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No. 93. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 21st January 1865, No. 94.

Communicating the remarks passed on the Budget Estimate of the Revenue Settlement Department for 1865-66. } (Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, dated 21st January 1865, Nos. 198 and 199.)

No. 94, ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1865, No. 64.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st January 1865.

No. 198. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st December 1864, No. 1,502-52 :—

SIR,

1. In forwarding the Budget Estimate of the Settlement Department for the year 1865-66, I have the honor to state that I have hitherto purposely deferred its submission, in anticipation of the orders of Government on the reform of the Department, which I had reason to believe might be shortly expected. Those orders, contained in the Proceedings of Government of the 12th instant, No. 2,243, have now reached me, but I still find myself unable accurately to calculate the requirements of the Department for the coming year, for the following reasons.

2. The Revenue Budget for 1865-66 has, I understand, been already submitted, and as no provision has been made in it for the establishments which the Collectors of Nellore and Tinnevelly will require to enable them to carry out the revision of the assessment in their Districts, in accordance with the Government Order, the pay of those establishments must be met from the Settlement Budget. In like manner, provision must be made in the Settlement Budget for the coming year at least, for the demarcation establishments to be employed under the Superintendent of Revenue Survey. To ascertain the amounts required for the above purposes, will require careful consideration, in communication with Colonel Priestley and the Collectors of Nellore and Tinnevelly, but the submission of the estimate cannot be delayed for the time necessary for this purpose.

3. In the event of Colonel Priestley declining to take over the demarcation still remaining to be performed in Coimbatore and Tinnevelly, it will have to be completed in both Districts by this Department, but I am unable at present to calculate the exact period required for the work.

4. Under these circumstances, I have framed a Budget similar to that for last year, except that for the sake of obtaining round numbers, I have reduced the total by Rupees 7,401, leaving it Rupees 4,50,000, and I request the Government will be pleased to pass this estimate provisionally. It may be hereafter modified when the actual requirements of the year are known. No separate provision has been made for printing the Settlement Registers in Trichinopoly and Kurnool, for though this is a heavy charge, I have no doubt the aggregate sum which I have now estimated for, will be sufficient to cover it.

No. 199. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1865, No. 94.

Miscellaneous.

1. With this letter the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement submits his Budget of charges for 1865-66, amounting to Rupees 4,50,000, which is nearly the same as the estimate passed for 1864-65.

2. The latter Budget was passed by Government in their Order, dated 24th December 1863, No. 2,379, provisionally, pending the reform of the Settlement Department then under contemplation. The general principles on which this reform should be made have been since laid down in the Order of Government, dated 12th December 1864, No. 2,243, but time will be required to work out the details, and till then the particulars and cost of the establishment cannot be ascertained. Mr. Master, therefore, requests that the Budget now submitted by him may be passed also provisionally.

3. It is not likely that under the altered arrangements the expenditure of the Department will be as large as it is at present; but as the probable savings cannot now be determined upon, and no separate provision has been made for the cost of printing the Settlement Registers of Trichinopoly and Kurnool, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to pass the Budget now submitted, subject to revision hereafter, and to transmit it to the Accountant General.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Accountant General.
,, the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Civil Paymaster.
,, the Financial Dept.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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