

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.**Government of Madras.***Revenue* **DEPARTMENT.**

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Official Memorandum.

The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to inform the Revenue Secretary to Government, in reply to his Memo. dated 16th Instant N^o 257. that the Returns of payments on account of Religious Institutions - furnished by the Collectors, do not supply the detailed information required by him - which indeed was not called for by the Honorable House of Commons, in their order circulated to the Collectors, and therefore no doubt in most instances omitted as unnecessary. -

It may however be questioned, whether, even if specially called for, the whole of the detailed information required by the Revenue Secretary - could be satisfactorily supplied without great delay, if at all. -

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The amount collected by the servants of Government on behalf of native religious institutions, was shown in detail in the Board's letter to Government dated 13th Instant.

The accounts of Payments made in commutation of lands resumed, may perhaps be easily separable in the Districts, from those in commutation of percentages on particular sources of Revenue, and privileges resumed by Government; but to distinguish between these two last, and to trace each Item to its origin, would require much time.

Again, to sub-divide the 5th Head into Geomiahs or individual allowances. Allowances to Temples under extant Rowanahs, and those not so supported but paid in accordance ^{with} immemorial custom, would probably involve protracted enquiry and delay.

The Acting Secretary cannot hold

hold out any expectation of being able to furnish this detailed information in time for the early despatch of the return called for by the Home Government and submitted on 13th Instant; but if it is separately required for the information of the local Government, he may mention that the returns which will be submitted with the report on the existing Tusdeek allowances, and the possibility of their complete commutation, together with the statement of money payments on account of Religious sources and Institutions, among other purposes, which have been called for by the Board and in part received, will contain all the information on these several points - which Government can desire or at least all that is obtainable.

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Fort St. George
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By order

Andrew W.

Acting Secretary

To J. D. Bourdillon Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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to the Secretary
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That the in-
formation required by
Govt in respect to the
assessments on areas with
religious institutions
is not obtainable at
an early date, but will
be supplied in the report
on the existing assess-
ment.

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