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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st December 1860.

No. 360. Read the following letter from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department (Revenue), to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 30th November 1860, No. 2,698 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2,119, dated the 12th instant, submitting a letter from the Board of Revenue containing their observations on the revised Income Tax Forms.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the Government of India is and was quite aware of the objections to which the revised returns are open, but they were adopted on the recommendation of the Committee in consequence of the strong objection that was felt to the complicacy of the legal forms, and the urgent representations of many Officers from various parts of India, that this complexity of the forms was the only serious obstacle to the successful introduction of the tax.

3. The whole of the forms, I am desired to observe, will have to be carefully revised for next year, and I am desired to request, that with this view the result of the present year's experience in the Madras Presidency in regard to the forms now in use, may be communicated at as early a period as possible, and that the recommendation of the Governor in Council may be submitted as to the forms which he may think best calculated to attain the objects of the law, without imposing unnecessary details on those who have to fill them up.

4. When the tax has been once fairly set on foot, people will not be so apt to take alarm at the forms they are required to fill up, and the Government may then safely insist upon having all particulars necessary for a fair assessment of the tax on all who have to pay it, according to the principles laid down in the Act.

No. 361. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1860, No. 2,466.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance. The Board will be good enough to state when they may be able to submit the revised forms called for in the Order of Government dated 4th December 1860, No. 2,300.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Rec'd 5th November 1860 No 71-72
" 12th Do No 206-207
" 15th Do No 296 -
" 4th December 1860 No 27 & 29

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From the Secretary to the
Govt of India -

Dated 30th November 1860.
Rec'd 12th December —

Observe that the whole of the Income Tax forms will have to be revised for next year, and request to be informed of the result of this year's experience in the Presidency in regard to the forms in use, and that the recommendation of the Govt may be submitted as to the forms they may think best -

No 360 & 361.

No 2466. 21st December
With an order

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Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance. The Board will be good enough to state when they may be able to submit the revised forms called for in the order of Government dated 4th December 1860 No 2807.

J. D. L

For Sec: to Govt
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