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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th July 1865.

No. 89. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India, (Revenue,) to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 25th May 1865, No. 21 :—

SIR,

1. I have had under my consideration in Council the Despatch from your Excellency in Council, dated the 15th December last (No. 11, Land Revenue,) in which you bring to my notice certain changes which you have thought it expedient to make in the arrangements hitherto in force for conducting the Revenue Survey and Settlement of your Presidency.

2. The changes proposed do not in any manner affect the principles on which the assessment of the land is to be based, but only the machinery by which the facts to which those principles are to be applied are to be investigated and collected, and I have no hesitation in giving them my approval. Some alterations are, I observe, proposed to be made in the mode of remunerating the Officers employed on the Survey, by which the anomaly of paying for work done, not according to its value or amount, but according to the profession of the Officer performing it, will be obviated; but it does not appear from your subsequent correspondence, or from that of the Government of India that the sanction of that Government has yet been accorded to it.

3. I learn with satisfaction, from your Resolution of the 12th December 1864, that in your future operations, the principles of assessment which have been laid down by Her Majesty's Government, will be steadily kept in view. The Government share will be taken at a moiety of the *net* produce, to which a road cess of 2 per cent. will be added; and "the commutation rate will be fixed on the market "prices, for a series of years, of the chief grain markets, with an allowance for "conveyance to them, so that the price at which the produce is converted into "money, may approximate fairly to what the producer realizes for it." You will also bear in mind that, wherever practicable, the dry land assessment must be kept distinct from the water-rate applicable to irrigated land, a point to which I directed your particular attention in my Despatch of the 24th February (No. 7,) 1864, on the subject of the assessment of the District of Trichinopoly.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1865, No. 1,543.

Land Revenue.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, and the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, with reference to the Proceedings dated 12th December 1864, No. 2,243.

2. The Government observe, with reference to the latter part of paragraph 2 of the Despatch, that the Government of India have been requested to sanction the revised salaries proposed for the Officers of the Survey Department, in letter dated 1st June 1865, No. 1,167, but that their reply has not yet been received. A copy of this letter was furnished to the Secretary of State with Despatch dated 17th June 1865, No. 9.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

No 7573

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 6 July 1865

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

Approving, with certain observations, the changes proposed by this Govt. in the arrangements hitherto in force for conducting the Revn. Survey and Settlement of this Presidency, and stating that, in future operations, the Govt. share may be taken at a moiety of the net produce to which a road cess of 2% will be added, and that, wherever practicable, the dry land assessment may be kept distinct from the water-rate applicable to irrigated land.

(Here enter 25th May 1865. No. 21)

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue and the officiating Director of Revenue Settlement with reference to the Pro:

Proceedings dated 12th December 1864, No. 2,243.

The Government observe with reference to the latter part of paragraph 2 of the Despatch that the Government of India have been requested to sanction the revised salaries proposed for the officers of the Survey Department, in letter dated 1st June 1865 No. 116 by which their reply has not yet been received. A copy of this letter was forwarded to the Secretary of State with Despatch dated 17th June 1865 No. 9.

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approving of the Changes
made for working the
Revenue Survey and
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