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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31st May 1865.

No. 550.

No. 1,160.

From

W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,

Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

1. In your letter, dated 23rd June 1863, conveying the observations of the Government of India, on the Budget Estimates of this Presidency for the year 1863-64, it was stated that the propriety of admitting the estimated charge for Village Establishments would be considered on receipt of fuller information as to its nature.

2. In the Resolution No. 4,095, Financial Department, Government of India, dated 27th August 1863, it was directed that all fees or quit-rents received by Government for the payment of village servants should be carried to Land Revenue, and the corresponding payment debited to "Allowances to District and Village Officers," B. III.

3. The information as to the nature of the charge required in your letter above quoted, was furnished in the papers transmitted to you with the letter from this Government in the Financial Department, dated 23rd December 1863, No. 835.

4. In your letter dated 15th April 1864, No. 2,003, conveying the observations of the Supreme Government on the Budget Estimates of this Presidency for 1864-65, it was stated (paragraph 4) that the provision which had been made for Village Establishments by this Government under Allowances to District and Village Officers in accordance with the Resolution of 27th August 1863, above quoted had, in modification of that Resolution, been transferred to the "Debt Account" "it having been decided " to form the Village Fees and Cesses into a Local Fund, for which purpose a Bill is " under consideration by the Madras Legislative Council with the consent of the " Governor General in Council."

5. I am now directed to bring to the notice of the Government of India that although the Act in question (Madras No. 4 of 1864), has been passed, its provisions do not enable this Government to dispense with the grant required from the general revenues to meet this long established charge.

6. The Act provides for the commutation of fees *due by Ryots* to village servants, into a Village Service Cess to be levied by Government and distributed among those entitled to payment from the Ryots—the fees themselves being abolished.

7. But the Budget grant which was disallowed by the Supreme Government is required to provide for cash payments to village servants in lieu of lands and fees long since resumed by Government, and which are now embodied in, and collected with the Government assessment on the land.

9. In the cases for which the grant now under notice is required, the village servants concerned are not entitled to demand fees from the Ryots; any amount due by the latter under the original constitution of the village municipality having been long ago embodied with the assessment on the land and being now collected by Government and credited to the general revenues.

Ganjam	...	...	...	...	Rs.	141
Godavery	...	...	...	...		13,309
Kistna	...	...	...	...		15,803
Cuddapah	...	...	...	...		750
Bellary	...	...	...	...		150
Madras	...	...	...	...		102
North Arcot	...	...	...	...		3,000
Tanjore	...	...	...	...		1,86,254
Madura	...	...	...	...		927
Tinnevely	...	...	...	...		28,533
Coimbatore	...	...	...	...		162
South Canara	...	...	...	...		33,974
Malabar	...	...	...	...		84,495

11. It is not possible at this distance of time to eliminate from the assessment on the land in every case the exact amount which may be claimed as a set off against this charge; but in two only of the Districts, marginally named, above the sum of Rupees 2,48,965 is known to be so claimable, which fact will probably be admitted as materially altering the aspect of the case.

12. If it be deemed necessary for the sake of uniformity that a credit be from which to meet all charges for vil- authority be given to pay over to such of these long established cash payments.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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as to the nature of the charge
required in the letter above
quoted. as specimens are
in the papers transmitted
to you, with the letter from this
Govt. in the No. 1. Sept. of 23. Decr/63.
No. 835.

In your letter of 13. Apr/64. No. 2003.
conveying the ^{contents} of the Dep. Govt.
in the Budget Estimate of the P.W. 3
for 1864/65. it was stated (para 4)
that the provision for Land Revenue
for Village Panchayats by this Govt. under
the ~~Act~~ ^{Act} of 1863. District & Village
Officers in accordance with the Resol.
of 27. Aug/63. above quoted. had
in modification of that Resol. been
transferred to the "Govt. Account"
"It having been decided to form the
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of 1864) has been passed
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general revenues to meet
this long established charge.

The Act provides for
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by Ryots to Village servants
into a Village service cess to
be levied by Govt. and dis-
tributed among those en-
titled to payment from the
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being abolished.

But the Budget
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payments

payments to Village servants in lieu of lands and fees long since resumed by Govt, and which are now embodied in and collected with the Govt assessment on the land.

The Act does not as seems to have been supposed provide for the institution of a Village Service Fund to be distributed as Govt. may deem best for the public service but only that in the particular localities to which it may be applied a cess may be levied by Govt for the benefit of those individuals who are entitled to receive fees from the Ryots and in lieu of such fees.

In the cases for which the grant now under notice is required. the Village servants concerned are not entitled to demand fees from the Ryots amount due by the Ryots under the original constitution of

	Rs
Ganjam	144
Kodaverry	13309
Thidua	15800
Cuddalore	150
Bellary	102
Madras	3000
N. Arcot	186254
Tanjore	927
Madurai	28539
Tinnevely	162
Poimthor	33974
S. Canara	84495
Malabar	367609
Total Rs	367609

the Village Municipality having been long ago embodied with the assessment on the land and being now collected by Govt and credited to the general revenues.

Under these circumstances I am directed to request the grant of Rs 367609 for Village servants as detailed in the margin and that the Acct. for I may be authorized to adjust the outstanding advances on this account, which have been unavoidably made for the Ryots of the public service since objection was first raised to the Budget grant for 1863/64. It is not possible at this distance

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Malabar
Percentage cess
Imposed in Land
assessment 90,069
Total 248,965.

the amount now asked
for on account of these
long established cash
payments. —



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Revenue 1865 Sept^r
D^o of Gov^t for May

No. 1166.

To The Secretary to the
Government of India
Financial Dept^r
D^o 17th May/65.

From D^o — 20
7 Aug^t/65 C^r 2313

Requesting the grant
of Rs. 3,67,609 for village
scouters.