

Revenue (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 233

DATED 23rd January 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Communicating to the Bd. of Rev. for
informing the memorialists letter from the Govt. of
India replying to the memorials from certain
merchants and traders protesting against the Income
Tax Act (II of 1886) and its administration.

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Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 364

From

The Govt of India,
Rev. & Com. Dept.

Order To Secy.

No. 137 S. Q.

Please see draft
Endt. below, which it is proposed
to forward through the Board
of Revenue and the Collectors
concerned. The names and addresses
of the petitioners are not
ascertainable in the absence of
the original petitions, which
were forwarded to the Govt of
India. The Tahsildars may
perhaps be able to communi-
cate the Govt of India letter
to the petitioners.

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Dated 11th January 1898

Received 16th " "

Registered 17th " "

Enclosures

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

stating that the Govt of
India cannot enter upon a reply
to elaborate theoretical discussions
as to the propriety of raising money
for the service of the state by taxation
on incomes and that it considers
unnecessary to modify the present
system of administering Income Tax
Act II of 1886.

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No. 137-S.R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta, the 11th January 1899.

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letters
No. 4180, dated the 27th October 1898.) noted in the margin forwarding
No. 4418, dated the 12th November 1898.)
No. 4588, dated the 23rd November 1898.) petitions from the merchants and
No. 4830, dated the 8th December 1898.)
No. 4930, dated the 14th December 1898.) traders of certain towns in the

Madras Presidency protesting against the operation of the Income
Tax Act (II of 1886) and the mode in which it is administered.

2. I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency
the Governor in Council, the petitioners may be informed that
the Government of India and the Government of Madras are bound
to carry the Income Tax Act into effect as it stands, and that
the Government of India are not prepared to enter upon a reply
to elaborate theoretical discussions as to the propriety of
raising money for the service of the State by means of direct
taxation on incomes.

3. The only specific complaint made by the petitioners is as
to the request for information prescribed in Section 18 of the
Act. In this connection, I am to say that the Governor General
in Council does not accept the view that assesseees should have
no opportunity of making a formal statement before assessment of
the amount of their legal liability, and that as no evidence has
been given that any one has been punished for withholding

information

Read letter from the
Govt of India, Dir. & Com. Dept.
No. 137 S. R. of 11.1.99 (c. no. 364)

Enclt mis. N^o 333 of 23rd Jan 1899.

Communicated to
the ~~petitioners through the~~
Board of Revenue, who will
accordingly ~~in form~~ ^{the memorialists shown}
~~arrange to forward it to~~
the following people: - below:-

(1) Merchants and Traders of
the towns of Bellary ^{and} Rayadrug,
Kannalapuram ~~town~~ in the Bellary
District.

(2) Merchants and Traders
of ^{the} Sixel ~~taluk~~ & Koilkantla, taluks
of the Kurnool district.

(3) Merchants and Traders
of Gooty and Padpatri in the
Anantapur district.

(4) Merchants and Traders
of the ~~Cuddappah~~ district. Rayampet,
Cuddapah, Voller, Kannalapuram, Pullampet,
Chitral, Tugalar, Proddatur ^{and} Jammala madegur in
the Cuddapah district.

To

The Petitioners (tho' the Bd. of Rev. S. R.)
+ the collector 26.1.99

19.1.99. KD.
20-1-99

information which it was not in his power to give, it does not seem
to His Excellency in Council to be necessary to modify the present
system of administration, or to take any steps in the direction
indicated in paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of the memorials.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Wheeler

Offr. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of India.
Wheeler

sf 23/1/99