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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th August 1867.

No. 234. Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 18th July 1867, No. 4,541:—

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of Government Order, dated 8th November 1865, No. 2,717, communicating a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated 23rd October 1865, No. 3,092, calling for explanation on certain points connected with the system of stamping weights and measures, and to submit the following information on the subject.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, the Board beg to state that a fee *is* levied on all weights and measures stamped, but that, in their opinion, the collection of an annual fee on all weights and measures in use is neither practicable nor expedient.

3. From the subjoined statement, it will be observed, that the receipts in 1865-66 were Rupees 14,550, and in 1866-67 Rupees 19,804, and that in most of the districts where the system of stamping has been vigorously carried out, they have been steadily increasing. There is no reason to apprehend that they will ever fall so much as not to cover the charges proposed in the Board's Proceedings of the 29th August 1864, No. 5,568, which amount to only Rupees 10,044 per annum. Should this unexpected result however occur, a corresponding reduction will be made in the establishments to meet the deficiency:—

Statement shewing the Receipts and Charges on account of stamping Weights and Measures from 1864-65 to 1866-67.

Districts.	For 1864 and 1865.		For 1865 and 1866.		For 1866 and 1867.	
	Receipts.	Charges.	Receipts.	Charges.	Receipts.	Charges.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Vizagapatam...	24	18	... ..	.....	43	.....
2. Kistna	271	153	208	255	194	157
3. Nellore	252	95	645	501	666	482
4. Bellary	527	324	967	284	366	324
5. Madras, including the Town...	4,550	1,341	6,986	1,509	10,596	1,293
6. North Arcot	.....	.....	846	.....	.....	.....
7. South do.	997	206	1,196	211	2,084	185
8. Tanjore	1,233	662	781	348	2,049	319
9. Trichinopoly	120	62	365	329	95	133
10. Madura	1,482	481	1,318	381	2,498	726
11. Tinnevelly	930	402	1,074	480	1,117	378
12. Salem	45	35	164	145	96	83
	10,431	3,779	14,550	4,443	19,804	4,080

4. Adverting to the inquiry made by the Madras Government in their Order above quoted, the Board direct me to observe, that it is very undesirable, in their opinion, to pay for work of this nature by the job, as it is impracticable to insure correct stamping with an irresponsible agency, over whom a proper check cannot be exercised.

5. In conclusion, the Board direct me to urge on the consideration of Government, that this is entirely a *Local* and not an *Imperial* measure. The stamping of

weights and measures is not compulsory by law, and it is inexpedient that an arrangement to which the people voluntarily submit, and which it is of great importance to encourage them to adopt, should be regarded as a source of public revenue. I am to recommend that the stamping of weights and measures be again placed on the same footing as other Local Funds.

No. 235. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1867, No. 1,866.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered that the above report be forwarded for the information of the Government of India, with reference to the letter from the Financial Secretary, dated 23rd October 1865, No. 3,092, and with the recommendation of this Government that as advocated by the Board, the system of crediting to Local Funds the fees derived from stamping weights and measures, and debiting to the same head all charges incurred for the purpose, which was in force prior to the Order of Government of India, dated 11th February 1863, No. 285 A, Financial, and approved in the letter from Government of India, dated 12th August 1862, No. 84 A, Financial, be reverted to and maintained. The measure is essentially one for local interests and local application in detail.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
12th August 1867.

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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

1. With reference to your letter dated 23rd October 1865, No. 3,092, I am directed to forward to you, for submission to the Government of India, copy of a letter from the Board of Revenue, dated 18th July 1867, No. 4,541, containing the information required on certain points connected with the system of stamping weights and measures in this Presidency.

2. I am to add the recommendation of this Government that as advocated by the Board, the system of crediting to Local Funds the fees derived from stamping weights and measures, and debiting to the same head all charges incurred for the purpose, which system was in force prior to the Order of the Government of India, dated 11th February 1863, No. 285 A, Financial, and was approved in the letter from the Government of India, dated 12th August 1862, No. 84 A, Financial, be reverted to and maintained. The measure is essentially one for local interests and local application in detail.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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"Extract Public Consultation dated 12th August 1862

"Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th July 1862, No 4541, with enclosure, on the subject of the system of auditing and disallowing the fees drawn from Stamps by Officers of Courts of Law and Equity.

"Ordered, that the Board of Revenue be requested to favor Government with their opinion on the recommendation of the Court of Directors, that the system of auditing and disallowing the fees drawn from Stamps by Officers of Courts of Law and Equity, should be extended to the Mofussil."

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2. I am to add the recommendation of this Govt. that as advocated by the

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From the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Secretary to Government, R. D.

Dated 18th July 1867.

No. 4,541.

Submitting information called for by Government on certain points connected with the system of stamping Weights and Measures and recommending that it be again placed on the same footing as other Local Funds.

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12th August 1867

Revenue Department

No. 1867.

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The Secretary to the Government

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