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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1757 Press Mis.

Dated 16- 7- 1866.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th July 1866.

No. 299. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Revenue), to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 9th June 1866, No. 18 :—

1. I have had under my consideration in Council the Despatch from your Government in the Revenue (Land) Department, dated the 11th September last, (No. 15), forwarding the Proceedings of your Government in regard to the revised settlement of the whole of the Godavery District.

2. The rates proposed appear to me to be moderate, and to have been ultimately settled with a due regard to the principles laid down in my predecessor's Despatch of the 24th February, (No. 7), 1864, in regard to the revised settlement of the Tri[illegible]l District. I have especially to note my approval of your having returned the papers to the Director of Revenue Settlement for revision, in consequence of the rates originally proposed, particularly for the inferior soils, being in many instances considerably in excess of the authorized proportion of one-half of the estimated net produce. It is with regard to this class of soils that the imposition of excessive assessments should be especially guarded against, as, where the net produce is small, any encroachment on the Ryot's share will be felt as a greater burden than where the profits are larger.

3. I observe that, wherever the new rates considerably exceed those previously levied, they are to be gradually introduced at the discretion of the Settlement Officer, and that the Collector and the Board of Revenue have been instructed to watch the working of the new settlement, and to keep your Government apprised of its result, so that such measures, as actual experience may dictate, may be promptly adopted. I desire that the information thus furnished to you may from time to time be communicated to me.

No. 300. ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1866, No. 1,757.

Land Revenue.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Director of Revenue Settlement, for their information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

India Office.
London, 9 June 1864.

Revenue.

No 18

My Lord,

I have had under my consideration in Council the Despatch from your Government in the Revenue Land Department dated the 11th September last No. 35 forwarding the proceedings of your Government in regard to the revised settlement of the whole of the Godavery district.

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I have the honour to be
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble servant,
Adgrey Ryan

No 18

Revenue
Ste Pr. of Govt. dt. 3d June 1866.
Letter to Sec. to Govt.
No 18.

Received on the
7th July 1866.
Via
Marseilles —

Approving of the proceedings of this Govt. in regard to the revised Settlement of the Godavery District and desiring that the information which may be furnished by the Collector & Board of the result of the working of the new Settlement may from to time be communicated to him —

No 1757 - 16th July

With enclosure

No 299-300.