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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th May 1865.*

No. 96. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st May 1865.

Read the following letter from A. Mc. C. WEBSTER, Esq., Head Assistant Collector in charge of South Canara, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 10th April 1865, No. 45 :—

SIR,

1. As directed by the Board in their Proceedings dated 18th December 1863, I have the honor to submit a report on the temporary Survey Establishment in this District

2. The Establishment was sanctioned by Government from the 1st January 1864, but was not entertained until September, and then only on a reduced scale, viz. :—

	RS.
1 Surveyor...	50
1 Computer ...	20
1 Peon ...	7
8 Peons, at 6 Rupees	48

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3. The Surveyor, an Eurasian, though the best man that could be got on the salary, does not appear to me to have sufficient stamina for the work. Great difficulty was experienced in getting any one at all for the appointment.

4. They began work on the 9th September, and were sent to survey some jungle land on the ghauts that had been applied for for Coffee. The party went to the locality, but could not commence operations at that season, and returned to Mangalore about the end of the month.

5. They were then directed to survey some detached wurgs until the end of the month, when, owing to the sickness of the Surveyor the Establishment was broken up and was re-entertained on the 16th November.

6. Since that date they have surveyed a few other detached wurgs, and have been since the 22nd January 1865, employed in surveying the Bengré village in Udupi Talook. This survey has not yet been completed. During the time they have been in this village, the party was sent to another village about 15 miles off to survey a wurg.

7. The total number of wurgs hitherto surveyed by the establishment is fifty-eight, of an area of not more than 1,200 acres; but maps of only five wurgs measuring about 220 acres have been sent in.

8. The work hitherto performed has, as the Board will perceive, been very limited, and has been much more expensive than it should have been.

9. The late Collector, Mr. Morris, before he left, told me that he was not at all satisfied with the working of the establishment; that, in his opinion, the work performed was not to be relied on; and that he considered that an additional Revenue Inspector in each Talook would be much more useful.

10. No one, I am sure, could be satisfied with the work that has been done this year, but I do not consider that the establishment has had a fair trial. A survey will always be more expensive in Canara than in other Districts, and the expense of the survey of the wurgs, which have been already measured, has been increased by the establishment being constantly on the move from one village or Magane to another. There have also been no receipts to set off against the expenditure, owing to the work hitherto performed having been undertaken by the orders of the Collector, and not at the request of private parties.

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11. When writing to the Board before on the subject of a survey, I stated that, in my opinion, a small survey party for the District was more preferable than an addition to the existing Establishments in each Talook, and I also stated that were a party sanctioned, it should be employed in surveying durkhast lands in one particular Talook. From my experience of the working of the Revenue Inspectors, I would not recommend that more should be appointed. The maps they prepare can never be accepted as correct, and would therefore be of little use if filed in the Collector's Office. As the establishment has not been working in the Talooks under my charge, I can of course form no opinion on the accuracy of the surveys, but from the maps that have been filed, I certainly consider that, as far as appearances go, they are much superior, indeed of a totally different description to those sent in by the Revenue Inspectors.

12. Although I am unable to report favorably of the working of the Establishment during the last six months, I hope that the Board will allow it a trial for another year. There is ample work for it in at least one of the Talooks in this District, and I feel confident that if it is employed in one particular Talook, under the supervision of the Tahsildar, more work will be performed, and when (as would be chiefly the case) durkhast lands are surveyed, the cost of the survey recovered from the parties at an average rate per acre would go far to reduce the expenditure on account of the salaries of the establishment.

13. As the period for which the present sanction was granted is drawing to a close, I beg that the orders of Government regarding the continuance or otherwise of the establishment may be communicated to me by telegraph. I was not aware until I received your Circular of the 29th ultimo, No. 337, that this report had to be sent in this month, and I beg that the delay in its submission may be excused.

1. Submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the temporary Survey Establishment in South Canara, which was to have been entertained (according to the Government sanction) from January 1864 up to the close of the current official year, but was entertained only from September last, may be sanctioned for a further period of one year, experimentally.

2. The working of the Establishment has been by no means satisfactory. Under the circumstances stated by Mr. Webster, the Board would be averse to discontinuing the Establishment until it has been fairly tried. Mr. Cadell should obtain the most competent men available at the salaries sanctioned, and, if the continuance of the establishment is sanctioned, should report upon its working in September next.

No. 97.

Land Revenue

ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1865, No. 933.

Referred to the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, for his observations and suggestions.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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L. D. S.

5th May/65.

Lead the paper to

10 To the Off. Supt. of Rev. Survey 5th May

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Pro: 14th Decr/63 + 22/12/23
- 1st March/64 + 64/7

Per: 1865 Departs
Ch: of Govt for May
7th 1158.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 1st
Decr - 1st } May 1865
Recd - 2nd }

N^o.

Recommending with
remarks the continuance
of the temporary Survey
Establishment in the
South Canara Dt. for the
further period of one
year experimentally.

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N^o 933 15 May

With Orders &