

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	886	Press ~~Ms.~~
<i>185-96</i> Dated	16 - 6 -	1870.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th June 1870.*

No. 195. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th March 1870, No. 1,719:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 29th January 1870, No. 437.

THE Head Assistant Collector of this district reports to me that the Mohatads, Vettyans, and other village servants in the Nuzid Zemindary, do not usually receive their regular fees, and that the introduction of Act IV. of 1864 is urgently required to correct the present state of matters. I do not find any provision in the Act for its introduction into zemindary villages, but from Sections 2 and 9 of the Act it appears that the sanction of the Local Government should be obtained for its introduction in *any part of a district*. In the case of lands held on Visabady shists the cess can be levied on the full assessment and water-tax, if any; and when *Asara* or the *sharing system* prevails, it can be levied on the actual sums paid to the Zemindar by the ryots.

2. If the Board consider that the Act can be introduced into the zemindary estates, I shall, in communication with the Zemindars in this district, submit definite proposals on the subject.

In this letter the Acting Collector of Kistna refers to the necessity of extending the operation of the Village Service Act (IV. of 1864) to zemindary tracts, in order to correct certain irregularities with regard to the fees of officers in those parts, and adds that if the Board consider that the Act can be introduced into the zemindary estates, he will place himself in communication with the Zemindars on the subject, and submit definite proposals.

2. The Board do not think that the Act can be applied to zemindaries. Looking at the wording of the Water-cess and Road-cess Acts, it is to be inferred that had the legislature intended it to extend to Zemindaries, specific provision would have been inserted.

3. Zemindary ryots cannot be deemed to be landholders paying assessment to Government (Section 3), and Section 4 seems inapplicable.

4. Under these circumstances the Board submit the Collector's letter to Government, with their opinion that it may become necessary to extend Act IV. of 1864 (Madras) to zemindaries, but they are not prepared to move in the matter at present.

No. 196.

ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1870, No. 886.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council concurs with the Board of Revenue in considering that the

Village-cess Act cannot be held applicable to zemindary estates.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. S. ELLIS,

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 16th June 1870.

Read the following. *Proceedings of*

the Board of Revenue.

Submy: with remarks letter from
Collector bringing to notice irregularities
in regard to payment of fees to village
servants in Nazim Zemindary in
Kishtna D., inquiring whether Village
Service Act II of 1864 can be intro-
duced into Zemindary states to
check such irregularities.

H. E. 14 Mar. 1898 No. 119.

The Rt. Honble the Governor
in Council, concurs with the
Board of Revenue in consider-
ing that the Village Cess Act
cannot be held applicable
to Zemindary Estates.

14. For the Good Day Card, 17 June.

Edith Hall

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REVIEWS.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated June, 16th.

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G. O., 16th June 1870, No. 886.

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*Applicability of Village-cess Act to
reminders and suits.—*Item's Proceedings on this
subject with orders thereon.