

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th March 1864.

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No. 1,350:—

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2. In my Settlement of the Talook of Hospett, lately finished, I found in Cusbah Hospett, where the fees, from about 1,500 houses at $\frac{1}{2}$ Rupee amount to Rupees 750, the Jodi charged is Rupees 282, or nearly 30 per cent. of the income.

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4. I feel certain that the abolition of this, as it appears to me impolitic cess on the gains of village servants, would be hailed as a great boon by the people. In the present day where Ryots are inclined to the principles of free trade the tax on monopoly of office should, I think, be dispensed with. It is particularly advisable to exempt the Subordinate Village Police from such petty demands on public grounds; and the other classes of the community so heavily taxed on their small gains have also a claim for consideration.

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4. Mr. Pelly alludes to these last classes in paragraphs 10 and 11 of his letter to Government, dated 14th February 1862, in Government Order, dated 7th March 1862, No. 500, Revenue Department.

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1861, No. 453.

The Government sanction the discontinuance of the tax alluded to in these Proceedings. The Board will instruct the Collector to give full publicity to this Order.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(A true Copy and Extract)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. W. Reid, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector in charge of Bellary.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Recd 2 1864. Department
of Govt for India

No. 610.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Recd 14 March 1864
Sd/-
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No. 1350.

2/15/85 4786.

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Submitting with the Board's recommendation
letter from the Acting Collector of Bellary re-
porting on the Mamajdy levied in his District
and suggesting that it may be abolished.

2/15/85-16 March

William Adams

453 82-455.

The Govt. sanction to the abo-
lition of the tax attached to
the Mamajdy, the Bd will in-
struct the Collectors to pull
the Mamajdy tax order.

2/15/85-16 March 1864
Sd/-
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McGowan & Co. 1864 and on the same day 1864
3-11-1864