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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

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Dated	<i>26-3-</i>	<i>1867</i>

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No. 327.

To

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward the

Dated 21st March 1867, No. 431.

annexed copy of a letter from the Accountant General, pointing out a discrepancy in the Invoice of Telegraph

Stores sent out by the Ship *Clive*, and to request that a corrected Invoice of the Stores in question may be furnished.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

26th March 1867.

Chief Secretary.

From the Accountant General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 21st March 1867, No. 431.

Book Department.

In forwarding, herewith, copy of an Invoice* of Telegraph Stores per *Clive*, I

have the honor to point out that the value of "2000 Cells, Stone-ware, 4½ inches diameter, 5 inches deep," namely £58-6-8,

*Dated 9th February 1867.

though shown in the inner column of the Invoice, has not been extended, and consequently the amount has altogether been omitted from the total of £1800-13-1.

2. I request that you will be pleased to move the Government to communicate this omission to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, in view to a correct Invoice being sent to this office, for transmission to the Comptroller General of Accounts at Calcutta.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

BOOK DEPARTMENT.

No. 431

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
21 March 1867.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

TO THE *Chief Secretary to Government*
Fort Saint George

SIR,

In forwarding herewith *Copied*
dated 9th Feb 1867. of an Invoice of Telegraph Stones per "Celine".
I have the honor to point out that the value
of "2000 Cells Stoneware 1 1/2 in diameter 5 in.
deep" namely £58-6-8 though shown in the
inner column of the Invoice, has not been en-
tered, and consequently the amount has alto-
gether been omitted from the total of £1800-13-1
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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
F. Dickinson
Accountant General

Copied 1867.
Copied to the Government

To, The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,
Referring to the order of Government dated 21st February 1866 N^o 187, we have the honor to report that owing to the unsatisfactory working of Schedule C of Act IX of 1865 for the levy of a tax on arts, Professions, Trades and callings, we have not been able to comply with the requirements of the said order respecting the monthly payment on account of the cost of the Town Police.

In the Estimate of our Income for the year 1866, submitted to Government on 7th March of said year, we put down Rupees 150,000. as the probable result of the Tax on Professions and callings, but stated we were scarcely in a position to frame a reliable estimate of the revenue to be derived from that source; and in our letter to your address, dated 14th June 1866, we brought to the notice of Government the very grave and serious difficulties we experienced in the assessment and collection of the said tax, and earnestly solicited Government to

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to Government
Fort Saint George

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March 1867

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to consider the advisability of allowing the Public for that year, from the payment on the Town Police and foregoing the collection of the Trade Tax until Schedule C and Section 10 of Act IX of 1865 be carefully revised and its provisions rendered equitable and easy of application.

The Right Honorable the Governor, enjoined in the order of 14th July 1866 by, did not admit that the difficulties mentioned in our said letter were such as to warrant the adoption of the measure we recommended, but considered it desirable, however, that the Schedules of the Municipal Act should be revised in such a manner as to leave no room for reasonable doubt as to the cases which come within its scope, and that when susceptible of improvement in other respects the act itself should be amended, with which view, a Committee was appointed to consider and report on the subject; meantime we were directed to carry out the act by completing the Schedule of persons liable to taxation, by enforcing it on those who are capable of payment and exonerating the poorest only in conformity with Section 20 of the act.

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1 st Class 13 - Persons - Rupees - 2,050	
2 nd " 702 - " - 38,100	
3 rd " 1424 - " - 1,8225	
4 th " 4830 - " - 57,960	
5 th " 1198 - " - 36,792	
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4. In compliance with this order we proceeded with our assessments under Schedule C, and although the total, as shown in the Margin, was higher than our original Estimate, the amount actually collected up to present date is only Rupees 34,309. 8-0 and we doubt if we shall eventually succeed in getting in even the amount of the contribution we are required to make towards the cost of the Police.

5. Another item of income for the year 1866, which fell short of our estimate, is Tolls on Vehicles and animals entering the Municipal limits. These were put down at Rupees 60000, but the gross receipts were only Rupees 40,135.

6. Although our actual income, on these two sources of revenue has fallen so far short of our estimate, we have made the following payments to the Bank of Madras on account of the Police Dept.

In the Official year 1865-66 -	R ^{ts} 35,036
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<u>Total R^{ts} -</u>	<u>70,072</u>

but we find it impossible to complete the required

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sum for 1866 by, within the Official year, and
we therefore solicit Government will either
reimburse the balance or allow it to remain un-
adjusted until the outstandings of Trade Tax
are collected.

7. We are emboldened to prefer the
former request, because we believe that in the
Imperial Budget for 1865-66 no sum was
entered as recoverable from this Municipality
on account of Police, whereas we actually paid
Rs. 5000 on said account, which would go
far towards making up the sum we are
required to contribute in the Official years 1866-67.

We have the honor to be
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Yours Most Obedient Servants
Charles Dennis President.

Macdonald

James Allen

St. John's

Paradise

Principal Commissioners,
for the Town of Madras.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read letter from the
Municipal Commissioners for the Town of
Madras.

Dated 18th March 1867.

Order thereon 26th March 1867. N^o 326.

It appears from the
foregoing letter that out
of a sum of Rupees 96,316,
being the amount payable
by the Municipal Com-
missioners on account of
the Town Police for the
eleven months ending on
the 31st instant, only
Rupees 35,036 have been
paid leaving a balance
still due of Rupees 61,280.
In explanation of this
deficiency the Commissioners
State

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Municipal Commissioners
Madras
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State that their collections of the tax on Arts, Professions, Trades and Callings under Schedule 2 amount to only Rs 34,309.8. The amount assessed under this Schedule being Rs 103,127 or Rs 33,127 in excess of the amount estimated, ^{but} the gross receipts from tolls on vehicles and animals were only Rs 16,138 against an estimate of Rs 60,000.

2. The Commissioners request that the Government will either release the balance or allow it to remain undisturbed until the outstandings of Trade Tax are collected.

3. The Government in Council cannot comply with either of these requests

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requests. He is willing however under the circumstances to permit the Commissioners to postpone payment of one fourth of the ~~entire~~ ^{entire} amount payable ~~on~~ ^{on} account of the Police, viz, Rs 21,049 ~~until~~ ^{until} the outstandings on account of the Trade Tax have been collected, but the remainder of the balance of Rs 37,201 must be paid into the Bank with as little delay as possible and every effort must be made by the Commissioners by enforcing the provisions of the Act to collect their outstandings without

without further delay.
The Governor in Council
is constrained to re-
mark that the very
small proportion
which the actual
collections bear to the
amount assessed under
Schedule C ~~appears to~~
~~be very seriously on the~~
~~efficiency of the Com-~~
~~missioners and of the~~

~~Officers employed under~~
~~them~~ shows that the Com-
missioners have not used
the exertions which in the
order of Govt of the
15th July last they
were called
upon to make
in collecting
the tax in question.

To the Munt Commr for the
Town of Madras
Commr of Police
Account General

Public Department

N^o 327.

To the Under Secretary of State
for India

Sir,

I am directed by the
Right Honble the Governor
in Council to forward
the annexed copy of a
letter from the Accountant
General, pointing out a
discrepancy in the in-
voices of telegraphic stores
sent out by the ship
"Pliva", & to request that
a corrected invoice of
the stores in question
may be furnished.

For St. George
26 March 1867

Dated 21 Mar '67 by N^o 431.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated 26 March 1867.

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