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[Despatch Abstract.]

coming to the Board of Revenue with remarks Pros FD authorizing the A.G. to carry out in the final issue of the civil estimates the ~~necessary~~ alterations proposed by him respecting the village service Fund and stating that orders re reduction of the rate of cess will be issued in the RD

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Village Service Fund and Village-cess rate.

Authorising the Accountant-General to carry out in the final issue of the Civil estimates the alterations proposed by him respecting the Village Service Fund, and stating that orders will issue in the Revenue Department with regard to the reduction of the rate of village-cess to be levied in fasli 1307.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Accountant-General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 10th February 1897, No. 462.

I have the honour to inform Government that the provision of Rs. 2,00,000 for 1897–98 approved in G.O., No. 899, Financial, dated 23rd December 1896, for raising the pay of karnams, has been omitted by the Government of India under the standing order that provision for new expenditure should not be made until the measure has been duly sanctioned.

2. In reply to my telephonic inquiry whether this would not necessitate a reduction in the Government assignments to Village Service Fund under *I. Land Revenue* and lower the rate of cess to be levied for 1897–98 under *VI. Provincial Rates*, I am informed by the Board of Revenue that seven-pies instead of eight-pies rate would have been recommended but for the proposal in question, and that if the seven-pies rate were sanctioned by Government, the cess collections and the Government assignments would each be reduced by 2·75 lakhs.

3. I beg to request that Government will be so good as to inform me, as soon as possible, for communication to the Government of India by telegraph, what figures should be adopted in the estimates.

4. Copies of telephonic messages are also enclosed.

5. I may further state that any amount deducted from Government assignments will raise the receipts under *I. Land Revenue—Ordinary Revenue—Imperial—Provincial.*

ENCLOSURE.

TELEPHONIC MESSAGES from the Accountant-General, to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

Message.

The Government of India has omitted the provision of Rs. 2,00,000 for 1897–98 under O Land Records and Agriculture for raising the pay of karnams. Would not this necessitate a reduction in the Government assignments to Village Service Fund under *I. Land Revenue* and lower the rate of cess to be levied for 1897–98 ? If so, please telephone the figures as early as possible to-day.

Reply.

Please see Board's Proceedings read in G.O., No. 734, Revenue, dated 21st December 1896. According to the estimate, the year 1896–97 will close with a balance of Rs. 19,00,000 in favour of the Village Service Fund. A considerable reduction in the rate of cess and a corresponding reduction in the amount of Government contribution for fasli 1307 would be feasible if the object was merely to absorb the balance; but a gradual reduction was apparently considered advisable when Government reduced the cess to eight pies in the rupee, present rate—*vide* G.O., No. 833, Revenue, dated 21st December 1895. Eight pies is a convenient rate, because it enabled the normal expenditure to be met by the receipts at that rate. However, as the balance

is not likely to be reduced, but will slightly increase at the end of 1897–98, under the eight-pies rate, the Board would probably be prepared to recommend a reduction of the rate of cess for fasli 1307 to seven pies. This course would have been recommended but for the proposal to increase karnams' salaries. A reduction of cess to seven pies in the rupee would reduce the Government contribution for 1897–98 by about 2·75 lakhs.

Message.

Do you mean that the Government contribution to Village Service Funds entered in the budget estimate of 1897–98 and the cess collections should be reduced equally owing to the deletion of the two lakhs made by the Government of India in the budget? If so, please telephone the amount.

Reply.

Cess collections would be reduced by 2·75 lakhs, the same would be the case with Government contributions. These reductions are dependent on Government sanctioning the reduction of rate to seven pies in the rupee.

ORDER—No. 149, Financial, dated 15th February 1897.

The Accountant-General is authorised to carry out the alterations referred to in paragraphs 2 and 5 of his letter in the final issue of the Civil estimates.

2. Orders will issue in the Revenue Department regarding the reduction of the rate of cess to be levied in fasli 1307.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.
" Accountant-General.
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2. A draft notification should be submitted with reference to para 2 of the order read above.

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3 To the Board L.R. Dis. 4-3-97

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