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No. 157. Read the following letter from A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Land-revenue and Settlement,) to the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 10th August 1874, No. 655:—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 699, dated the 5th ultimo, submitting a further explanation of the reasons for which it is proposed to reduce the rate of Stamp-duty on suits for the recovery of the possession of land brought by a Government ryot, whose estate has been sold for arrears of revenue.

2. In reply, I am to say that the President in Council, though not fully convinced of the necessity of the change, is pleased to sanction the proposed reduction of Stamp-duty from the present rate, as fixed in Section 7, Clause 5(b), of the Court Fees Act, 1870, *viz.*, five times the revenue payable on the land, to the rate prescribed in Clause 11(e) of the same section for suits brought by a tenant against his landlord for the recovery of the occupancy of land, *i.e.*, the amount of rent payable for the preceding year.

See Financial Department Notification, No. 4,685, dated the 31st July 1874, published in Part I. of the *Gazette of India*, dated the 1st August 1874.

3. I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to furnish the Government of India with a report after the expiration of eighteen months from the date on which the reduction takes effect, showing the increase that may take place in the number of suits instituted by Government ryots for the recovery of lands of which they were dispossessed, the number in which the suits have been disposed of, and the number of those that have been decreed in favor of the ryots, specifying the number, respectively, decreed on the merits of the case and given in favor of the ryots on account of some irregularity or informality of procedure.

No. 158. ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1874, No. 1,039.

Separate Revenue, No. 12.
Stamps.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue, who will take measures for complying with the requisition of the Government of India contained in paragraph 3. The Notification adverted to should be re-published in consecutive issues of the District Gazette and otherwise generally made known.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated August 1874.

Read.

G. O., 18th August 1874, No. 1,039.

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Nos. 157-158.

Stamp-duty on Suits for recovery of Possession of Land, brought by a Government Ryot whose Estate has been sold for arrears of Revenue.—Communicating to Board of Revenue letter from Government of India sanctioning reduction of —; and requesting the submission of a report on the effect of the reduction after eighteen months.

No. 655

FROM

A. O. HUME, ESQUIRE, C. B.

Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue, Agriculture,
Revenue and Commerce,

To

The Acting Secretary to the Government
" of Madras
Calcutta dated 10th August 1874.

Land Revenue and Settlement.

SIR,

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2. In reply, I am to say that the President in Council though not fully convinced of the necessity of the change, is pleased to sanction the proposed reduction of stamp-duty from the present rate, as fixed in Section I clause 5(b) of the Court Fees Act 1870, viz: five times the revenue payable on the land, to the rate prescribed in Clause II (c) of

See Financial Department Notification No. 4685 dated the 31st July 1874 published in part I of the Gazette of India dated the 1st August 1874.

the same section for suits brought by a tenant against his landlord for the recovery of the occupancy of land, i.e. the amount of rent payable for the preceding year.

3. I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to furnish the Government of India with a report, after the expiration of eighteen months from the date on which the reduction takes effect, shewing the increase that may take place in the number of suits instituted by Government ryots for the recovery of lands of which they were dis-possessed, the manner in which the suits have been disposed of, and the number of those that have been decreed in favour of the Ryots, specifying the number, respectively, decreed on the merits of the case and given in favour of the Ryots on account of some irregularity or informality of procedure.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant,

Arthur Howell

Secretary to the Government of India

No. 2765.
Revenue 1874 Dept.

From
The Govt. of India
Rev. & Dept.

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of stamp duty on suits for recovery
of possession of land brought by
a Govt ryot whose estate has
been sold for arrears of revenue,
& requests that a report may be
furnished after expiration of
18 months from the date on which
the reduction takes effect, showing
the increase that may take place
in the number of suits &c &c

J. M. Bridges