

Revenue (1897) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Village Cess.

Issuing a notification reducing the rate
— from eight to seven pies in the rupee
from 1st July 1897.

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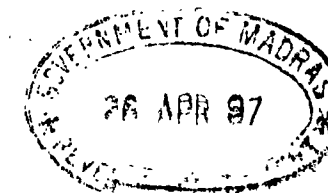
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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 3419



From *The Board of Revenue*
Land Revenue

Order

No. 85

Dated *16 March 1897*

Received *26-4-97*

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Enclosures

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SUBJECT.

Communicating to all Coll.
G.O. sanctioning reduction
in the rate of village cess
from eight pias to seven
pias in the rupee; and
submitting to Govt. the
draft Notice.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1897.

Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue),

MADRAS.

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Proceedings, No. 85, 16th March 1897.

MARCH.

Communicating to all Collectors Government Order sanctioning reduction of the rate of village-cess from eight pies to seven pies in the rupee; and submitting to Government the necessary draft notification.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE).

Read—the following Government Order, Mis. No. 1200, Revenue, dated 2nd March 1897:—

Read—the following Government Order, No. 149, Financial, dated 15th February 1897:—

Read—the following letter 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 Government Order, 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*.

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

Message.

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Reply.

Please see Board's Proceedings read in Government Order, No. 724, Revenue, dated 21st December 1896. According to the estimate, the year 1896-97 will close with a balance of Rupees 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 1897 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—the Government Order, 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 1897 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 1897.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department,
Accountant-General.
Editors' Table.

Order—Mis. No. 1200, Revenue, dated 2nd March 1897.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. A draft notification should be submitted with reference to paragraph 2 of the order read above.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)

Resolution—No. 85, dated 16th March 1897.

Communicated to all Collectors.

2 With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order, the following draft notification will be submitted for approval and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

NOTIFICATION.

In modification of the notification No. 69, published at page 192, Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 11th February 1896, His Excellency the Governor in Council hereby directs that, from the 1st July 1897 and until further orders, the money-cess to be imposed under sections 7 and 9 of the Malabar Village Cess Act IV of 1893 shall be at the rate of seven pies in every rupee of assessment and water-tax.

4 BOARD OF REVENUE (LAND REVENUE), No. 85, 16TH MARCH 1897.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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Secretary.

To all Collectors (except Madras).
,, the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Land Revenue
C. no. 3419 of 97
G.O. (Gen). No. 294 of 4 May 1897
Recorded.
2. The draft notification is approved and will be published in the Fort St George Gazette.
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To
The Board of Rev (L.R.)
" Supt. Govt. Press, with a view to publication of the notification.
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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.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
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To the Revenue Department.

„ Accountant-General.

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(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

To all Collectors (except Madras).
" Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

ORDER—No. 294, Revenue, dated 4th May 1897.

Land Revenue No. 8.

Recorded.

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and will be published in the *Fort St.
George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" the Superintendent, Government Press,
for publication of the notification.

Exd. P. Sestaram.

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