

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1509	Press Mis.
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Dated	15-8-1863

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th August 1863.*

No. 153. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Communicating a letter from Government of India forwarding }
copy of correspondence showing the extent of the special } (Here enter 10th August 1863, No. 2,535.)
exemption from the operation of the present Stamp Act to }
which Native Officers and Soldiers are now entitled.

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1863, No. 1,509.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for information and communication to their subordinate Officers.
(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Procs. Military Department, dated 10th August 1863, No. 2,565.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, with the Governor General, Simla, 20th July 1863, No. 313 To the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

I am directed to transmit to you, for the information of the Government of Madras, and for the issue of such notice as may be deemed necessary, the accompanying transcript of a communication from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, with the Governor General, No. 311 of the 29th ultimo, forwarding a copy of correspondence shewing the extent of the special exemption from the operation of the present Stamp Act to which Native Officers and Soldiers are now entitled.

From the Secretary to Chief Commissioner of Oude, Lucknow, 27th May 1863, No. 1502; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, with the Governor General.

I have the honor by desire of the Chief Commissioner to report, that it has been brought to his notice that Officers and Soldiers of the Native Army, frequently from ignorance no doubt, evade the Stamp Laws by forwarding Petitions on plain paper which ought to be on Stamp. The privileges granted to Native Soldiers by Regulation XV of 1816, and Act XV of 1845, were withdrawn by Act X of 1861. Petition relating to settlement matters may of course be received from Native Soldiers as from others under the exemptions of Act X, but the Chief Commissioner believes that the only special immunity which Native Officers and Soldiers are now entitled to, is the permission to execute Mooktarnamahs on plain paper under the exemptions to Article 8, Schedule B, Act X of 1862, unless it is intended that the copy of the final Order which the Court transmits to Native Officer or Soldier should, as heretofore, be exempted from Stamp.

2. Should the Chief Commissioner be correct in the opinion above expressed, he would venture to suggest that His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief might be addressed on the subject, and requested to take such measures as may appear advisable to make known the

No. 311.

Copy forwarded, with copy of the opinion of the Advocate General, contained in letter, dated 18th June, to the Military Department, with the Governor General for consideration.

(Signed) C. U. AITCHISON,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India, with the Govr. Genl.

SIMLA, HOME DEPARTMENT, }
29th June 1863.

From the Officiating Advocate General, Calcutta, 18th June 1863; to the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, with the Governor General.

In reply to your letter, No. 282, dated 10th instant, with enclosure (herewith returned) I have the honor to state that I agree in the opinion of the Chief Commissioner of Oude that the only special exemption to which Officers and Soldiers are now entitled, is that provided by Article 8 of Schedule B, of the present Stamp Act,—the Act XV of 1845, which exempted only Plaints filed by Officers or Soldiers in suits not founded on transactions of a commercial nature, having been repealed;—and I am not aware of any valid grounds upon which a copy of the final order transmitted to an Officer or Soldier ought to be treated as exempt from Stamp duty.

ORDER, No. 2565, 10th August 1863.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief and Departments concerned.
(True Extract.)

Thurston
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Contrôller of Military Finance.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

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