

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th June 1861.*

No. 216. Read the following letter from JOHN MILLER, Esq., Acting Government Solicitor, Madras, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 17th June 1861, No. 547 :—

SIR,

1. I beg to acknowledge the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin.
Dated 6th June 1861, No. 1,155, Revenue Department.

2. I submitted them for the consideration of the Advocate General, and now forward a copy of his opinion.

COPY OPINION.

1. The English Stamp Act has nothing whatever to do with the present question. That the provisions of Act XXXVI of 1860 are much more onerous than those of the English Stamp Act is unquestionable, but it must be presumed that they were deliberately adopted, and that the Legislative Council intended them to be so.

2. I am unable to concur in the opinion to which the Government seem disposed to incline, viz., that the penalty named in the agreements of the Officers of the Madras Railway Company should regulate the amount of the Stamp; for, in my opinion, the Agent, Mr. Fletcher, is correct in his construction of Act XXXVI of 1860, and the sum of Rupees 200 is the proper value, according to that Act, of the Stamp for the agreements to which he refers, and relief can be obtained only from the Legislative Council.

(Signed) T. SYDNEY SMYTH,
Advocate General.

13th June 1861.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) JOHN MILLER,
Acting Government Solicitor.

No. 217.

ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1861, No. 1,249.

Ordered to be communicated to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, through the Financial Railway Department, with reference to his letter dated 20th May 1861, No. 130.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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Railroad, Company's office.
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