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BENGAL, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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SIR,

I have the honour to forward herewith the final report of the Land Revenue Commission which was appointed by the Government of Bengal on the 5th November 1938. The report has been signed by all the members subject in some cases to notes of dissent on particular points.

The Commission as a whole desire to place on record their high appreciation of the services of the staff placed at their disposal. In particular it has been of the utmost advantage to have had the services of Mr. M. O. Carter, M.C., I.C.S., as Secretary and a member of the Commission. He has undertaken the general conduct of the work of the Commission, the summoning of witnesses and arrangement of our tours and he has been mainly responsible for the drafting of the report. In all these respects he has done admirable work and his intimate knowledge of every aspect of the land revenue system has been of the greatest possible value at every stage of our proceedings.

Mr. S. B. Hatch-Barnwell, I.C.S., who was attached to the Commission as a Special Officer to act as Private Secretary to the Chairman, has also done good work in recording the discussions at the meetings of the Commission.

The Assistant Secretary, Mr. S. Das Gupta, has rendered excellent service in collecting and tabulating the large mass of statistical material required by the Commission and during the recess last summer he was in charge of the office and was responsible for arranging the evidence which had been collected and obtaining additional statistics on many matters.

Of the other members of the staff, the Head Clerk, Maulvi Syed Hashem Ali, and the two stenographers, Babu Jatindra Narayan Bose, and Mr. K. Ramaswami, deserve special commendation for the efficient manner in which they have carried out their duties and their readiness to work long hours whenever needed. The Commission desire that their appreciation of the services of all members of the staff should be brought to the notice of Government.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

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Chairman.

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