secretary to Government
with reference to his endorsement dated 7th January 1870

Sd. Charles Trevenen

No. 3331.

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To

The Chief Secretary to the Government
Fort St. George.

Fin. Depart. Sir,

With reference to the Abstract of the Accounts of the Madras Presidency for seven months from April to October 1869, I am directed to request that you will be good enough, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council explanations under the following heads of Revenue and Expenditure.-

Revenue

Fin. Dept. No. 3331 dated 20th Nov. 1869.
From The Secretary to Government Fort St. George.
To The Secretary to the Government of India.
Fin. Dept.
Dated 15th February 1870
Received 22nd
Fin. Dept. No. 328.

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Revenue	Estimate for whole year	Actual Accounts. April to Oct./68.	April to Oct./69.	
	£	£	£	
Customs	300.000	160.391	148.934	This head w[illegible] in Madras but there is still a great deal to make up the falling off in 1869/70 as Compared with 1868/69
Salt	1101.000	547.013	566.360	The Governor Genl in Council observes with satisfaction that the higher duty levied on Salt is beginning to tell for the Revenue in Oct. 1869 being £13000 in excess of the corresponding months last year.
Stamps	390.000	216.367	247.607	The return shows a falling off in October 1869 Compared with last year - Please explain the Causes of this falling off. The result however is on the whole good -
Police	43.200	23.053	19.826	Much behind-hand - Please give attention to this fact the total estimate being for an increase.
Marine	3000	1243	1214	Looks likely to be short - Please explain the cause -

On the whole the Governor General in Council is glad to find that the result is very satisfactory indeed.

Disbursements.	Grants for whole year.	Actual Accounts April to October. 1868	1869.	
	£	£	£	
Administration and Public Departts	137.740	81.773	79.375.	The expenditure is full the whole grant being far less than last year but this months charges are much less than October 1868.
Interest	82.110	17.700	26.124	The excess disbursement requires explanation - Please explain.
Allowances Refunds and Drawbacks	13.600	11.602	21.247	The failure of this grant requires explanation - Please explain.
Land Revenue	420.340	241.285	249.183	The grant is far less than last year, but the expenditure to date is in excess. Please give particular attention to this -
Education Science and Art	101.230	57.100	62.421	The grant is for £3000 more than last year. The expenditure is however excessive. Precautionary measures should therefore be adopted to ensure an equilibrium between the grant and the actual expenditure.
Stationery & Printing	314.170	21428	25.768	The grant was for a saving of £1500 the expenditure this month is £3668 against £1968 in Octr last year. Please give attention to this excess, and adopt measures for curtailing expenditure -
Superannuation Retired and Compassionate allowces	303.830	184.207	194.127	Looks unpromising. Please explain the cause of the excess expenditure in 1869/70 as compared with 1868/69.

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2. The Governor General in Council observes, that this Madras Statement is favorable especially on the Revenue side; but begs the special attention of His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George in Council to the expenditure under "Land Revenue" "Administration of Public Departments" and "Superannuation Pensions."—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obed.t Servant,

Fort William
the 21st Decr/69

Apptt Secy to the Govt of India

Copy forwarded to the Acctt Genl Madras.—

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No. 2,375.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th April 1870.

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FORWARDED to the Accountant-General, with reference to his letter of the 15th January, No. 6,285.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Accountant-General.

Copy to the Acting Superintendent of Stamps.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Forwarded to the Accountant General for any explanation he may have to offer.

Fort Saint George
14 January 1870

F. L. Ducheman
Secretary

Accountant General

Enclosure

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George

Fort Saint George
Accountant Gen.l's Office
23d April 1870

F. L. Ducheman
Accountant General

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS 8TH APRIL 1870, No. 2,375.

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No. 2,375.

Impressed stamps—Letter from Superintendent of Stamps stating that falling off in sales of, in October 1869, as compared with those in same month of 1868, cannot be traced to any particular cause and mentioning some of probable causes assigned by officers in charge of District Treasuries, forwarded to Accountant General.

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The Accountant Genl
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The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort Saint George

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Transmits copy
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Revenue regarding
reduced sale of impressed
Stamps in Oct 1869

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Fin. Dept. Proc. 1 March 1870 No. 530.

Financial Department.

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I would thank you also a copy of the Proc. of the Govt sanctioning the refund to Devarcottah Zemindar

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Financial DEPARTMENT

From

The Offg Secretary to Govt
Fort Saint George.

To

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Dated May 20. 1870.

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