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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 3370 — Press ~~Mis.~~

224. 225

Dated 13 — 12 — 1866.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th December 1866.

No. 224. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1866, No. 8,665.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 21st November 1866, No. 341 :—

1. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Proceedings of the Board, dated the 25th ultimo, No. 7,710, I have the honor to state that I am of opinion that the extension of the Road Cess Act to all lands held on other than Ryotwary tenure in this district, need not be longer deferred. The cess has, for years past, been levied on all Ryotwary land, and there is no reason, that I am aware of, why land held on other tenures should not be brought at once upon the rate paying area. The district is recovering from the distress under which it has been suffering for months past, and an abundant harvest may now be confidently expected. Still, I earnestly trust, that these considerations may not be allowed to weigh against my former recommendation, that the cess should be levied at one uniform rate of two per centum on all the taxable area, new as well as old. Had the measure been quite novel to the district, the difference between a two per cent. rate and the full rate would probably not affect its popularity. But in this district, the cess at the two per centum rate has long been familiar to the people, and springing out of the general reduction of the land assessment, is associated in their minds with that highly popular measure.

2. In recommending that the Act be introduced in the district from 1st January 1867, I once more respectfully urge that no change be made in the rate, but that the cess be levied at one uniform rate of two per centum throughout the district.

3. Meanwhile, I am preparing a Notification for publication in the District Gazette with reference to paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings, and have already taken measures for collecting all the statistics required for the extension of the cess to all landed property which has not up to this time been rated to the tax.

4. Copies of the aforesaid Notification will shortly be distributed to all the Zemindars, Poligars, and other estate holders, for their information and guidance.

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1. Submitted to Government, with reference to Government Order dated 10th October 1866, No. 2,736, Revenue Department.

2. The Board cannot support the Collector's recommendation that, when the Road Cess Act is introduced, the existing rate of two per cent. be maintained in the North Arcot District, while Cuddapah will be paying at the rate of 3¼ per cent., especially when the cess is really for the direct and great benefit of the payers.

3. Under the peculiar circumstances of the district, the Board are, however, disposed to think that the introduction of the Act into North Arcot had better be postponed till Fusly 1277.

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1866, No. 3,370.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government concur with the Board in deeming the Collector's argument invalid. If admitted, it would very greatly enhance the difficulty of ever raising the cess beyond its present rate.

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2. The Government, however, see no reason for deferring the introduction of the Act until next Fusly, as "an abundant harvest" is expected and prices rule high.

3. The necessary Notification will now be issued.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Govt. concur with the Bd. in deeming the Collr's argument invalid. If admitted, it would frequently enhance the difficulty of securing the Cess beyond its fusly date.

The Govt. however see no reason for deferring the introduction of the Act until next Fusly- as "an abundant harvest" is expected & prices rule high."

The necessary Notification will now be issued

13th December 1866.

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No. 4404.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 5th December 1866.
Despatch
Rec. 10th

No. 8,665.

Submitting letter from Collector of North Arcot on proposed introduction of Road Cess Act, declining to support Collector's recommendation that existing rate of two per cent be maintained; and suggesting that the introduction of the Act be postponed till Fusly 1277.

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