

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue. DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd February 1869.*

No. 398. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th January 1869 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 25th January 1869, No. 19.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 20th instant, No. I have the honor to forward copy of a letter received from Mr. Winscom the License Tax Collector of Madras, explaining how far the work of his office has advanced, and how much remains to be done, from which the Board will perceive, that the new arrangements regarding the working of Act No. IX of 1868 can hardly be put into force before the end of the present financial year.

From the Collector of License Tax, Madras, to the Collector of the Madras District, dated 23rd January 1869, No. 37.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 21st instant, No. 24, enquiring whether the business in the office has sufficiently advanced to permit of its being transferred to the Deputy Collector on 1st proximo.

2. In reply, I do not think it possible that the proposed change could be effected at the present time without a sacrifice of Revenue, several times greater than the sum which could be saved by the reduction of the Establishment, as the time occupied in making the transfer and the delays incident to an entire change of the working arrangement would inevitably bring the business of Assessment to a stand still; and thus the last, and consequently the most important quarter of the License Tax year will be lost.

3. The transfer on 31st March will cause the loss of a month, but a month at the end of the quarter will not be so injurious as at the beginning, and in the meantime I should be able to recover the greater part of the arrears now exceeding one thousand, and also proceed with the work of assessment, for though the wealthy portions of the town have been completed, there still remains many streets and outlying villages unfinished.

To work such a business as this with the establishment it is proposed to allow, is a simple impossibility, but before this truth has been ascertained and the sanction for the increase granted, should the reduction now be made, the time for this year will have expired; and as the present lists will probably form the basis for all future years, the loss of income so arising will probably be permanent.

A short account of what has been done by both my out-door and in-door staff will show how hopeless it is to expect that the business of the office can be adequately discharged by such an establishment as that which the Government have been advised to sanction.

The four Conicopolies have up to the present date brought for assessment 7,886 names and have delivered 4,120 notices, and attended with the Police at the services of 1,236 summonses, besides being obliged to attend one day in the week at the office during the hearing of petitions, and on another at the Police Court, and it is now proposed that this work should be performed by two men.

As regards the work of the in-door establishment up to the present time, 6,053 names have been placed on the list, and as owing to the number of forms which have to be kept by the order of the Supreme Government, each name involves the necessity of from eight to twelve entries; there are about 60,000 entries to be made in the books, besides the lists of all the Joint Stock Companies establishments containing 400 names which require monthly revision, and there are also duplicate copies to be made on all decisions on the petitions now 385 in number, some of which are unavoidably very lengthy. Besides this, there is the drafting of correspondence and the usual routine work incident to every office; all this it is now proposed to do with a Manager whose time is chiefly occupied in talking to and explaining matters to the payers, and one twenty rupees Writer.

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As it appears to me that confusion and an accumulation of blunders must inevitably follow any attempt to conduct business with such inadequate means, I am very anxious that sufficient time be given me to wind up the work of the present year so that I may be able to leave it with credit to myself and satisfaction to the Government, and as the necessity of compelling immediate payment of the arrears will keep my Conicopolies chiefly employed with summonses cases, I would suggest that I should be allowed to employ four more for the ensuing two months to go on with the assessment in these portions of the Town not yet completed. The expense will be Rupees 120, and the additional revenue, even supposing they only brought 500 Tenth class names, would be Rupees 4,000; but I have no doubt there are at least 1,000 more people who ought to pay.

The net amount paid into Treasury up to date is Rupees 1,01,543-2-0 my estimate of one Lac and a quarter will I think be slightly exceeded.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order of 19th January 1869, No. 155.
2. Looking at the present state of the Assessments and Collections, the Board are of opinion, that any apparent saving by the reduction of Establishment prior to the close of the official year would be more than counterbalanced by loss of Revenue and Administrative confusion.
3. They request sanction therefore for the continuance of the Establishment on its present footing till the 31st March.
4. The Board beg to bring Mr. Winscom's very strong claims under the consideration of Government.

No. 399. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1869, No. 454.

Miscellaneous.

1. Under the circumstances reported in the foregoing papers, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to direct that the Government of India be informed that the reduction of the License Tax Establishment in the Town of Madras cannot be carried out before the close of the official year.

2. His Excellency in Council must, however, observe that the present backward state in which the business of the Department is reported to be, is neither creditable to the Collector of License Tax, nor to the Collector of the Madras District, whose duty it was to supervise the operations. The provisions of Act IX. of 1863 are such that had they been energetically carried out during the earlier months of the official year, the name of every person residing within the town who was liable to the Tax should have been long since entered in the list required to be prepared by Section XIII of the Act, the tax due by the greater portion of these persons should have been collected, and the notices should have been served upon those persons who had failed to pay.

3. As the Collector and the Board of Revenue are silent in regard to Mr. Winscom's application for four extra Conicopolies, it is presumed that this addition to the establishment is not considered necessary. The Government trust,

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

the Accountant General

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
22nd February 1869.

No. 455.

No. 400.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

Sir,

1. Adverting to paragraph 3 of your letter, dated 9th January last, No. 54, I am directed to forward the accompanying communication from the Board of Revenue, with its enclosures, and to state that, under the circumstances reported in these papers, the reduction of the License Tax Establishment in the Town of Madras referred to in your letter above quoted, cannot be carried out before the close of the official year.
2. The Proceedings of Government on the subject are also enclosed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

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

Exd. G. A. Turton.

GOVT. OF INDIA

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated February, 22nd.

Recd.

G. O. 22nd February 1869, No. 451.

From the Secy of Govt.
17th March 1869 No. 344.
FEBRUARY.
Nos. 398-399.

License Tax Establishment in Town of
Madras.—Government of India to be informed,
that the reduction cannot be carried out before the
close of the official year.

Revenue Department

No. 454

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 22nd July 1869

Read the following Resolution

Requesting sanction for continuing of the Board of Revenue License Tax Establishment for town of Madras } (Here enter 28 January 1869)
to its present footing till end of current }
Official year.

Under the circumstances reported in the foregoing paper, the Honble the

Govt in Council resolves

to inform the Honble the

Govt of India be informed

that the reduction of

the license tax which

in the town of Madras

cannot be carried

out before the close of

the Official year

His Excellency is desired

must, however, observe

W.D.

A.A.

Financial 1869 Department.

From Government of

Port St. George.

Dated 22nd Feb.

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No. 455.
Enclosure,
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Forwarding communication from Board of Revenue, with enclosures and orders thereon, and intimating that the reduction in the License Tax Establishment in the Town of Madras, cannot be carried out before the close of the official year.

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Levee for Estate
for Town of Madison

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14. Copy of Letter from the Duke of Devonshire to the Duke of Devonshire

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22^d July 1869

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The Secretary to the Gov. of India
Financial Dept.

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License Tax Estab-
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of Govt on the subject
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The enclosed documents
show the progress of the
work of the Commission
since its formation in
1892. They also show the
results of the various
inquiries made by the
Commissioners into the
state of the various
tribes and the progress
of the work of the
Commissioners in
the various districts.

Yours faithfully,
The Secretary

To H. J. India
Licenses Tax Estab.

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May 1907

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
dated 28 - January 1869.

Read the following

From

E. G. R. Fane Esq^d,

Collector of Madras.

To,

A. MacGregor Esq^d,

Secretary, Board of Revenue.

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Madras District Collector's Office,

Dated, Mydapat, 25 - January 1869 -

I have &c

(Signed) E. G. R. Fane

Collector -

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N^o 37

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License Tax Office,
Madras, 23^d January 1869

I have &c
(Signed) J. C. Winscom
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(True Copy)
(Signed) J. B. Richardson
Deputy Collector

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(True Copies & Extract)

A. H. B. G. R.
As Secretary

To

The As Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

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