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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
12th November 1874.

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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

G. O., 7th May 1874, No. 564, R. D.
" 12th Nov. " " 1,434, "

SIR,—I am directed to submit, for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council, the papers marginally noted.

2. The Collector of the Godavery District considered that certain instructions (dated 26th January 1874, No. 9,044), which he had received from the Accountant-General about the re-issue of Currency Notes by Tahsildars, should be over-ruled. These instructions were issued by Mr. Lodwick after communicating with the Comptroller-General and had Mr. Harrison's approval. They modified in an important particular a Circular issued by Mr. F. Lushington in February 1873.

3. The Board of Revenue thought that there was a considerable risk in this modification, and His Excellency the Governor in Council also considered the revised Circular somewhat hazardous.

4. A further report having been called for, the Board consulted eight other Collectors, of whom five held that such re-issue of Currency Notes should not be allowed while three saw no objection.

5. The Board, on the whole, considered it better not to allow such re-issue, and the Governor in Council is of opinion that the balance is rather against the order of the Accountant-General.

6. In the mean time, the last-named officer has requested this Government to prohibit the Revenue Board from moving in such matters at all, and to leave questions connected with paper currency to himself for disposal.

7. Mr. Lodwick quotes a Circular, dated 3rd August 1874, No. 533, as containing the most recent instructions from the Comptroller-General on the subject.

8. I am directed to place before the Government of India the opinion which has been formed by the Governor in Council on the particular question mooted, and to inquire whether the Accountant-General is correct in his view that the local authorities have no right to express an opinion on such matters.

9. It seems to His Excellency in Council somewhat anomalous that the Board of Revenue and, indeed, the Government of Madras should be debarred from inquiring into questions which relate to the working of offices subordinate to them. It might also be considered that in a question of public interest the views of a body possessing general and local knowledge, such as a Revenue Board, ought to be rather acceptable than otherwise to an officer charged with the control of the paper currency.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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To:

Government of Fort St. George.

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1. The following reports on the subject of the
Accountant-General's Circular regarding the
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