Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th June 1872.

Read the following papers :—

No. 39. From P. SOMOOSOONTHRUM CHETTY, Madras.

Submitting a petition objecting against the change recently introduced by the Collector in the collection of quit-rent, and (Here enter 27th March 1872.)

REFERRED to the Acting Collector of Madras for early report through the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

27th March 1872.

No. 40. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd May 1872, Miscellaneous No. 3,741.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 7th May 1872, No. 67.

WITH reference to the accompanying Government petition No. 1,076 of 1872, referred to me for report through the Board of Revenue, I have the honour to forward a report,* received from the Deputy-Collector of Madras, on the subject of the petition.

* Letter No. 332 of 30th April 1872.

2. The issue of Quit-rent Bills was stopped at the commencement of this fasli with the sanction of the Board, contained in their Proceedings No. 2,574 of 26th June 1871, in which are discussed the legality and expediency of the measure.

3. The petitioners seem to suppose that by the stoppage of bills the advantage of paying the quit-rent to the Conocopillay at their own houses is lost, and that if the quit-rent is not paid before the end of the fasli for which it is due, a Distraint Order will at once issue and take them by surprise. They are mistaken. When the quit-rent is not paid before the end of the fasli for which it is due, what first issues is a demand under Section 4 of Act VI. of 1867 in the accompanying form, setting forth the amount due by each individual, and giving him the option of paying the tax either to the serving Conocopillay or to the Deputy-Collector at his office. If this notice be not attended to an order for distraint of personal property issues.

4. On the demand, however, a fee of 1 Anna is chargeable under the Proceedings of Government noted in the margin, but this fee may be remitted in the case of poor persons.

G. O., 14th February 1868, No. 420, Revenue Department.

5. The form of this demand has been drawn up by the Government Solicitor with the approval of the Advocate-General, as will also be seen from the above Proceedings.

6. It will thus be seen that the Notification in question announces no radical change as stated by the petitioners. It simply tells the public that if anybody wishes to pay the quit-rent before it becomes an arrear he should pay or send it to the Deputy-Collector's office before the end of the fasli for which it is due.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th June 1872.

THE foregoing letter will be submitted to Government with an expression of the Board's opinion that the Collector's explanation is satisfactory. The petitioners are mistaken in supposing that distraint can take place without the service of a written demand.

No. 41. Order.

Miscellaneous.

THE above correspondence will be communicated to P. Somoosoonthrum Chetty, with reference to his letter of 27th March 1872, for the information of the petitioners who appear to have mis-apprehended the intention of the Notice of which they complain.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Madras 27th March 1872

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to submit, at the desire, and on behalf of the House and Landholders in the Town of Madras, the accompanying petition objecting against the change recently introduced by the Collector of Madras, in the collection of Quit Rent, and praying for a reversion to the former system, and to solicit that you will have the goodness to lay the same for the consideration of the Honorable Governor in Council.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
(Signed) P. Somoosoonthrum Ch.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 23rd May 1872.

Read the following

No. 67.

From The Honorable D. Arbuthnott
Offg Collector of Madras

To J. Lyons Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the accompanying Government Petition No 1076 of 1872, transmitted to me for report through the Board of Revenue, I have the honor to forward a report received from the Dep[y] Collector of Madras on the subject of the Petition.

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Madras
Member's Office
7th May 1872

Sd/- [illegible]
Secretary
Board of Revenue

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Submitted to Government with an
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True copy & Extract

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Actg Joint Secretary

To The Chief Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department
with 4 Enclosures

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
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No 877 - 5 Jan 1872

Dated 23rd May 1872.
Despatched 23rd " "
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Letter Order
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SUBJECT.

Submitting report
from Coll^r of Madura
on Govt. Petition No.
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