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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
7th December 1868.

No. 3,044.

No. 71.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Miscellaneous.

1. With their letter dated 12th May 1868, No. 1,320, this Government forwarded, for the confirmation of the Government of India, their Proceedings of the same date, sanctioning an establishment for the assessment and collection of the License Tax, under Act IX of 1868, in the town of Madras for six months, from 1st May 1868, at a cost of Rupees 1,242 per mensem.

2. The Government of India, however, in their reply of 25th June 1868, No. 495, demurred to this establishment, on the ground that the expense was excessive in comparison with the revenue, and enquired whether it would not be possible to appoint at Madras, as was done in Calcutta, some Officer of Government to be Collector under the Act, with an additional allowance for the extra duty involved, instead of employing a special Officer for the purpose.

3. I am now directed to forward herewith, for submission to the Government of India, the correspondence* which has taken place on the subject.

*Procs. of Govt., 10th Nov. 1868, Nos. 132,133.
" " 24th " " " 404,405.

4. It will be perceived from the papers recorded in the Proceedings of Government of 10th November 1868, No. 2,810, that the Government of India would seem to have over-estimated the cost of collecting the License Tax in the town of Madras during the past year, and that it is expected to be reduced to thirteen per cent. on the collections during the current year.

5. It will further be observed, from the Proceedings of 10th November above quoted, and from the subsequent Proceedings of 24th idem, No. 2,933, that this Government propose that the duties of the Collector of the License Tax shall be discharged by the Deputy Collector of Madras, in addition to his other duties, on an extra monthly salary of Rupees 250, and with the aid of a reduced establishment at a cost of Rupees 272† per mensem. This arrangement appeared to the Government to be that best adapted to meet the requirements of the case with a due regard to economy; and in the event of the tax imposed under Act IX of 1868 being continued, it will be carried into effect from the commencement of the ensuing official year, or from an earlier date, if Mr. Winscom, the present Collector of License Tax, can in the mean time be provided

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Inspector...	30
Notice Writer	20
2 Conicopolies, at Rupees 15	30
6 Peons, at Rupees 7	42
Total ...	272

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6. Adverting to paragraph 5 of your letter under reply, I am directed to state that the establishment therein referred to was continued to the end of April 1868 under the orders of this Government, marginally noted, copies of which are herewith enclosed.

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7. The Government trust that their Proceedings as now reported may receive the confirmation of the Government of India.

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Your most obedient servant,
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Financial Dept.

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From Government of
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Dated 7th Dec. } *No.* 3,044.
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From the Govt of India
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Forwarding for confirmation Proceedings sanctioning a revised Establishment for the assessment and collection of License Tax in the town of Madras, at a cost of Rupees 522 per mensem.

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Pro. of Govt 10 Nov. 1868 Nos 1324/33. — 24 — — 1404-405.

4. It will be perceived from the papers recorded in the Proc. of Govt of 10 Nov. 1868 No. 2810, that the Govt of India would seem to have over-estimated the cost of collecting the License Tax in the Town of Madras during the past year, and that it is expected to be reduced to thirteen ~~or perhaps to nine~~ per cent on the collections during the current year.

5. It will further be observed from the Proc. of 10 Nov. above quoted, and from the subsequent Proc. of 24 idem No. 2933 that this Govt have arranged for the duties of the Collr of the License Tax being discharged by the Off. Collr of Madras, in addition to his other duties, on an extra monthly salary of Rs. 250, and with the aid of a reduced establishment at a cost of Rs. 272 per mensem. This arrangement appeared to the Govt to be that best adapted to meet the requirements of the case with a due regard to economy; and in the event of the tax imposed

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