

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th February 1868.*

No. 189. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Revenue Board, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 31st January 1868:—

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to report that, in consequence of the representations made to them by their colleague, Mr. W. Robinson, regarding the inability of the ryots of the Madras District to meet the charges of the Survey Department for demarcation owing to the prevalent distress, they have this day held a conference (at which Mr. Robinson was present) with the Collector of Madras, the Director of Revenue Settlement, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, and the Local Superintendent of Survey, Captain Baynes, on the subject.

2. They find that in the Sydapet talook, the demarcation of which has been completed, the sum charged on the ryots for boundary marks has amounted to Rupees 62,417, or twenty-nine per cent. on the revenue collections of the past Fusly, and that in the Ponneri talook, where demarcation is now going on, it is estimated that the charges will amount to about twenty-five per cent. on the revenue of the same year.

3. The Board accordingly direct me to recommend that the collection of the demarcation charges be suspended for the present, and that the necessary advance (say 25,000 Rupees) be at once made to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, in order to enable him to carry on operations.

4. The subject of the heavy charge for demarcation in the Madras District is now under the consideration of the Board, and they will submit their views to Government on the matter shortly, but the circumstances of the year render it absolutely necessary that the indulgence above advocated be granted without delay.

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1868, No. 372.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government sanction the proposed advance for demarcation purposes, and the temporary suspension of its recovery in the Madras District in consideration of the existing pressure on landed interests resulting from the unfavorable season.

2. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey will communicate with the Board before resuming the usual measures for recovering the advances from the ryots.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
„ the Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ the Collector of Madras.

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