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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1278	Press Mis.
Dated	19-8-	19-1871

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
19th August 1871.*

No. 104. Read the following letter from the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Ghooty, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Ghooty, 8th August 1871, No. 31:—

At the request of the Commissioners of the Ghooty Municipality, the late President recommended in his letter to Government, dated 27th April 1871, No. 38, the necessity of raising the rate on houses and buildings from five to seven per cent.

2. In the Notification which appeared on page 1111 of the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the current year, or in the Proceedings of Government, dated 1st July 1871, No. 952, no sanction is accorded for the solicited increased rate.

3. In the absence of special sanction for this, the Commissioners doubt as to their authority for levying the house-tax at the proposed rate. They will be put to considerable trouble, if they have to make a second collection, when the whole assessment for the half-year might be collected at once, and I should be, therefore, much obliged if Government will give their early sanction to the levy of the assessment at seven per cent. instead of five.

4. I send an extract from the Proceedings of the Municipality, dated 24th April 1871.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners of Ghooty, dated 24th April 1871.

It is found that, by the withdrawal of Government grant-in-aid and fall of tolls, the funds of the Municipality have greatly decreased, it is resolved that the assessment on buildings, which it is at present five per cent., be increased to seven per cent., and the same be communicated to the President for the sanction of Government.

(Signed) K. NURSING ROW,
Vice-President.

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1871, No. 1278.

The Ghooty house valuation is extremely low, and the increased percentage, which cannot prove oppressive, is sanctioned.

2. The Government do not understand what the Acting President means by the assessment for the half-year. The house-rate is annual.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
*Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for Chief Secretary.*

To the Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Ghooty.

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From,

W. S. Foster Esq.

By President of Municipal Commission

Ghoochy

To,

The Honble R. T. Ellis Esq.

Chief Secretary to Government

Port Saint George.

Attest

At the request of the Commissioners of the Ghoochy Municipality the late President recommended in his letter to Government dated 27th April 1871 No. 38 the necessity of raising the rate on Houses and Buildings from 5 to 7 Percent.

In the notification which appeared on page 100 of the Port Saint George Gazette of the current year or in the Proceedings of Government dated 1st July 1871 No. 952, no sanction is accorded for the solicited increased rate.

3. In the absence of special sanction for this the Commissioners doubt as to their authority for levying the house-tax at the proposed rate. They will be put to considerable trouble, if they have to make a second collection, when the whole assessment for the half year might be collected at once: and I should be therefore much obliged if Government will give their early sanction to the levy of the assessment at 7 Percent instead of 5.

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To

THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COMMISSION,

By,

Sec.,

Ghoochy.

Attest

Dated August, 19th.

Secd.

G. O., 19th August 1871, No. 1278.

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Nos. 104-105.

Sanctioning the increase of the rate on houses in the Ghoochy Municipality from five to seven percent.

W Foster
By President.

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rate on houses in the
Municipality from 5 to 7
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