Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th *May* 1873.

No. 80. Read the following letter from R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 28th April 1873, No. 85 :—

THE Accountant-General has reported demi-officially that the land-revenue of the Madras Presidency in 1372-73 has amounted approximately to £4,693,000, as compared with an original local estimate of £4,455,000 and a last local estimate of £4,532,000.

2. The last estimate taken by the Government of India was £4,570,000. This figure was adopted upon the advice of the Accountant-General, with which it is understood that the Board of Revenue to the last refused to agree. Moreover, on the 20th March the Accountant-General communicated, by telegraph, again with the Collectors directly, but without obtaining any information as to the errors in their estimates.

3. The unprecedentedly high amount of the land-revenue in 1872-73 is satisfactory, but it seems necessary that inquiry should be made into the reasons why it was not in any way foreseen, even to the last, by the Revenue authorities. I am accordingly desired to request that an explanation may be given as well of the failure of forecast as of the unusual amount of the land-revenue itself. Can a continuance of any such amount be depended upon?

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1873, No. 478.

Land Revenue.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for early report.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 85

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of
Madras
Revenue Department

Financial Deptt. Sir

The Accountant General has reported demi-officially that the Land Revenue of the Madras Presidency in 1872/73. has amounted approximately to £4.693.000 as compared with an original local estimate of £4.455.000 - and a last local estimate of £4532.000

2 The last Estimate taken by the Govt. of India was £4570.000 - This figure was adopted upon the advice of the Accountant General, with which it is understood that the Board of Revenue to the last, refused to agree. Moreover on the 20th March, the Accountant General communicated by telegraph again with the Collectors directly, but without obtaining any information as to the errors in their Estimates.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
[signature]
Secy to the Govt of India

Simla
The 28th April/73

[signature] 28/4

478.

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[signature]

14 May '73

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Revenue 1873 Department

No. 1265.

From

The Secy to Govt. of India

Financial Deptt. No. 85.

Dated 28th April 1873
Recd. 6th May

Requesting that explanation may be furnished as well of the failure of forecast as of the unusual amount of Land Revenue for 1872/73

Witto Order

No. 478 – 14th May/73.

Do. 80-81

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