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[Despatch Abstract.]

Village Service Fund and Village Cess Rate.

Authorising the Accountant Genl to carry out
in the final issue of the Genl Estimates the
alterations proposed by him respecting the Village
Service Fund, and stating that orders will
issue in the Genl Dept. with regard to the rate
of the rate of Village Cess to be levied in each

1307.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 10th February 1897, No. 462.

I have the honour to inform Government that the provision of Rs. 2,00,000 for 1897-98 approved in G.O., No. 899, Financial, dated 23rd December 1896, for raising the pay of karnams, has been omitted by the Government of India under the standing order that provision for new expenditure should not be made until the measure has been duly sanctioned.

2. In reply to my telephonic inquiry whether this would not necessitate a reduction in the Government assignments to Village Service Fund under *I. Land Revenue* and lower the rate of cess to be levied for 1897-98 under *VI. Provincial Rates*, I am informed by the Board of Revenue that seven-pies instead of eight-pies rate would have been recommended but for the proposal in question, and that if the seven-pies rate were sanctioned by Government, the cess collections and the Government assignments would each be reduced by 2.75 lakhs.

3. I beg to request that Government will be so good as to inform me, as soon as possible, for communication to the Government of India by telegraph, what figures should be adopted in the estimates.

4. Copies of telephonic messages are also enclosed.

5. I may further state that any amount deducted from Government assignments will raise the receipts under *I. Land Revenue—Ordinary Revenue—Imperial—Provincial*.

ENCLOSURE.

TELEPHONIC MESSAGES from the Accountant-General, to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Message.

The Government of India has omitted the provision of Rs. 2,00,000 for 1897-98 under Land Records and Agriculture for raising the pay of karnams. Would not this necessitate a reduction in the Government assignments to Village Service Fund under *I. Land Revenue* and lower the rate of cess to be levied for 1897-98? If so, please telephone the figures as early as possible to-day.

Reply.

Please see Board's Proceedings read in G.O., No. 734, Revenue, dated 21st December 1896. According to the estimate, the year 1896-97 will close with a balance of Rs. 19,00,000 in favour of the Village Service Fund. A considerable reduction in the rate of cess and a corresponding reduction in the amount of Government contribution for fasli 1307 would be feasible if the object was merely to absorb the balance; but a gradual reduction was apparently considered advisable when Government reduced the cess to eight pies in the rupee, present rate—*vide* G.O., No. 833, Revenue, dated 21st December 1895. Eight pies is a convenient rate, because it enabled the normal expenditure to be met by the receipts at that rate. However, as the balance

is not likely to be reduced, but will slightly increase at the end of 1897-98, under the eight-pies rate, the Board would probably be prepared to recommend a reduction of the rate of cess for fasli 1307 to seven pies. This course would have been recommended but for the proposal to increase karnams' salaries. A reduction of cess to seven pies in the rupee would reduce the Government contribution for 1897-98 by about 2.75 lakhs.

Message.

Do you mean that the Government contribution to Village Service Funds entered in the budget estimate of 1897-98 and the cess collections should be reduced equally owing to the deletion of the two lakhs made by the Government of India in the budget? If so, please telephone the amount.

Reply.

Cess collections would be reduced by 2.75 lakhs, the same would be the case with Government contributions. These reductions are dependent on Government sanctioning the reduction of rate to seven pies in the rupee.

ORDER—No. 149, Financial, dated 15th February 1897.

The Accountant-General is authorised to carry out the alterations referred to in paragraphs 2 and 5 of his letter in the final issue of the Civil estimates.

2. Orders will issue in the Revenue Department regarding the reduction of the rate of cess to be levied in fasli 1307.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.
Editors' Table.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Financial (1897) Department.

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Hon. Mr. Froze. C. J. E.
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CHIEF SECRETARY
10-FEB. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The Accountant General
to be grant of maddas

Order N° 149 of 15-2-97

The Accountant is authorised to
carry out the alterations referred

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to in paras 2 & 5 of his letter in the
final issue of the Civil Estimates -
2. Orders will issue in the

Dated 10th February 97.

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Revenue dept regarding the re-
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Lcy to Govt. Rev. Dept for
form of estimates -

To Rev. Dept
Accountant.

Estimates - June 18/2/97

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SUBJECT.

Enquiring (Govt) what figures should
be adopted in the estimates for Village
Service Fund of 1897-98.

Note It is hopeless to persist
against the provisions in the
order of change, as all
similar unauthorised
schemes have been
disallowed.

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Note for the Secretary

In preparing the Vill Service Fund Budge of receipts ^{for 1897-98} it was assumed that the 8 pies rate of Village cess would remain in force in Fasli 1307 and the Receipts were estimated at 47.96. If the rate of cess be reduced to 7 pies for Fasli 1307, the Board estimates that the am of Govt. contribution will be reduced by 2.75 and the Cess collections pro vpts also falling by the same amount. The Receipts for the year (1897-98) would in that case amount to only 47.96 - 2 x 2.75 or 42.46 lakhs. 2. Excluding the provis of 2 lakhs made on account of the proposal to raise the pay of kamars, the expenditure for the next year is estimated at

$$\begin{array}{r} 47.96 \\ 5.50 \\ \hline 42.46 \end{array}$$

7.52 lakhs or 5.06 lakhs
more than what the
script would be if
the rate is reduced to
pice. ~~His Excellency~~

47.52
42.46
5.06

~~credit~~ But as it
is anticipated that the
current year will close
with a balance of 19 lakhs
in favor of the U.S. Fund
the excess expenditure
will only go to reduce
this balance.

It is submitted therefore
that the proposal to
reduce the rate of 1000
to 7 pice in Fash 1307
(from 1st July 1897) (and
not from 1st April 1897), as
seems to be intended
by para 2 of the draft
order in the Financial
Department may be
approved.

It is submitted
(11 Feb 97) 40.
14/2/97.

Since the Government's balance is introduced it can be paid from
the balance. Request attention in the rate of currency not dissimulate a
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