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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1542	Press / Mis.
Dated November 12, 1859.	

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No. 11. Read the following Memorandum from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq.; dated Chittoor 8th November 1859.

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They include among, it is true, many objectionable items, several very legitimate sources of revenue and should not therefore be hastily and lightly thrown away. The Moturpha has been chiefly attacked on the ground of its defective machinery.

The new Bill does not improve that machinery, but yet contemplates the extension of a measure strongly resembling the Moturpha to parts of India, where it is strange and incongenial.

The new Bill has met with much disfavor from the Press and European community, and I concur with my brother in thinking that it is not politic in the present state of feelings in India to foist on the Native populations a measure which has been so generally condemned by ourselves and thereby unite them in one common bond of antagonism.

Recognizing the necessity of relieving in some way or other the present financial pressure, I think that if each Presidency were left to name its own capabilities of additional taxation, the requirements of the State might be satisfied quite as fully and with far less discontent and excitement, than by such a measure as that now proposed for our acceptance.

In Canara and Malabar the Moturpha tax has long been familiar to the inhabitants, and in no two Districts of the Presidency would its extension on improved principles be more easy and generally intelligible. In other respects, I am not aware of any local peculiarity which demands consideration in bringing this measure to the practical test in those Districts.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 12th November 1859, No. 1542.

Ordered to lie over.

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

Memo on the Act for licensing trades & professions.

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Collr.

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From J. D. Robinson Esq
Asst Coll of North Arcot

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Fort St George
12 Nov 1859

No 11 & 12.

Submits his opinion on the Bill for licensing Trades & Professions -

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