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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

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Ref: Letter from the Collector of Madura

Ref: No.64/E&T, dated 16th April 1898, submitting his further report called for in Board's Proceedings No.287(Separate Revenue), dated 23rd December 1897 regarding the Income-Tax Administration Report for 1896-97.

RESOLUTION:-

In reviewing the Income-Tax Administration Report for the year 1896-97, Government are invited, in paras 10 and 18 of Government Order No.1027, Revenue, dated 9th December 1897, on the high percentage of unopposed petitions, and the comparatively small number of new joint general and piece-goods merchants and legal practitioners in the Town of Madura. The Board having caused inquiries to be made now beg to submit a report on the same.

2. With the object which influence assessees in presenting objection petitions are the same throughout the Presidency, the trouble and expense involved on travelling to and from the Collector's offices in the mofussil check proceedings

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in the Secretary of the Collector's office to all persons or companies, not connected in any way with such business, and a large number of these petitions is expected to be the difficulties arising in terms in which mutual agreements. In the absence of knowledge of the private affairs of individuals it is necessary or acquiescence; but in these the collection of information from the lower classes of taxpayers is troublesome and unprofitable, and in many cases here on this Form of notice are received, refuse to fill them in or furnish the necessary figures. Again the starting of new businesses, the closing of old ones, the formation and dissolution of small companies, constant variation in the volume of business not long established, render an unsound assessment because of the assessor's income already received, while mutual assessments and presentation of objections, a difference of so small a sum as Rs.250/- in the net income for the year should not entail the alteration of a difference of one Rupee will cause, whether a person is assessable or totally exempt, thereby increasing the number of successful petitions.

5. As regards the comparatively small number of non-income assessees, who have been assessed on legal prohibitions, the reasons mentioned for the paucity of the former are both also general considerations in force elsewhere, such as the Patna Zamindari Division in Bihar and other companies in Bombay and Calcutta, and under the Which system only lends of figures are used, known several members may be brought to all assessments separately. With reference to legal prohibitions it is stated, that while a single legal firm may include

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several members all carrying on the same or any legal profession in the High Court Limits, the firm is only assessed as a single one for income-tax purposes, even though each partner may be a legal member, and are charged according to the source from which their income is derived, not to each member individually.

4. The Hon'ble the Advocate General has suggested that Conviction in Bihar is no doubt a good deal on the high Conviction on the Contrary, a considerable number of the taxpayers have refused to make returns except under compulsion and only under the Act.

5. With reference to para 11 of the covering Note the Board begs to submit that the application of the generally performance in the figures of the several Divisions, but from that of the Collectorate, such as column 5 of the statement in paragraph 11(b) of the Income-Tax Administration Report for 1906-07 represents the total number of the failures and column 7 the number proceeded against, the difference in the Bihar Division may be seen in which the failures paid up before the issue of the notice. As there seems to be a divergence of practice in dealing in this estimated penalty interest which has been levied by Collectors in this matter.

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Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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