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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2713 Press Mis.

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Dated 16 — 11 — 19 1867

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16th November 1867.

No. 289. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1867, No. 5,180.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 8th July 1867, No. 146 :—

Collector to Board, dated 16th February 1867, No. 42A.
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Board's Proceedings, dated 31st May 1867, No. 3,338.
Government Order, dated 11th June 1867, No. 1,316.

1. With reference to the correspondence noted, regarding the Amshom establishments of this district and their allowances, I have the honor to observe that Mr. Hannyngton referred to me before he addressed the Board of Revenue on the subject, and that I briefly expressed my opinion that the allowances proposed could not be reduced without objection. His opinion, as far as he had formed one, seems to have coincided with my own.

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No. 290. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1867, No. 2,713.

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1. The Collector will report, through the Board of Revenue, what amount a levy of ten per cent. on the *total* revenue derived from land in the Malabar District of the class that is charged in the *Southern* talooks for the maintenance of the Village establishments, would *now* produce.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

8-7-13.

The Collr's Report thereon No 78 of the 2d. Inst. a Copy of which is annexed.

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No. 78 of 1867.

Dated 8th July 1867.

Received 15th July 1867.

No. 5,180.

Submitting proposition of Collector of Malabar for reducing the cost of the Amshom establishments in Malabar district.

Dated 12th August 1867.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Read the Board's Proceedings of 11th July 1867, No. 2,093.

Read the Collector's Report of 8th July 1867, No. 78.

Read the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 16th November 1867, No. 290.

Read the Collector's Letter of 9th August 1867, No. 1,064.

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Ordered, That the Collector be informed that the Board are of opinion that the proposed levy of ten per cent. on the total revenue derived from land in the Malabar District of the class that is charged in the Southern talooks for the maintenance of the Village establishments, would not produce more than the sum of Rupees 1,23,423 quoted in G. O. dated 13th April 1867, No. 832 - R.D. which was calculated on the revenue of Fusly 1272 - & the extent of Rice cultivation has probably increased since that date.

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