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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 223 Press Mis.

Dated 16 - 5 - 1923 19 .

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No. 149. Read the following Endorsement of the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 17th January 1870, No. 317 :—

Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, (Financial,) to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 2nd December 1869, No. 421.

I HAVE considered in Council your Financial letter, dated the 4th October 1869, No. 249, forwarding correspondence with the Governments of Bombay and Madras as to the increase which you have resolved to make in the duty on Salt in those Presidencies, (excepting Sindh) from Rupees 1-8-0 to Rupees 1-13-0 per maund, together with a Bill for increasing the duty levied under the Indian Income-tax Act, by one per cent., for the second-half of the year 1869-70.

2. In my Separate Revenue despatch, dated the 21st January last, No. 2, I informed you that I was not prepared, on the evidence then before me, to sanction an equalization of the Salt duties by raising the rate of tax in the minor Presidencies.

3. I observe that the Government of Madras assented to the proposed increase, and that the majority of the district officers did not consider that the increase in the duty would affect the consumption. The Government of Bombay assented reluctantly.

4. The propositions to increase the Salt-duty and the Income-tax in the middle of the year could only be justified under great financial pressure, but under the circumstances in which you considered yourselves placed, I approve of the adoption of those measures.

COPY sent to the Governments of Madras and Bombay for information.

(By order, etc.,)

(Signed) G. H. M. BATTEN,
Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 150. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1870, No. 223.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue 1870 Dept.
No. 246.

From
The Under Secy. to the
Govt. of India.

Dated 17th & Recd 20th Jany 1870.
No. 317.

Corresponding for
information copy of letter
from Home Govt approving of
the measures adopted relative to the increase of
Salt duty, and the Famine
Tax.

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