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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 698	**Press Mis.**
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th March 1861.

No. 459. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1861, No. 948 :—

1. The Board resolve to submit their usual report of the progress made in the preparation of the village Register A, during the months of October, November and December last. The following abstract shows the details of the amount of work done in each District :—

Districts.	Number of villages in each District.	Number of villages whose Registers were completed up to October 1859.	Number of villages completed up to November 1859.	Number of villages completed up to December 1859.	Number of villages under preparation.
1. Godavery	980	968	968	968	12
2. Kistna	1,394	1,376	1,380	1,380	14
3. Bellary	2,562	199	1,015	1,583	...
4. Kurnool	1,203	1,136	1,146	1,175	28
5. Madras	1,653	824	865	884	685
6. North Arcot	3,080	2,768	2,952	2,985	...
7. South Arcot	2,473	2,447	2,463	2,464	9
8. Tanjore	3,079	2,776	2,793	2,859	220
9. Madura	782	386	319	326	361
10. Tinnevelly	1,100	1,086	1,086	1,088	12
11. Coimbatore	1,543	1,418	1,510	1,516	1
12. Salem	3,257	2,739	2,849	2,943	314

2. At the end of September last there were 45 villages in Ganjam, the Registers of which had to be written. The Collector has not reported the progress made during the months under review, and will be called upon to do so without delay. The Registers of only 16 of the Sydapore villages in Nellore, had been written up to the end of September. The Collector will be desired to report what has since been done in regard to these villages. The Registers have been completed in Vizagapatam, Cuddapah and Trichinopoly, and the Board have called for the Registers of ten villages named by them from each of these Districts as well as from Nellore, for examination.

3. In the Godavery the work has been stationary since September, and in the Kistna, South Arcot and Tinnevelly, the progress has been very slow ; but the Registers remaining to be prepared in these four Districts are very few ranging from 9 to 14. The Board hope that measures will be adopted for the early completion of these.

Districts.	*No. under preparation.*	*No. not yet taken up.*
Madras	685	84
Madura	361	95
Tanjore	220	0
Coimbatore	1	26
Salem	314	0
Kurnool	28	0

4. The Districts most backward in the work are noted in the margin. In Madras the work commenced late, but the monthly progress is satisfactory. With reference to the Order of Government, dated 5th January 1861,* the Collector has been desired to submit for examination in this Office, the Registers of ten villages named by the Board. In the other five Districts the progress is steadily advancing, but not in a satisfactory degree. The Collector of Madura accounts for the slow progress in his District by the large size of the Survey fields, which are divided and held by different persons ; the Curnums consequently are obliged to measure each portion, and ascertain its boundaries before entering it in the Register.

* *In Cons., 7th January* 1861.

5. The Bellary return refers to the writing of the third copy of the Register, and the entries are, therefore, less than in the previous report which does not relate to the same copy. The Government are aware that in this District and in North Arcot, the work is being performed by special Establishments. The number remaining to be completed in North Arcot is only 95. The Collector of Bellary is requested to explain whether the first set of Registers has been fully completed. It is not necessary that the progress of the second and third sets should be stated in these reports.

6. In paragraph 3 of their last report to Government, dated 12th November 1860, No. 5,248, the Board alluded to certain omissions in the District returns which were pointed* out to the Collectors and rectified in their reports under review, with the following exceptions.

* *Board's Procs., dated 12th Nov.* 1860, *No.* 5,245.

7. The villages transferred to North Arcot from the Chaitput Táluq of South Arcot appear to be 158, but those included in the return of the former District are 159, or one more. Mr. Robinson will be requested to explain this excess in his next progress report. The number entered in the present report is obtained by adding this number, viz., 159, to that entered for North Arcot in the Board's last report. By a similar exchange of villages between Madura and Tinnevelly, a decrease of five villages was caused in the former District, and adjusted in the last report sent to Government; but there should have been a corresponding increase to the number entered for Tinnevelly; the correct number (1,100) is entered in the present report. The Collector of Tinnevelly will be requested to supply the omission in his next report.

8. Copies of these Proceedings will be circulated to all Collectors, except those of the Districts named in the margin. The attention of the Collectors of Ganjam, Nellore, North Arcot and Tinnevelly will be called specially to paragraphs 2 and 7. The Collector of Nellore will also furnish in his next report the explanation called for in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 12th November 1860, No. 5,245, regarding the villages transferred to his District from Kurnool.

Malabar.
North Canara.
South Canara.
Cuddapah.
Vizagapatam.
Trichinopoly.
Sea Customs.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 460. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1861, No. 698.

1. The Board of Revenue report the progress made in the preparation of the village Register A, for the last quarter in 1860.

2. The Districts in which the work has been already completed are four, as in the margin. In Ganjam, the Godavery, and Nellore, no progress has been made during the three months under report; or the work done has not been reported. In all three, the number of villages remaining incomplete is small. In three† others, but little remains to be done, and in the remaining Districts, except Malabar and the two Canaras, the progress made is stated to be unsatisfactory.

Bellary.
Vizagapatam.
Cuddapah.
Trichinopoly.
**Kistna.*
South Arcot.
Tinnevelly.

3. The Government would again press on the attention of the Collectors the desirability of losing no more time.

4. Referring to paragraph 5 they request to be informed what the special Establishments alluded to are, and when sanctioned.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 5,245.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th November 1860.

Read the following Progress Reports of the Village Register A for August last:—

From Bellary, 6th,	in Cons.,	15th	September	1860,	My. No. 2,656.
,, Kurnool, 6th	,,	,,	,,	,,	2,684.
,, N. Arcot, 6th	,,	8th	,,	,,	2,644.
,, Cuddapah, 8th	,,	15th	,,	,,	2,709.
,, Nellore, 10th	,,	,,	,,	,,	2,712.
,, S. Arcot, 10th	,,	,,	,,	,,	2,715.
,, Coimbatore, 10th	,,	,,	,,	,,	2,752.
,, Madura, 11th	,,	,,	,,	,,	2,736.

1. In the foregoing returns the Board observe certain omissions, which are pointed out below.

2. The total number of villages in Kurnool is given in the Progress report of that District for August last at 1,203, or 83 less than the number entered in the previous monthly reports; and in regard to this difference, the marginal explanation is furnished by the Collector of Kurnool; but the Board observe that no addition has been made to the number usually entered for Nellore on account of this transfer. There is also no deduction in the returns of Cuddapah and Bellary, respectively. The Collector of Nellore will ascertain and report whether the registers have been already written for the ninety-nine villages transferred to his District from Kurnool, and if not he will cause them to be prepared, and submit the usual monthly report of the progress made in the work. The Collector of Bellary will explain why the necessary additions and deductions were not made on account of the villages transferred to and from his District.

Number of villages as per previous reports.	1,286
Deduct	
Villages transferred to the Nellore District...	99
Remainder...	1,187
Add	
Villages transferred from Cuddapah.....	6
Bellary...	10
Total...	1,203

3. Similarly, 158 villages transferred to North Arcot from the Chaitpet Taluk of South Arcot have been deducted in the Progress report received from the latter District, while no corresponding addition has been made in the former. Explanation will be furnished by the Collector of North Arcot on this point.

	As per report for August.	As per previous reports.	Difference.
Madura.....	782	787	5
Coimbatore..	1,543	1,532	11

4. In Madura and Coimbatore also, differences are observed in the number of villages as entered in their Progress reports for August and previous months. The Board request that these differences may be explained.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary.

To J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.
,, A. Wedderburn, Esq., Officiating Collector of Cuddapah.
,, A. Hathaway, Esq., Collector of Bellary.
,, J. I. Minchin, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool.
,, J. D. Robinson, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot.
,, H. Wood, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.
,, V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.
,, E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 948

Encl. 1 in Proceedings of the Bd. of Revn. to the Secretary to Government R.D. dated 20th February 1861, No. 948.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revn. dated 12th November 1860. No. 5245 Regarding the Village Register A for August last.

R. D.

No. 698.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 26th March 1861.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting the Boards usual Report of the progress made in the preparation of the Village Register A, in several Districts, during the Months of October, Novr. and December last.

(Here enter 20th February 1861 No. 948.)

1. The Board of Revenue report the progress made in the preparation of the village Register A, for the last quarter in 1860.

2. The Districts in which the work has been already completed are four as in the margin. In Ganjam, the Godavery, and Nellore, no progress has been made during the three months under report, or the work done has not been reported. In all three, the number of villages remaining incomplete is small. In three* others, but little remains to be done, and in the remaining Districts, except Malabar and the two Canaras,

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Village Register A

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