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9th March 1877.

No. 302. Read the following letter from the Honorable the Colonial Secretary, Columbo, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 28th February 1877, No. 22:—

A Commission having been appointed to inquire into the working of the collection of the tax on grain in Ceylon and to report on the feasibility of substituting for it a general land-tax, I am directed to state that the Lieutenant-Governor of Ceylon will be much obliged if you will be good enough to obtain, for the use of this Government and of the Commission, such information as can be furnished, without much difficulty, respecting the classification of soils for land assessment, the general principle on which the various rates have been settled, and the highest, lowest, and average rates per acre in the Madras Presidency, together with any available papers, giving a history of your land settlement and a copy of the instructions to settlement officers, if there is no objection to these being granted.

2. I am also to request you to be good enough to furnish me with information as to the rates payable in such coffee district as land assessment on lands suitable for coffee and the result of the recent general settlement on all lands throughout the Madras Presidency.

3. The information and papers applied for will be of the greatest value and assistance to the Ceylon Commission, and His Excellency will be additionally obliged if they can be furnished at an early date.

No. 303. (Order thereon, 9th March 1877, No. 999.

Miscellaneous.

The Director of Revenue Settlement will be requested to send to the Government Office, for transmission to the Government of Ceylon, three copies of all books and papers which are likely to facilitate the labors of the Commission in that Colony. Mr. Fuckle will also offer any remarks and suggestions of a general nature which occur to him on the present letter.

2. With these books and papers, a collection of the several orders in force relating to the sale of waste lands, and to the assessment of lands occupied for tea, coffee, and cinchona cultivation, will be forwarded from this office.

(True Extract.

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

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Ed. A. Grabham.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Colombo 20th Octr, 1817.

No. 220.

Sir,

A Commission having been appointed to enquire into the working of the collection of the tax on grain in Ceylon, and to report on the practicability of substituting for it a general land tax, I am directed to state that the Lieutenant Governor of Ceylon will be much obliged if you will be good enough to obtain, for the use of that Government and of the Commissioners, such information as can be furnished without much difficulty respecting the classification of lands for land assessment, the general principle on which the various rates have been settled, and the highest, lowest, and average rates per acre in the Madras Presidency for each sort of land, any available papers, survey & settlement reports &c. &c. and a copy of the instructions to settlement officers, if there is no objection to their being granted.

I have &c.

Secretary to the
Government of
Madras.

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Sir,

I am directed to request you to be good enough to forward to this Commissariat as the rates payable in each Office of Issue, as soon as possible after the end of the month, a general statement of the Issues throughout the Province.

The Requisition and Papers applied for with the quarterly returns and Issues to the Troops stationed in your District will be additionally acknowledged by the Commissariat Office early date.

I have &c.

Sir,

Your obed.t servant,

for Colonel Secretary

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