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No. 5. Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madura, 26th August 1873, No. 394 :—

I have the honour to report that the maps of the Local Fund Circles, lately supplied to this district, are so full of errors that they are useless, and I request permission to return them. The letters noted in the margin from the District Engineer and Vice-President, Dindigul Circle, are enclosed for the information of Government. I asked the District Engineer whether he could correct the maps, and he says he cannot.

22nd August 1873, No. 2177.
12th ,, ,, ,, 79.

From H. W. BLISS, Esq., Vice-President of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Dindigul Circle, dated Dindigul, 12th August 1873, No. 79.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the maps of the despatch of which your letter, No. 353, advised me.

2. They are, I presume, intended for circulation to members under G.O., No. 1256, dated 16th August 1871, Public Department.

3. Before circulating them, however, I beg to point out that the most cursory observation of them shows them to be full of serious errors, some of which I state below, and to recommend that they be not circulated but returned whence they came.

4. The following is a list of errors of importance, and not mere misspellings, which I have noticed, but I do not suppose it to be exhaustive :—

i. The Ramaghiri Zemindari, which appears in the north of the Dindigul Taluq, has not been in existence since, I believe, 1816 !

ii. The Rettiyambadi Zemindari is shown as including the whole of the Upper Pulni Hills, and a large tract of country east of the Shanmuganadi, including the town of Pulni itself, and as extending to the extreme north of the taluq. Really none of the Zemindari is on the east side of the Shanmuganadi, and very little of it north of the road to Udumalpettah *via* Madathukolam ; nor does it include any of the Upper Pulni Hills, except a small portion of their northern slopes, the exact boundaries of which, I believe, never to have been determined.

iii. The Ayagudi Zemindari is shown as including about a third of the Lower Pulni Hills. Really it includes only a portion of their northern slopes.

iv. The Velur Zemindari boundaries are not shown at all.

v. The position of Thangachiyammapatti is erroneously entered, and so is that of other places too, I imagine, but I have no leisure to check any but obvious mistakes in a map which is issued by the Survey Department.

vi. The Periacolum Taluq is made to include a large portion of the Lower Pulni Hills, including the village of Thandigudi, which belongs to the Pulni Taluq.

vii. The village of Kolattur is placed on the wrong side of the river on the banks of which it stands.

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x. The Teniar is entered as the Kottagudi River, which I never heard of before.

xi. Although the map professes to show all places of 1000 inhabitants and upwards, the important town of Combai is omitted.

xii. A district road is entered between Poombarai and Rettiyambadi, which does not exist and is never likely to.

xiii. The population of many of the villages shown as containing over 1000 and 2000 inhabitants, respectively, seems to be arrived at by including the population of the hamlets attached to the principal villages which are scattered over an extent of several square miles surrounding it. I think this is incorrect, for, for the purposes for which this map is intended, we require to know the number and situation of important villages and towns to which roads should be made, &c., and not the population of considerable tracts of country which for revenue purposes are held to be one village, and called after the name of the principal hamlet therein situated. Even according to the system adopted, however, the map is quite wrong, for many places of more than 1000 population are omitted.

5. There are other errors I might notice, but it scarcely seems necessary to enumerate more in order to show that the map is quite valueless.

Transferred to the District Engineer with the request that he will state whether he can put these maps right. In their present state they are useless and must be returned, unless the District Engineer is prepared to undertake the work of correcting them for both circles.

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
President.

14*th August* 1873.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, dated Madura, 22nd August 1873, No. 2177.

In reply to your endorsement, dated 14th instant, on letter No. 79, dated 12th idem, from Mr. Bliss and herewith returned, on the subject of the new maps received from the Revenue Survey Office, I have the honour to state that I am not in a position to rectify the very many errors that occur in the maps of both the Local Fund Circles.

Four enclosures.
1 Letter.
3 Maps.

2. On the principle of not looking a gift horse in the mouth, I took them as received, and I determined to do the best I could with these maps. But now that the idea of returning them whence they came has been suggested by you, I am quite at one with you on that point, and I return three of the maps received from you, and the fourth will follow on its arrival from Shevagungah.

3. The maps are in themselves large and unwieldy, and I have no wall big enough in my office to hang up even one of them. Maps of this size to be of use require, as you are aware, to be most accurate, and, as nobody in the district has, I believe, asked for these maps, we can well-afford to wait until the Revenue Survey Maps of the district are completed, when we can without doubt be supplied with maps which will be of considerable service to the members and subordinates of the Local Fund Boards.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1873, No. 1246.

The Collector is at liberty to return the maps. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey will report from what materials they were prepared.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 3rd.

Recd.

Read.

G.O., 3rd September 1873, No. 1246.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 5-6.

Local Fund Circles, Madura District.—Collector authorized to return the maps of these circles, which are stated to be full of errors, and the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, requested to report from what materials they were prepared.

No. 2177

District Engineers Office.

Madura. 22nd August 1873.

From.

Lieutenant Colonel R. A. Roberts. R.E.
District Engineer
Madura

To

W. Mc Duker Esquire
Resident. Local Funds Boards
Madura.

Sir,

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1 Letter &
3 Maps.
(Sent Separately)

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt

Ryan Notes Lieutt Col. R.E.
District Engineer Madura

No 79

Dindigul Circle

Local Fund Road Office

12th August 1873

From,

Dindigul

W. H. Bliss Esqre,

Vice President,

Local Fund Road

Dindigul Circle.

To

W. Mc Clusky Esqre,

President L. F. Board,

Dindigul Circle.

Sir,

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2. Mr Greene, entrusted for circulation to Revenue under G.O. No 1250 dated 16th August 1871, Public Dept.

3. Before circulating them, however, I beg to point out that the most cursory observation of these shows them to be full of serious error, some of which I shall bring to your notice, but that they be not circulated till referred whence they came.

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No 2177.

From

The District Engineer

Madura

To. The President.

L. F. Boards.

Madura

Dated 22d August 1873.

Received 25th

I informs that, for the reason assigned, he is not in a position to rectify the very many errors that occur in the maps of both the L. Fund Circles

No 1

Enclosure in letter

From

The President

L. F. Board

Madura

To

The Secty to Govt

Fund Dept

Madras

Dated 26th Augt 1873

No 394

Letter dated 22d August 1873 No 2177 recd from the District Engineer

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

P. N. Nash

Vice President.

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14th August 1873

— W. W. Purcell Mag.

Rec'd 19 Aug 73

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From

The Vice President
Local Funds Board
Dindigul Circle

1873 No 1015

To

The President
Local Funds Board
Dindigul & Coimbatore Circs

Dated
Rec'd

No 79

Recommending that the Dindigul & Coimbatore Circle Maps may be returned to the Circuit Engineers as they are certain errors.

No. 394

President's Office
Madura
26th August 1873.

From

W. McDuhae Esquire
President
Local Fund Boards
Madura.

To

The Secretary
to Govt. Fund. Depart.
Fort St George

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I have the honorable
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
W McDuhae
President

Enclosure to 2
Enclosures to letter
from
The Pres.t
L. F. Board
Madura
To
The Secty to Govt
Fund. Depart.t
Fort St George
Dated 26th Augt 1873
No 394
Rec.d 30/8
Letter No 79 dated
12th August 1873
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Dtd 12/8/73

1873 Finance Departt

From

The President
L. F. Board
Madura

To The Secty to Govt
Fin. Departt
Madras

No 1540

Dated 26th Aug/73
Recd 1st September/73
No 394
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Requesting permission to return certain Maps of the L. F. Circles as they are full of errors and useless.

With ..

Answered 3rd Sept. 1873. No 2216

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Dr. ..

To Board of Rev.
Dy Regd
Dept Rev Survey

Govt. of {1873.} Madras.

Financial

To The Board of Revenue.

&c

Dated Sept. 3d.
Recd. Encl.

G. O. 3d Sept. 1873, No. 1246.

Nos 5. 6.

L. J. Circles, Madura Dt.. Collector authorized to return the Maps of these Circles, which are stated to be full of errors & the Supt. Rev. Survey requested to report from what materials they were prepared.