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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th August 1872.*

No. 235. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Land Revenue and Settlement,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 22nd August 1872, No. 5-790:—

It has come to the notice of the Governor-General in Council that in some provinces cesses or other forms of local taxation have been introduced without the sanction of law, and without any intimation to the Government of India; cases have even occurred in which individual divisional or district officers have initiated such cesses within their respective jurisdictions without either the knowledge or consent of any superior authority.

2. I am consequently now directed to request that a careful inquiry may be made and report submitted as to the existence of any such imposts in Madras; and that, should any such prevail, a full explanation may be submitted of the circumstances under, and objects for, which each came to be levied, the amount raised, the method of levy, and the districts or places in which the tax is enforced.

3. The Governor-General in Council further requests that henceforth no new cess or tax not distinctly authorized by a specific law may be imposed without the previous consent of His Excellency, and that this rule may be equally observed whether the concurrence of the people in such new taxation be alleged or not.

No. 236. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1872, No. 1,263.

Land Revenue.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue
for inquiry and report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantlemen.

FROM

A. O. HUMPHREYS, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Department of Agriculture,
Revenue, and Commerce.

(Land Revenue and Settlement.)

SIMLA, the 22 August 1872.

SIR,

It has come to the notice of the Government of India that in some provinces cesses or taxes have been introduced without the sanction of the Government of India; cases have even occurred in which individual divisional or district officers have initiated such measures without either the knowledge or sanction of the Government of India.

2. I am consequently now requesting that a careful enquiry may be made and report submitted as to the existence of any such imposts in any such prevail a full explanation under and objects for which each method of levy, and the districts in which they are levied.

3. The Governor General is requested to see that no new cess or tax not distinct from the existing ones be imposed without the previous consent of the Government of India, and that this rule may be equally observed whether the cess be alleged or not.

the Governor General in Council has no objection to the law may be imposed on the people in such new taxation.

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the honor to be,

SIR,

most obedient Servant,

A. O. Humphreys

Secretary to the Government of India.

Govt. of 1872: Madras

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated August 30th.

Recd.

G.O. 30th August 1872, No. 1,203.

AUGUST.

No. 235-236.

Cesses or Taxes.—Letter from Government of India forbidding their levy, save under specific sanction of law, without the previous consent of the Government of India, referred to the Board of Revenue for inquiry and report on the point specified.

