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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2222

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th September 1865.*

No. 333. Read the following letter from E. C. BAYLEY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, (Home Department,) to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Simla, the 1st August 1865, No. 600 :—

SIR,
I am directed to forward a copy of each of the papers noted in the margin, and to request that the Governor in Council will have the goodness to favor the Governor General in Council with any remarks or suggestions that may occur to His Excellency in Council, on the provisions of the proposed Law.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 334. From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to E. C. BAYLEY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, dated 15th September 1865, No. 2,222.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,
1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your confidential letter No. 600, dated 1st August 1865, forwarding, for the remarks of this Government, a Draft

Bill to amend Acts X. of 1859 and XIV. of 1863, and am directed, in reply to state that this Government while observing that the Bill is intended to apply only to the territories under the direct control of the Government of India, and under the Governments of Bengal, of the North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab, and while feeling themselves incompetent to judge of its suitability to those parts of the country, can only form an opinion of the general expediency of the proposed measure by considering it in connection with the state of things that exists in this Presidency.

2. So viewed, this Government consider that to declare all Zemindary Ryots of less than twenty years' occupancy, either personally or by inheritance, mere tenants at will, and where they have hereditary rights of occupancy to subject them to any rate of rent $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. short of a rack rent, would in this Presidency be productive of monstrous injustice; would disturb the relations between Zemindar and Ryot; and excite discontent and disaffection in all our Zemindary Districts. The provisions of the Bill in fact are utterly unsuited to the circumstances of this Presidency, and would be absolutely subversive of rights established since 1802.

3. The Bill to consolidate and improve the law for the Recovery of Rent in this Presidency, which is now under the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General, indicates the course which this Government approve for the attainment of the objects contemplated by the Bill under reference, and in a recent letter certain objections to its

Legislative Department, No. 324, dated 16th August 1865. details which occurred to the Supreme Government, have been combated with, it is hoped, success.

4. I am directed to request a reference to these papers, as fully expressing the views of this Government on the relations of Landlord and Tenant, and Zemindar and Ryot, as they exist in this Presidency, and on the provisions which the Government deem necessary and expedient for dealing with them.

Confidential

No. 600.

FROM

E. C. BAYLEY, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India.

TO

*Sheriff to the Government
of Port St. George*

Home Dept.

Simla, the 1st August 1865.

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A Bill "to amend Acts X. of 1859 and XIV. of 1863."
Draft Statement of Objects and Reasons.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. C. Bayley

Secretary to the Government of India.

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15 September 1955-112222

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No. 2222.

To
The Secretary to the
Govt of Iowa Home Dept
Sept 15th Sept 15/65.

Examiners Report.
Referring to the letter from
Govt of Ohio, forwarding
the Drafts Bill to amend
Act of 1859 and Act of
1863, on the subject of
authorizing Report to
said Govt.

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