

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th October 1860.*

No. 228. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th September 1860, No. 4,429 :—

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Chittoor, 22nd September 1860, No. 22 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor with reference to the Proceedings of the Board dated 23rd July last, No. 3,359, to submit a rough Estimate of the proceeds of the Income Tax derivable from all sources in this District. I do not pretend to claim for these calculations the merit of great accuracy, but no pains have been spared to bring them as near the mark as my means of information and limited freedom of action permit. Not one of the Zamíndárs has responded although the views of Government have been fully explained to them, as well as to my own Native Subordinates, and the submission of their returns been repeatedly and courteously urged.

2. I have thus been left to compute upon the slenderest data, the liabilities of a full third of the whole population of the District. In the Ain Táluqs a similar reticence is observable. None of the Merchants will speak out; every one waits to see how his neighbour is going to act and no exercise of patience would at the present stage of matters put us in possession of fuller and more reliable statistics than those for which I now very diffidently ask your acceptance. Of one thing I feel assured, that however imperfect my computations may hereafter be found, they represent at least that minimum below which the proceeds of the Tax will not fall when the regular machinery has been brought into play.

3. I have no fear of any angry demonstration so far as this District is concerned, but the silence of the Zamíndárs and large Towns is significant, and very unmistakably indicates that there is a distrust of the intentions of Government in this matter, that nothing but the greatest delicacy and tact will disarm.

4. In the entire absence of any basis on which to make the computation, I have not attempted to give even an approximation estimate of the number of persons who will become liable under the Act.

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Submitting for me;
information a letter
from the Collector of
North West forwarding
a rough estimate of the
proceeds of the unknown
tax derivable from all
houses.

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