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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 16-2-1861.

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No. 218. Read the following copy of letter to J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, forwarded to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, for his information :—

From Mr. F. ADDERLEY, to J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Chippicollum, 7th February 1861.

SIR,

1. I shall be glad to know wherein lies the much vaunted secrecy of the Income Tax, and the non-exposure of the affairs of the payers, as provided for by the Act, where the Tahsíldár who is also the Assessor, meeting one of my employers openly tells him before a host of people, that he has received the Assessment papers, and that my tax amounts to so much, and is for so long a period, both of which happen to be perfectly correct. Also in gathering the said tax, yesterday, no less than four people came for the money, viz :—

1 Tahsíldár's Peon.
1 Village Kanakkappillai.
2 Mirásdárs.

with open papers, written in Tamil, when they should have been in English, and demanded out loud before my servants and a visitor six months' Income Tax, mentioning the amount, and exposing the papers to every person's view. Moreover neither of these four peons knew how to write out the receipt, and therefore took over all the papers to my School house, and there in the presence of between 30 and 40 boys, and several village people, &c., got one of my School-masters to show them how the said receipt should be made out.

2. After all this you may be quite sure that every man about here knows fully as well as I do the amount I have paid to Government, and therefore my income. Now, I cannot help thinking there must be some very great neglect in the arrangements made by you for the collection of this tax, or your subordinates would never dare to act in the manner I have pointed out above, and consequently I not only write this letter to you, but send a copy of it to the Secretary to Government, with the hope that something may be done to prevent such violation of the Act, and wanton exposure of one's private affairs for the future.

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1861, No. 367.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report with reference to the Order of 8th instant, No. 311. The Board will ascertain the arrangements made by the Collector of Tinnevelly for assessing the Income Tax in his District, and will give such orders as they may consider suitable to prevent the irregularities complained of in this letter.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue 1864 Department
Copy for February.

No 399

Copy of a Letter from Messrs Stuart
Solicitors to the Collector
of Limerick dated 14th January
last to the Collector
Dublin -

Rec'd 6th February 1865.

Copy of Mr Stuart's letter of the 27th January
Dublin 8th Feb 1865

Requesting that
the Board will
sanction a compromise
in the case of
Mr Richard Goodlad
assessed on his private
income
with the Income Tax
for the year ending 5th April 1864.

No 367. 16th February 1865.
William Lane

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Forwarded Geo. Fox
16th Feb 1865

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