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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

5th November 1878, No. 1,794.

Read the following paper :—

No. 92. Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

Revenue, No. 63.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON, 19th September 1878.

MY LORD,—Paragraph 1.—The despatch [illegible]your Excellency in Council, 8th July, No. 13 of 1878, on the subject of ce[illegible]n modifications suggested in the nomenclature and classification of the various descriptions of land paying revenue to the Government of Madras, has been considered by me in Council.

2. Agreeing with your Excellency in Council as to the correctness of the classification proposed in your despatch, dated 7th October 1875, I observe that the Government of Madras anticipate, from its introduction, inconvenience and expenditure such as in their opinion would greatly outweigh the advantages of the measure. Your Excellency appears to doubt this, as no special instances of apprehended difficulty or expense have been adduced by the Government of Madras.

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4. I should be glad also to learn whether the statistics of the acreage under each crop, which are now quinquennially obtained from each of the Madras districts, could not be so prepared as to exhibit the desired information, as this course would prevent that disturbance or alteration of the existing Village Land Register which the Government of Madras so strongly deprecate.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) CRANBROOK.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable,
The Governor-General of India in Council.

No. 653.

(Land Revenue and Settlements).

COPY with copy of the despatch* to the Secretary of State noted in the margin forwarded to the Government of Madras, with a request for an expression of opinion on the suggestions made by the Secretary of State.

* From the Government of India, No. 13 of the 8th July last.

(By Order.)

Dept. of Rev. Agri. and Commerce,
Simla, the 24th October, 1878.

(Signed) C. L. TUPPER,
Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Despatch from the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, (Land Revenue and Settlements), to the Right Honorable VISCOUNT CRANBROOK, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Simla, the 8th July 1878, No. 13.

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No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1878, No. 1,794.

Land Revenue, No. 4.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Land Revenue to Government.—Referring to the Board of Revenue for report papers from the Government of India requesting information on certain suggestions relating to the nomenclature and classification of —.

No. 13 OF 1878.

GOVERNMENT OF IND[illegible]

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

LAND REVENUE AND SETTLEMENTS.

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MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

LYTTON.

F. P. HAINES.

A. J. ARBUTHNOT.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

LAND REVENUE AND SETTLEMENTS.

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No. 13, DATED SIMLA, THE 8TH JULY 1878.

(Copy.)

Letter to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

SUBJECT.

FORWARDS copy of proceedings of the Government of Madras relative to the difficulties which exist in the adoption of the nomenclature and classification of lands paying revenue to Government in that Presidency directed by the Government of India and approved by the Secretary of State.

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India Office

London, 19th September 1878.

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Revenue

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From the Government of India No. 13 of the 8th July last.

By Order,

C. L. Tupper

Offg. Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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Dated 24
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Communicating copy of despatches to and from the Secy of State regarding the nomenclature & classification of land paying revenue to the Madras Govt & requesting an expression of opinion on the suggestions made by the Secretary of State

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