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267		26th May	Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.	Telegram (m reply to above) 17,000 persons more and Rs 57,000	:
268	1053	7th June	To ditto ditto .	Stating that all persons with incomes less than Rs 500 should be exempted from taxation in respect of the Pandhari Tax, and that incomes of Rs. 500 and upwards should accordingly be re-classified with rates of tax	
269	2303-115	23rd June	Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.	Representing that the circumstances connected with the origin and working of the Pandhari Tax in those provinces, render it undesirable to raise the limit of assessable income from Rs. 150 to Rs. 500	:
270	2047	29th July	To ditto ditto .	Telegram asking for a clue to a petition that came from those provinces claiming parallel concession, either when the Income Tax was taken off, or on occasion of some reduction.	
271	37 <i>H</i>	22nd Aug.	Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces	Forwarding copy of a petition, purporting to be from two residents of Nagpore as representing the community, protesting against Pandhari Tax as the Income	
272		1873.	Rajaram Mangalow Ghodey	Tax has been removed Petation, referred to above	3
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273	2449	1880. 21st Aug.	To Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces	Stating that it is not intended that provincial resources should meet the loss which would follow the adoption of the measure proposed in Serial No 268, but that the loss should be horne by the Imperial Treasury, and enquiring whether the foregoing explanation would cause any change in the proposal to exempt from the Pandhari Tax incomes below Rs. 500	3
274	3 2 61-172	4th Sept	Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces	Stating in reply to Serial No. 273 that the Chief Com- missioner's special recommendation (Serial No. 269) for retaining Pandhari Tax in its original character was not influenced by the question of loss or otherwise to provincial revenues, and origing that no changes are required to ensure uniformity of taxation	3
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