

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	512	Press ~~Mis.~~
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th February 1868.*

No. 491. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1868.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 17th February 1868, No. 51 :—

1. Referring to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd instant, No. 838, calling upon me to report what portion of the License Tax Establishment can be discontinued at an earlier date than the 31st March, I have the honor to

forward herewith copy of a letter*
received from Mr. Winscom on the sub-
ject, and to state that I concur fully with him in thinking that it is not expedient
to impair the efficiency of the establishment at present by any large reduction.

2. The small reduction he considers might be made, I will, if the Board thinks fit, have made at once.

From the Collector of Licenses, Madras, to the Collector of Madras, dated Mount Road, 8th February 1868, No. 115.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 6th instant, forwarding the Government Order, No. 296, sanctioning the continuance of this establishment till 31st March, and the requisition of the Board as to what portion of the establishment can be dispensed with at an earlier date.

2. Before entering on this question, I would observe that the business which requires attention in the Office has not diminished, although the payments are becoming fewer, as we have at this late period of the year to deal chiefly with the class of persons who, though quite able to pay, will only do so under compulsion, and the bulk of our payments are at present obtained by the aid of the Magistrates' summonses, and the preparation of the lists, and the attention necessary to ascertain that all legal forms have been complied with, adds greatly to the labor in each case.

3. I am not at present serving many sixth class notices, as the liability of the parties who came before me by this means to pay any tax was so doubtful, and the proceeds so exceedingly small, that I thought it both more profitable and expedient to concentrate all my attention on the five higher classes, so as to have the lists of these in a satisfactory and finished state before the end of the financial year. When as six months would not suffice to complete the sixth class, and the proceeds after all from this source would not be more than five or six thousand rupees.

4. If a reduction is necessary, I shall endeavour to dispense with the services of one Writer, one Inspector, and whatever Conicopillays are not needed as witnesses to prove the delivery of the seven days' notices before the Magistrate, but any further decrease would entail confusion.

5. I cannot, however, recommend that any steps should be taken to impair the efficiency of the Office, when the time for its continuance is so very short, that the saving effected must be quite insignificant, and when it is so desirable that the business should be terminated in as complete and correct a manner as possible, and although the expenses have unavoidably borne a larger proportion to the revenue than was expected, the work accomplished, now that a forthcoming Income tax is announced, is of great future importance, as the lists of names, residences, and professions, which have been completed during the time this Office has been in existence, will render the work of future assessment comparatively easy, and have probably rendered the establishment needed at first to start the Income tax less by one-third than what would otherwise have been required.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 1st February 1868, No. 296.

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2. The Board recommend that Mr. Winscom be authorized to dispense with so much of the establishment as he can spare at the close of the current month.

No. 492.

ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1868, No. 512.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's recommendation is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Examiner of Claims.

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