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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2505 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 29-9- 1931

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No. 440. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1868, No. 5,948 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 2nd May 1868, No. 123.

1. The Board are aware that Act No. III. of 1866, Madras, was declared applicable to the district of Malabar excepting Wynaad, by Notification, dated 29th November 1866.

"Fort St. George Gazette," 7th December 1866, page 898.

2. Wynaad was excepted because the introduction in that district of an Act to enable land-holders themselves to levy cess for the construction and up-keep of cross-roads was then under contemplation.

3. Such a measure, for the present at any rate, has been abandoned. An Act to admit of tolling cross-roads under certain conditions has just become law.

4. Under the circumstances, I see no reason why Wynaad should continue to be excluded from the operation of the Madras District Road Cess Act of 1866, and I beg that the necessary Notification may be made. The Act to take effect from the commencement of Fusly 1278, and six pies in the rupee to be levied under it.

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1. The Government will recollect that in their Order, dated 10th October 1866, No. 2,736, while directing the introduction of the Road Cess Act No. III. of 1866 in Malabar, an exception was made in favor of Wynaad in anticipation of the passing of an Act to enable land-holders themselves to levy a cess for the construction and maintenance of cross-roads. But since such a measure has been abandoned, for the present, Mr. Ballard requests that the Act may be extended to Wynaad also.

2. The Board quite concur with Mr. Ballard in considering that no good reason exists why the land-holders of Wynaad should continue to enjoy immunity from local taxation for purely local roads. The Government have determined on completing the three chief ghauts and the main lines on the plateau at the public expense. But there will still be a large number of cross-roads, the construction of which is necessary to convey traffic to and from the main lines, and provision must also be made for the maintenance of these lines when constructed.

3. The public expenditure on roads in and for Wynaad is far in excess both of the revenue derived from the talook and grants made to other tracts of the like area, revenue, and population, and as the rest of the district has been brought under the operation of the Road Cess Act, there is no reason now for not extending that law to Wynaad also.

4. The levy of the Road Cess need not be delayed in consequence of the passing of the Toll Act. The operation of the latter is not compulsory, and, under any circumstances, is not likely to be general for years to come.

5. The Board, therefore, resolve to support the recommendation of the Collector that Madras Act No. III. of 1866 be declared in operation in Wynaad from the 1st October, and that the rate of cess be six pies in each rupee of assessment or rental.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th September 1868.

No. 441. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1868, No. 2,505.

Miscellaneous.

The Government consider it very questionable whether the introduction of the Road Cess Act into Wynaad would not tend to prevent action being taken by the local proprietors upon the recently passed Wynaad Tolls Act, and they accordingly resolve to request the Board to obtain the Collector's opinion upon the point. Should it appear after the expiration of a few months that nothing has been done by those interested under the provisions of the Tolls Act, the Government will be prepared to re-consider the matter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Editors' Table.

Exd S. T. Augustin

Rev. Dept.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 30th September 1868.

Read the following
Proceedings of the
Bd of Revenue—

Submitting Govt letter
from Collr of Godavery
& forwarding report
of Supg Engr 1st Divn on the
subject of the wants of
District in regard to
irrigation works—

(Received 21st Augt 1868
No 6637)

Communicated
to the P.W.D. ~~with the~~
in order ~~Request~~ that a report
may be obtained as
to the result of the
examination into the
projects referred to
in para 5 of the
Supg Engrs letter—

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The attention of the Secretary in P.W.D. will also be requested to the Supdg. Engineer's remark as to the insufficiency of the allotment for agricultural repairs in the Godavery Dt. with a memorandum in the Public Works Dept.

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