

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1385	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	9-6-	1866.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th June 1866.*

No. 199. Read the following letter from Major R. HUNTER, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Sher-
varoy, 3rd June 1866 :—

1. I have applied for Government puttahs on some of my puttah lands, and the Collector, under the rules, demands the cost of demarcation and survey, although I myself furnish the maps, thereby obviating all cost beyond what had originally been incurred, and I do not think that any charge can fairly be made on me, because the original owner should have been called upon to pay the sums due.

2. Thus Beattie, in Yercaud, had his property mapped in 1860. I purchase the property in 1863, and because I wish to have a Government puttah, I am called on to pay for demarcation and survey. If a charge for the privilege of having the Government seal put on my puttah was made, it would be just; but I cannot see how, six years after the date of maps and three years after the property has changed hands, that a bill for survey falls on the present owner. I am of opinion that Beattie should, in 1860, have been called on to pay this demand.

3. Again, I buy a block at auction for arrears of revenue, I do not see how any survey charges can be brought against me, as in this instance also I supply the map.

4. To conclude, it seems to me that this is a tax on property which should have been demanded from former owners, and I would urge upon Government a change in the rule, unless direct ownership be traced at the time of application for the Government seal.

5. A tax on the Government seal would be willingly paid; but I question the expediency of the present measure, as it seems to me like saddling the wrong horse.

No. 200.

ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1866, No. 1,385.

Land Revenue.

Forwarded to the Collector of Salem for report.

(True Extract.)

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

Collector of Salem
To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

To the Secretary of Government
Revenue Department
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Dear Sir

Yours with Obedience
Therding P. A. Minter M. A.

3 June 1866 - 27-1385
5 To the Hon. Sec. of the Interior
9th June 1866

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Chas. J. Smith for June
7th 1861.

From
Major R. Hunter

Dated 3rd June
Received 5th 1861.

By
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