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"At this meeting of the Legislative Council, I think it is my duty to announce to the Council that the rules for the admission of Additional Members elected to the Council have been forwarded to the Government by the Government of India: and we are now in a position to know what our future position will be. We have to ask certain bodies in Madras to recommend for nomination seven members. The various bodies to be consulted are the Corporation of Madras, the Senate of the University of Madras, the Association of Traders or Chamber of Commerce, the Municipalities and the Local District Boards. They return altogether on the non-official side eleven members. I find that, after asking the Corporation of Madras, the Senate of the University of Madras, and the Municipalities and District Boards to fill up the six places, there will not be a seat available for which to ask the Chamber of Commerce to nominate on this occasion any member, but as the Honorable Mr. Boyson has just taken his seat as an Additional Member, especially as representing the commercial interests of Madras, I think that body—the Trade and Commerce of Madras—will understand that their interests will be represented by Mr. Boyson, and that there is not available another seat on the non-official side. It is proposed that we should ask the Corporation of Madras and the Senate of the University to send us the name of a member within two months from the date of the request. We have been considering the question as regards the Municipalities and District Boards, and we have thought it advisable in the first instance to ask every Municipality in the Presidency of Madras to forward to us the name of a candidate. I should first of all state that the idea is to divide the Municipalities into two groups—one North and one South—and we should receive from each

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Municipality the name of one candidate. Having received the names of candidates, we shall then send them back to the respective Municipalities, who will also appoint a delegate to sit in congress along with the other delegates, and they will elect a member whose name will be sent to the Governor in Council for recommendation for admission to the Legislative Council. We propose that the delegates for the South should assemble at Trichinopoly as being the most central spot in the South, and we have selected Bezvada as the place at which members of the North should meet. The delegates from the Municipalities will meet there and will among themselves arrange to send up one member for nomination to the Legislative Council. We propose to do the same also with regard to District Boards. We shall ask each District Board to send up the names of candidates and also the names of delegates, and we propose they should send in their recommendations, or rather the names of candidates they select, by the 14th of May. The absolute election by delegates will take place at the two centres mentioned on the 24th June. By this means we hope to fill up the non-official guidance. We shall then elect or nominate six more official members, and the whole Council thus constituted will consist of twenty-five members. I think I should state that in this manner we think it will be possible for each Council to have the name before them of any member of the community who wishes to become a member of the Council, as Municipal Councils and District Boards have powers of selecting any member residing within the Municipalities or districts in which they are situated, and therefore it will be open to any individual in this country if he wishes to be put forward as a member of the Legislative Council to bring his name either before the Municipality or the District Board within which he happens to live. In view of the large number of Municipalities existing in this Presidency I apprehend such a scheme will be found to be rather unwieldy in working, but we consider it will be advisable, in the first instance, to try whether this plan is likely to work well, for we believe that it will be advisable that everybody should have an opportunity to come forward and make his wish known. If we restricted the Municipalities and District Boards, as we might have done, and only asked a few of them to send up representatives, a large part of the country might have felt that they were kept out and there would, therefore, have been dissatisfaction. I will now proceed with the business before the Council."

### REVISION OF THE LAND ASSESSMENT IN TANJORE.

With permission of His Excellency the President, the Hon'ble V. BHASHYAM AITANGAR, Rai Bahadur, asked the following questions on behalf of the Honorable C. SANKARAN NAYAR:—

(1) Whether the Board of Revenue have made their final proposals for the revision of the Land Revenue assessment in the Tanjore district?

His Excellency the President replied in the affirmative.

(2) Whether such proposals will result in an increase in the assessment, and if so, what will be the percentage of such increase?

His Excellency replied—"Yes. The proposed increase amounts to 12½ lakhs of rupees or to 30 per cent. approximately on the present demand."

(3) Whether the Government proposes to pass orders immediately or will give the public and the people interested in the matter sufficient time to make their representation to Government on the proposals before them?

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His Excellency replied—"Orders will not be passed immediately. The Government desires that the public and the people interested should have every opportunity of bringing forward their views on these matters which so nearly affect them. During all the stages of the Tanjore Settlement the authorities have welcomed the fullest discussion and have furnished to all parties interested ample information as to the data upon which the proposed rates of assessment were based. In 1890 a memorandum was drawn up giving an abstract of Mr. Clerk's scheme, now before Government, and in January 1891 this was printed and distributed throughout the district. It was criticized in a long memorial presented by the Mirasidars which was duly considered by the Collector. In addition to this, petitions and representations, written and printed, to the number of 263 were submitted, and meetings were convened on the 11th, 13th and 15th April 1891 at Negapatam, Tanjore and Kumbakonam, and were largely attended. Spokesmen—for the most part pleaders—were put forward, and enforced mainly what had found place in the memorials. Such information or explanation as could properly be given was afforded when asked for. It was very apparent, however, (says the Collector of Tanjore, from whose report the above extract is taken), that the principles of settlement and their applicability to Tanjore were far from being well known; that the conditions of agriculture and land-holding as an occupation had only recently received consideration from some at least of their exponents; and that sober treatment of the question had become almost impossible by their knowledge of the total increase of revenue, which the Deputy Commissioner's proposals had worked out. (Mr. Clerk's proposed increase was 14½ lakhs). It may be assumed (concludes the Collector) 'that the limit of adverse criticism has been reached and every trouble from which the cultivator has suffered or can suffer has been fully declared, while—a point of considerable importance—those most entitled to be heard have had their say.' This was written in July 1891, and since then Mr. Gibson, member of the Board of Revenue, has twice visited the district on settlement duty and discussed the settlement proposals with all who came to see him. At an earlier stage of the settlement, Mr. Clouston, the Settlement Commissioner, also paid several visits to the Tanjore district, and whilst in the Shiyali taluk held a meeting of the most important Mirasidars to discuss the suitability of what then appeared to be the probable new rates of assessment, and have proved to be very closely approaching those now proposed.

"It will thus be evident that at different stages of the enquiry opportunities have been constantly given to the parties interested to make themselves fully acquainted with the proposals of the Settlement officers and expressions of their views freely invited.

"But before Government passes orders, I am anxious that the Board's final proposals should be fully considered, and have invited the Tanjore People's Association to make such representations on them as they may think fit. In order to bring this into effect, I asked them to send a deputation to wait on me yesterday in Madras. But on this deputation making its appearance before me yesterday, it was represented that they had not had sufficient time to consider the Board's proposals in all its bearings, and begged that the conference might be postponed for some weeks. I have therefore adjourned the meeting till May 20th, and as soon as possible after the deputation shall have stated their case, the Government will pass final orders. I may add that should any other parties not connected with the above Association desire to make any representations on the subject, the Government is fully prepared to receive them."

## REVENUE ENQUIRIES AND STEAM-BOILERS BILLS.

ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

His Excellency the PRESIDENT announced the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General to Madras Act I of 1893—*An Act to repeal certain obsolete enactments.*

ACT FORWARDED FOR THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S ASSENT.

The UNDER SECRETARY reported that the Bill to amend section 13 of the Land Customs Act VI of 1844, which was passed by the Council on the 28th ultimo, received the formal assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 9th instant, and has been forwarded for the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General.

## PETITION.

The UNDER SECRETARY read a petition from the President of the Madras Landholders' Association praying that the Association and others may be given ample opportunity to consider and discuss the Proprietary Estates' Village Service Bill.

It was ordered that the petition do lie upon the table.

## REVENUE ENQUIRIES BILL.

The Hon'ble Sir H. E. STOKES, K.C.S.I., moved that the Bill for facilitating enquiries into matters connected with the administration of the revenue be taken into consideration and passed into law.

The Hon'ble Member observed that, on the 28th February, when he presented the Report of the Select Committee on this Bill, he was of opinion that the proposed measure should be before the public a little longer before being passed into law. As, however, during the past month no representations regarding the Bill have been received, it must, the Hon'ble Member remarked, be concluded that the public takes no particular interest in the matter. He accordingly moved that the Bill be now taken into consideration and passed into law.

The Hon'ble V. BHASHYAM ACHANGAR, Rai Bahadur, moved that a slight verbal amendment be made in the Bill by the insertion of the words "or any fact relevant thereto" after the words "matter under enquiry" in the first part of section 4.

The Hon'ble Sir H. E. STOKES, K.C.S.I., intimated that he accepted the proposed amendment, which was thereupon passed by the Council.

The motion that the Bill as amended be now passed into law was then put. The motion, which was seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. GARSTIN, C.S.I., was carried and the Bill passed into law.

## MADRAS STEAM-BOILERS AND PRIME-MOVERS BILL.

The Hon'ble Sir H. E. STOKES, C.S.I., then presented the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill to provide for the inspection and management of steam-boilers and prime-movers attached thereto in the Presidency of Madras.

The Honorable Member observed:—

"MY LORD,—I present the Bill to provide for the inspection and management of steam-boilers and prime-movers attached thereto in the Presidency of Madras, as amended by the Select Committee. I do not propose to take any further steps with it

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now, but at the next meeting of the Legislative Council, which I understand Your Excellency has decided to hold early next month, I shall move that the amended Bill be passed into law. The Report of the Select Committee is so full that it is unnecessary for me to make any observations on the changes made in the original Bill."

## MADRAS PROPRIETARY ESTATES' VILLAGE SERVICE BILL.

The Honorable Mr. J. H. GARSTIN, C.S.I., then requested permission to defer the presentation of the Report of the Select Committee on the Madras Proprietary Estates' Village Service Bill until the 12th proximo, claiming that the consultations of the Committee were almost completed but that the report had yet to be written. The Honorable Member took the opportunity to correct a misapprehension which, from the public journals, appeared to be widespread. He referred to the general belief that the presentation of a report by a Select Committee implies that the measure to which it relates is about to be passed into law at once. It was clear from the petition of the Raja of Venkatagiri that he, too, was under this impression. This however was by no means always the case. As a fact, the Honorable Member was prepared to promise that, although he intended to present the Report of the Select Committee on the 12th April, no steps would be taken to pass the Bill into law for at least six months after that date.

Leave to extend the period for the presentation of the said report having been granted, the proceedings terminated.

The Council then adjourned *sine die*.

(By order)

FORT ST. GEORGE,  
28th March 1893.

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