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5th February 1876.*

No. 45. Read the following despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India:—

Revenue,
No. 36.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
23rd December 1875.

MY LORD DUKE,—The despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated 26th October, No. 11 of 1875, transmitting the Annual Report of the Board of Revenue on the collections of revenue in the Madras Presidency during the year ending the 30th June 1874, has been considered by me in Council.

2. The results of the revenue administration of the year have been summarised with great care in the Resolution of your Grace's predecessor in Council, and an abstract is also presented in the despatch now under reply.

3. The rain-fall throughout the Presidency was less than in the preceding year. The season was, on the whole, fair in the Northern Districts, but is pronounced to have been "decidedly bad" elsewhere. Under these circumstances, the returns may be pronounced more favorable than could have been expected, the demand for land-revenue being Rs. 13,02,810 less, and that for extra revenue Rs. 2,43,387 more, than in the preceding year. Of this total demand of Rs. 7,11,12,684, Rs. 6,58,95,855, or 92·7, were collected within the year, and recent realisations have reduced the balance to 1·7 per cent.

4. Satisfactory progress has also been made in the collection of old balances, which have been reduced to Rs. 11,67,688; of these Rs. 2,14,935 have, after inquiry, been written off as irrecoverable.

5. In the extra revenue there has been a considerable increase under the heads of Abkari, Sea Customs, Land Customs, and Stamps and a decrease in Income-tax and License-tax and in Salt. The falling off in the last source of revenue is very marked. I would desire that particular attention be paid to this point in the next report.

6. The charges have been only a slight fraction more per cent. than the charges in the previous year.

7. One of the most unsatisfactory features in the report is the frequent recourse to coercive processes for the recovery of revenue in the Chingleput District. This circumstance has received very careful attention from your Government, and I can only trust that the new settlement and the measures recently sanctioned by your Government will lead to a permanent improvement in the condition of the general population of the district.

8. I observe that the returns contained in this Report give the acreage area of lands under Ryotwari settlement, but that no similar statement accompanies the returns that relate to the Zemindari lands. So far as the area corresponding to the revenue receipts from these lands can be procured, it is desirable that it also should be exhibited, and I shall be glad if this can be done in future.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) SALISBURY.

His Excellency the Right Honorable
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

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5th February 1876.*

No. 46.

ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1876, No. 155.

Land Revenue, No. 1.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue with reference to the Pro-
ceedings of Government, 2nd Septem-
ber 1875, No. 1,314.

2. The Board's special attention will be called to the closing sentences of
paragraph 5 and to paragraph 8 of the despatch.

(Two Extracts.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

India Office,
London, 23rd December 1875

Revenue,

No. 36

To His Excellency The Right Honourable The Governor
in Council, Fort St. George.

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4. Satisfactory progress has also been made in the collection of old balances, which have been reduced to Rs. 11,07,638; of these Rs. 2,14,995 have, after inquiry, been written off as irrecoverable.

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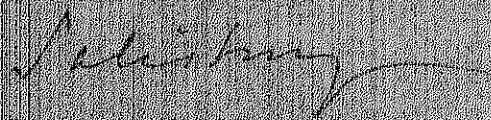
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I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke,

Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to John Lubbock, written in dark ink on a light-colored paper.

No. 6

Re
Military

22d Dec 1875

The
Letter to the Govt of India

No. 36

Passing resolution on the
Annual Report of the D. of War on the subject
of service in the Indian Army during the year ending
31st June 1876.

With Order

28th Feb 1876