

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st August 1861.*

No. 5. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 10th July 1861:—

Read the following letter from Messrs. J. EDWARDS & Co., to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Madras, dated Bangalore, 6th July 1861.

SIR,

1. We have the honor to address you on a subject which affects the interests of many at this station, and to submit for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council the following statement.

2. The usual mode of recovering sums under 400 Rupees due by Military Officers, has been to forward a Memorandum of the claim to the Brigade Major, for the purpose of submitting the same to a Court of Request.

3. On the 22nd ultimo, we transmitted two claims, which to our surprise were returned by the Brigade Major with the subjoined endorsement:—

“Returned with reference to Stamp Act XXXVI. Section 16, of 1860.”

(Signed) THOS. DYER, Lieutenant,
Acting Major of Brigade.

4. It having been already ruled by the Supreme Government, that Mysore being a Foreign State, the Act referred to does not apply to it.

5. We venture the expression of an opinion that the Major of Brigade has, in the present instance, misunderstood the order of Government in the course he has pursued, entailing thereby on ourselves and others great inconvenience.

6. As the refusal to admit no claim unless stamped as prescribed in the Act is peremptory on the part of the Officer indicated, the necessity of a reference to the Governor in Council becomes imperative, we therefore beg you will be pleased to submit this communication to Government, in order that the Brigade Major at this station may be informed as to his future course of procedure in the matter referred to.

Referred to the Revenue Department in continuation of Proceedings of Government in that Department, No. 1,226, dated 21st June 1861.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st August 1861, No. 1,530.

Copy of the foregoing letter will be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to Despatch from this Government, 21st June 1861, No. 1,227, Revenue Department.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 7. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 1st August 1861, No. 1,531.

SIR,

1. I am directed to forward for the orders of the Government of India, with reference to and in continuation of my letter of the 21st June last, No. 1,227, Revenue Department, copy of a letter from Messrs. Edwards & Co., Bangalore, dated 6th instant.

2. The question now raised is whether the Stamp Act applies to Courts of Requests in countries like Mysore.

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Robert Geo. } RD
1st August 1861 }

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1st Jan'y 1864

