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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th October 1866.

No. 365. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Sanctioning the introduction of the Road Cess Act into certain Districts. } (Here enter 10th October 1866, No. 2,736.)

No. 366. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1866, No. 3,291.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 71. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th October 1866.

Read the following papers :—

No. 242. From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 5th September 1866, No. 6,303.

1. Referring to Government Order, dated 13th April 1866, No. 856, Revenue Department, calling for an approximate estimate of the probable receipts in each District under the Road Cess Act, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the accompanying Sketch Estimate, deduced from the Collectors' Reports to the Board, together with a file of the reports themselves.

2. It will be observed that the Collector of Ganjam has made no estimate, and the Board have accordingly calculated the item at six pies in the Rupee of the Land Revenue, which is of course considerably under the taxable amount, as it includes only the Zemindars' peishcush and the Inám quit-rent, while the cess is to be calculated on the rent value of all lands held on tenure other than Ryotwary. The same defect more or less vitiates the estimates received from the Kistna, Nellore, Cuddapah, Madras, and South Arcot Districts, while it very probably affects some of the other estimates of which the details have not been given by the Collectors.

3. The estimate for North Arcot has been calculated at the existing rate of 2 per cent., instead of 3¼ which the Act provides as a maximum, and the Collector deprecates any change in the rate.

4. The Collector of Salem similarly advocates the retention of the existing rate in that District, viz., Pies 4 in the Rupees of taxable value.

5. The Government are aware that a Road Cess already exists in those Districts where a revised assessment on the land has been introduced.

6. The Collectors of Ganjam and South Canara deprecate the introduction of the Act, the former on general principles, the latter with reference to the peculiar circumstances of his District.

7. The Government have disposed of Mr. Forbes's objections, copy of his letter having been submitted direct to them ; and the Board, therefore, deem it unnecessary to make any remark on the subject.

8. The Board see no force in the special objections urged by Mr. Cadell in regard to the District of Canara, which is certainly lightly assessed, is favorably circumstanced in many ways, and has had much public money expended for its benefit in the construction of roads and ghauts.

9. But as regards the question of the general introduction of the Cess, the Board consider it very inadvisable that the Cess should be introduced in some Districts, and not in others or only in parts of others, and at varying rates, so as to give it an appearance of partial taxation ; and as the circumstances of the year are in many places so disastrous that the imposition of any additional burden on the land at the moment is open to serious objection, the Board are disposed to recommend to Government that the introduction of the Cess anywhere be deferred

at least till the commencement of the next calendar year, which corresponds with the middle of the Fusly, by which time the season will be sufficiently advanced to enable the Government to form a decided opinion as to the expediency or otherwise of levying the Cess without further delay.

No. 243. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th September 1866, No. 6,490.

Read the following papers.

From the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 23rd July 1866, No. 222.

Adverting to the Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 10th instant, I have the honor to request that I may be informed, whether or no it is possible that Act III. of 1866 will be extended to this District, so as to be operative in the course of this or the next ensuing year? This point materially affects the Budget question.

From the Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1866, No. 264.

1. I have the honor to request the Board will be good enough to apply to Government to introduce the Road Cess Act into this District.

2. At the Jummahbundy the people were all warned of its provisions, and its benefits explained to them, and they would be ready to pay the cess from this Fusly, and I beg to point out that there is no hope of improving the District roads, to the extent emergently required, till that Act is put in force.

Ordered that the above letters be submitted to Government, in continuation of the letter from the Board, dated 5th September 1866, No. 6,303.

No. 244. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st September 1866, No. 6,782.*

Read the following paper from the Collector of Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th September 1866.

Statement shewing the estimated amount of Road Cess anticipated to be collected in the District of Cuddapah, prepared with reference to the Board's instructions in Proceedings of the 16th May 1866, No. 3,426

Talooks.	On Circar lands.		On Sundry Inâms.		Total.	
	Amount of assessment (including Teerwajasty and Fasaljasty) additional tax and 2nd crop assessment.	Road Cess at 6 Pies per Rupee on the amount.	Amount of leviable assessment, including additional tax, &c.	Road Cess at 6 Pies per Rupee on the amount.	Amount of assessment.	Amount of Road Cess at 6 Pies per Rupee.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1. Badvel	1,22,454 6 8	3,826 11 0	89,001 0 0	1,218 12 6	1,67,906 6 8	5,247 1 0
2. Proddatur ...	1,88,436 15 9	5,888 9 11	1,15,289 10 8	3,602 11 9	3,14,274 10 5	9,820 15 8
3. Siddhavatam ...	1,39,989 5 5	4,374 10 6	18,994 15 2	593 9 6	1,59,996 15 11	4,999 14 6
4. Pullampett ...	1,84,951 3 9	5,779 10 11	1,03,951 13 6	3,248 7 6	3,10,177 5 0	9,692 15 6
5. Cuddapah ...	2,56,696 10 2	8,021 11 8	1,23,175 7 11	3,849 7 4	3,90,090 11 11	12,190 8 1
6 Zammalmadugu.	2,01,437 11 11	6,294 15 6	1,02,547 13 9	3,204 9 6	3,13,188 14 6	9,787 2 6
7. Pulivendalah ...	1,70,4.0 0 10	5,325 7 6	63,518 0 7	1,984 8 0	2,36,327 2 9	7,334 9 6
8. Royachoti ...	1,42,132 7 10	4,441 10 3	80,489 10 0	2,515. 4 8	2,27,958 6 10	7,123 11 1
9. Kadri	1,46,009 1 3	4,562 11 10	47,770 3 7	1,492 11 5	1,97,474 6 6	6,170 14 8
10. Voilpad	1,88,345 5 4	5,885 12 4	1,17,527 6 1	3,672 11 2	3,13,795 12 6	9,806 1 0
11. Madanapally ...	1,92,695 6 11	6,021 11 6	86,100 9 9	2,690 9 7	2,80,976 5 10	8,780 7 0
Total ...	19,33,568 11 10	60,423 10 11	8,98,366 11 0	28,073 6 11	29,12,167 2 10	91,004 4 6

Talooks.	On fixed Jody, Jaghire, &c., villages.		Total.	
	Amount of leviable assessment payable by the Ryots to Jahiredars, &c.	Road Cess at 6 Pies per Rupee on the amount.	Amount of assessment.	Amount of Road Cess at 6 Pies per Rupee.
	6	7	8	9
	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1. Badvel	6,451 0 0	201 9 6	1,67,906 6 8	5,247 1 0
2. Proddatur ...	10,548 0 0	329 10 0	3,14,274 10 5	9,820 15 8
3. Siddhavatam ...	1,012 11 4	31 10 6	1,59,996 15 11	4,999 14 6
4. Pullampett ...	21,274 3 9	664 13 1	3,10,177 5 0	9,692 15 6
5. Cuddapah ...	10,218 9 10	319 5 1	3,90,090 11 11	12,190 8 1
6 Zammalmadugu.	9,203 4 10	287 9 6	3,13,188 14 6	9,787 2 6
7. Pulivendalah ...	2,389 1 4	74 10 0	2,36,327 2 9	7,334 9 6
8. Royachoti ...	5,336 5 0	166 12 2	2,27,958 6 10	7,123 11 1
9. Kadri	3,695 1 8	115 7 5	1,97,474 6 6	6,170 14 8
10. Voilpad	7,923 1 1	247 9 6	3,13,795 12 6	9,806 1 0
11. Madanapally ...	2,180 5 2	68 1 11	2,80,976 5 10	8,780 7 0
Total ...	80,231 12 0	2,507 2 8	29,12,167 2 10	91,004 4 6

Submitted to Government, in continuation of Board's letter, dated 5th September 1866, No. 6,303.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th October 1866.

No 245 ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1866, No. 2,736.

Land Revenue

1. The Governor in Council considers that the Road Cess Act, at the full rate prescribed in it, may properly and advantageously be introduced from the 1st January 1867 in the following Districts, viz. :—

Vizagapatam, (Jeypore excepted).
Godavery.
Kistna.
Nellore.
Cuddapah.
Tanjore.
Tinnevelly.
Malabar, (Wynaad excepted).
South Canara.

2. The requisite Notifications will accordingly be issued, and the Board will instruct the Collectors to employ the interval in making the necessary preparations both for the levy of the Cess and the early and advantageous outlay of the proceeds.

3. In the other Districts a further postponement may be necessary in consequence of the adverse character of the season. On this point the Board will call for special reports to be submitted in the course of next month. These reports should be laid before Government, as they are received, with an expression of the Board's views.

4. There are several points in the Collectors' letters to the Board, which need notice.

5. The Collector of the Godavery is in error as to the revised Land Assessment including Road Cess. He will find that Government did not acknowledge this.

6. The late Acting Collector of Kurnool seems to have been in ignorance of the Local Fund Rules issued by Government in G. O. dated 4th March 1864, No. 392. His recommendation that the receipts in each Talook should be expended within its limits, and the more extreme measure proposed by the Collector of Malabar that the collections of each Amshom should be expended within its limits, cannot be adopted. The proper course is to commence with the works most important to the District at large, and as these are completed to come gradually down to more village communications. Of course the Cess is not to be applied to parts of Districts excepted temporarily from the operation of the Act.

7. The Government have passed orders separately regarding the Trichinopoly Cess.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Public Works Department.

Ex. S T. Augustin.

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