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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 289 — Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th February 1862.

No. 255. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 24th December 1861, No. 1,644:—

SIR,

1. In paragraph 7 of Proceedings of Government, dated 21st October, No. 2,015, I was directed to make arrangements for the measurement of Coffee and other cultivation in Wainád for the purpose of taxation, for the survey of private Estates where the parties wish this to be done at their own cost, and also for the survey of Government lands.

2. To enable the Coffee Planters to decide whether they will have their estates measured in their integrity, it is necessary to determine the rate of charge per acre. This has been considered with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, who states that 4 Annas an acre will, as a rule, cover the cost, but that 5 Annas an acre may be required in some more difficult localities. The survey of estates will include a map showing their limits and the principal topographical features with some further detail for cultivation.

Letter dated 20th December 1861, No. 1,123, enclosed.

3. According to the present mode of taxing the cultivation only, it is necessary for the Government to measure the extent of the same at their own cost, as this cannot be exacted from the Planters. In the case, therefore, of Planters wishing their estates to be surveyed and mapped in their integrity at their own cost, some deduction may reasonably be made on account of the details in the cultivation which must necessarily be measured in any case at the cost of Government, though they need not be shown in fair maps, if required only for the purpose of taxation.

4. I beg, therefore, to recommend for the sanction of Government Major Priestley's suggestion, that the rates to be charged to the Planters should be 2 Annas an acre on the extent of cultivation, and 4 Annas an acre as a rule on the rest of the estates, and 5 Annas in case of more than ordinary difficulty.

5. Major Priestley's letter contains a scale of Establishment at a monthly cost of Rupees 1,498-10-8, which he considers it will be necessary to retain after the Survey party is broken up at the close of the present season, for the annual measurement of cultivation, for the purpose of taxation and for the survey of estates at the Planter's cost. This will be separately submitted with any modifications that may appear necessary after further experience in the present season.

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1862, No. 289.

1. The Government approve of the scale of charges proposed by Major Priestley for the survey of private properties in Wainád.

2. The Government are not prepared permanently to retain so large a Survey party as Major Priestley proposes. His scheme requires careful re-consideration after consultation with the Collector.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue Survey Office
Ootacamund
20th October 1861

No 1123

From

Major
Captain T. J. E. Priestley
Superintendent Revenue Survey

To

H. Newill Esqr
Collr of Wynaad

Sir

In compliance with the requisition contained in the communications noted marginally I have the honor to submit a scale of Establishment for the completion of the Survey of Wynaad by ascertaining each year the measurement of a portion of the cultivated areas. The estimated cost per mensem is Rs 1500 and it is so composed as to be able to perform both the measurement of fields & the survey of Coffee Estates containing a proportion of Hill & Jungle.

Pro Dr Rev Sel Ltr 21st Sept 1861 No 1438
Order of Govt 21st Sel/Rev No 2015
Pro Dr Rev Sel Ltr 30th Sel 1861 No 1577

Cost per acre will not exceed 4 annas.

2 You are aware of the reasons that render it necessary to offer far higher wages to persons employed in the Wynaad than in any other locality, may survey

3. With regard to the payment to be demanded for the survey of Private Estates I have been influenced

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in proposing the undermentioned rates by the consideration that in any case Government requires the measurement & area of any park under cultivation, the charge per acre for the Survey & maps of such parts therefore need not be so high as for the Survey of waste land & Forest which is undertaken on account of the proprietor.

2. The owners by inducing the owners of a number of contiguous properties to avail themselves of the offer of Govt. to Survey their land on payment, the labour & cost is much reduced inasmuch as the boundary line common to two estates is only once gone over and the lines of the Surveyors Cellumne is not so much cattered up by branching which in the Wynaad is slower & more tedious than so Travelled Country.

Rates of payment proposed for the Survey of private property in the Wynaad.

Description of land	Rate per acre
For land under cultivation	Rs. As. Ps. " — 2 — "
Waste land & forest under ordinary circumstances	" — 4 — "
Waste land & forest when unusual obstacles to Survey present themselves by reason of peculiarity of formation, or unhealthiness of locality, or being distant or difficult of approach.	" — 8 — "

N.B. It is expected that in all cases proprietors clear their boundaries & render the assistance indispensable to a speedy prosecution of the Survey in the Wynaad District.

The Survey maps will shew the limits of estates & give a sketch of the chief topographical features. The cultivated portions will be delineated with greater exactness.

J.P.

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Shane the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed. Servant
J. Priestley Major
Superintendent Survey

Copy in a cover to Sec. Govt. Fort St. Geo. dated 24th Dec. 1861. No. 1123

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey

1861 Dec. 24 Received

To

The Director of Revenue Settlement

Dated Fort St. George the 24th December 1861

No. 1123

Forwarded for information

Subject

Establishments & Contingencies

Proposed Establishment for Nandiad

Ref. letter No. 1123

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1	Head Surveyor	@ 110 Rs + 52 or 2 Rs a day travelling allowance				162 — —
1	Do.	@ 100 + Allce remains in office				100 — —
1	Sheristadar	@ 45 + 19.8 or 12 As a day travelling allowance				64 — 8 —
1	Head Taliar	@ 35 + 16.4 or 10 As a day	Do.	Do.		51 — 4 —
10	Surveyor Amins	@ 11 + 10.9 or 6½ As	Do.	Do.		215 — 10 —
10	Gumastahs	@ 9 + 6.8 or 4 As	Do.	Do.		155 — —
1	Head Writer & Computer	@ 30 + 6.8 or 4 As	Do.	Do.		36 — 8 —
1	Do.	Do.	@ 20 + 6.8 or 4 As	Do.	Do.	26 — 8 —
1	Writer & Computer	@ 15 + 6.8 or 4 As	Do.	Do.		21 — 8 —
1	Do.	Do.	@ 12 + 6.8 or 4 As	Do.	Do.	18 — 8 —
1	Head Draughtsmen	@ 50 + 6.8 or 4 As	Do.	Do.		56 — 8 —
1	Do.	Do.	@ 30 + 6.8 or 4 As	Do.	Do.	36 — 8 —
1	Do.	Do.	@ 20 + 6.8 or 4 As	Do.	Do.	26 — 8 —
1	Do.	Do.	@ 15 + 6.8 or 4 As	Do.	Do.	21 — 8 —
1	Do.	Do.	@ 12 + 6.8 or 4 As	Do.	Do.	18 — 8 —
1	Head Peons	@ 7 + 1.1.4 or 8 Rs	Do.	Do.		8 — 1 — 4
2	Do.	Do.	@ 6 + 1.1.4 or	Do.	Do.	14 — 2 — 8
17	Peons	@ 6 + 1.1.4 or	Do.	Do.		120 — 6 — 8
22	Peons	@ 8½ + 1.13.4 or 6 Rs	Do.	Do.		138 — 14 — —
1	Head Bullock	@ 7 + 1.10 or 1 Anna	Do.	Do.		8 — 10 —
1	Do.	Do.	@ 6 + 1.10 or	Do.	Do.	7 — 10 —
20	Treasurers & Head Cutcherry					100 — —
	Contingent charges					60 — —
	Station Markers					30 — —

Total Rupees 1498-10-8

Rent Money Office
Cheque work
20 to Peons

Sd/ Priest

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From
The Director of
Revenue & Settlement
To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Dated 24th
Rec 26th } December 1861

No 1644

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Recommending for same Reasons Major Priestly's suggestion as to the rates to be charged as assessment on cultivation for survey of private Estate to where the parties seek it to be done at their own cost for reasons stated.

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From Fort St George
12th July 1862

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