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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th January 1862.

No. 166. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1861, No. 7,126:—

1. The Board resolve to submit their usual Report of the progress made in the preparation of the Field Register A, during the months of June, July, August and September last.

2. The annexed abstract shows the amount of work done in each District in each of these months:—

Districts.	Total number of villages in each District.	Number of villages whose Registers have been either completed or are under preparation.				
		Completed up to June 1861.	Completed up to July 1861.	Completed up to August 1861.	Completed up to September 1861.	Under preparation.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Ganjam...	1,233	1,229	.....	.....	.....	4
2. Kistna	1,394	1,391	1,392	1,393	1,393	1
3. Kurnool...	1,203	1,187	1,189	1,190	1,194	9
4. Madras	1,653	192	208	230	245	1,346
5. North Arcot	3,080	3,028	.....	.....	3,029	51
6. Tanjore	4,628	3,050	3,058	3,059	4,192	205
7. Madura...	783	375	390	398	401	315
8. Tinnevelly...	1,100	1,084	1,088	1,094	1,099	1
9. Coimbatore	1,543	1,517	1,517	1,517	1,517	26
10. Salem...	3,257	3,096	3,118	3,132	3,143	114

3. As regards the total number of villages in each District, the Registers of which are to be prepared, it will be seen from column 2 of the above abstract that in Tanjore, there is an increase of 1,549 villages as compared with the entry in the Board's previous Report to Government, dated 20th July last, No. 3,862. The Board observe that these are the villages brought under Mottafysul in the course of the last two years under the orders of Government, dated 22nd July 1859, No. 979, subsequently to the date on which the preparation of the Registers was commenced. It is satisfactory to find that of the total number of 4,192 villages, for which the Registers have been completed up to September last, 1,133 are among the new Mottafysul villages, as are also 185 out of the 205 entered as those for which the Registers are under preparation.

Vide Collector's letter, dated 25th October 1861, No. 353.

4. There are still 369 villages under Olungu, and though a separate form has been prescribed for this class of villages, yet the Registers have not been prepared in that form, as under the orders of Government already quoted, these villages also will at no distant date be converted into Mottafysul, and Registers will then have to be prepared in the Ryotwar form. Under these circumstances, the Board concur with the Collector in considering that the preparation of the Registers for the Olungu villages under notice may be postponed till their conversion into Mottafysul takes place.

5. With reference to the inquiry in the concluding paragraph of his letter, Mr. Cadell is informed that no Registers need be prepared for Shrótrium and Poliput, &c., villages.

6. In none of the remaining Districts has the progress been satisfactory during the period under report. In Ganjam, Kistna, and Tinnevelly Districts, and perhaps in Kurnool also, the work might be considered to have come to a close, and the very little in them remaining to be

done will, the Board trust, be reported as completed before their next report is sent to Government.

7. The progress in Madura has been slow ; but the cause of this has been explained in paragraph 4 of the Board's Report, dated 20th February last, No. 948.

8. In Madras, the work has been most unsatisfactorily performed. In the Board's Report, dated 8th May last, No. 2,353, the number of Registers in this District stated to have been completed, was shown at 891 ; but Mr. Cunliffe now reports, as has been already anticipated by him from the examination of certain Registers in his Office, that only 192 Registers have been actually completed up to June last, and only 53 more have been completed in the subsequent months up to September. The causes assigned in explanation of this state of things are most unsatisfactory. The preparation of the Jamabundy accounts and of the extensive Shavi returns, and the fact of the Curnums being called away to attend on the Deputy Inám Commissioner, are stated to have retarded the preparation of the Registers ; but the Board are not disposed to admit any of these circumstances as sufficient excuse for the long delay of very nearly three years, during the whole of which period only 245 Registers have been completed out of 1,653 Registers to be prepared for the entire District. The circumstances which Mr. Cunliffe states to have retarded the completion of the Registers in his District have existed elsewhere also, but no where has the work been attended with such unsatisfactory results as in Madras.

9. The real cause of the delay must, in the opinion of the Board, have been the supineness of the Huzúr and Táluq Officers, who do not appear to have been sufficiently alive to the importance of the work, notwithstanding that the Government and the Board have by repeated orders attempted to enforce the early and correct preparation of the Registers.

10. Mr. Cunliffe explains that except by a separate establishment to be remunerated out of the pay of the Curnums, the Registers will not be speedily and accurately completed. The Board see no objection to this course, provided the entire cost of the establishment is defrayed in the manner proposed.

11. The Board observe from the progress reports received from the several Collectors that the accuracy of the Registers is being sufficiently tested by the District Officers. Those called for for examination here have been closely scrutinized, and the results have been already communicated to Government in the case of two Districts. The Registers received from the other Districts are undergoing examination, and will be reported on in due course.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No .167. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1862, No. 83.

1. The work done in the District of Tanjore is satisfactory.

2. With reference to the remarks made by the Board of Revenue in paragraphs 8, 9 & 10 of their Proceedings, the Government desire that the officers by whom the Collector was misled be properly punished. The Board will at once arrange for the prompt completion of the Register at the expense of the Curnums, whenever these officers have been wilfully dilatory in the performance of the duty.

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

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