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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

26th July 1881, Nos. 1,109-1,110.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS:—

No. 277. From C. L. TUPPER, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Home, Revenue, and Agricultural Department (Revenue), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 9th June 1881, No. 312.

I AM desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 637, dated the 9th April last, intimating that it may be necessary, in the course of the next six months, to propose the revival of the appointment of Director of Revenue Settlement in the Madras Presidency.

2. In reply, I am to say that the Governor-General in Council would be glad to receive a full report upon this question, including an estimate of the extent of the operations which the Director would have to supervise. In particular I am to ask whether it is intended that the Director should be entrusted with any duties in the way of supervision and control over the Revenue Survey Department, or whether his charge would be confined exclusively to the direction of settlement work. In either case, the amount of settlement business for disposal would apparently be limited by the rate of progress made by the Survey Department in preparation for the settlement parties. It is understood that, in regard to certain districts of the Madras Presidency, it has not yet been decided whether or no they shall be brought under settlement within any early period. Excluding these, the area remaining for settlement would not be very considerable, and in several districts a large portion of the work seems to have been already completed.

3. I am further to remark that, looking to the present organization for the chief control of the revenue administration in Madras, it would be necessary, in making any formal proposal for the appointment of a Director of Revenue Settlement, to explain in greater detail for what reasons it is apprehended that the existing arrangement, under which settlement operations are supervised by a Member of the Board of Revenue, cannot properly be continued.

No. 278. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th May 1881, No. 895.

Read—the following G. R. R. No. 3,259, of 1881—Letter from C. W. W. MARTIN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 16th April 1881, No. 840:—

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of the Board, that I have consulted with the Superintendent of Works regarding the projects of extension of irrigation in the Eastern and Western Deltas, and I have come to the conclusion that much of the inquiry hitherto has been misdirected.

2. The Superintendent of Works will now supply information regarding the exact course of both the main and branch channels contemplated. He promises to ascertain whether there are in existence diagrams showing how the levels run on each side of each main or branch canal so that the contour of the *irrigable* area may be ascertained. He is doubtful, however, whether such diagrams are in existence.

3. If such diagrams are not obtainable it will be impossible to approximate with accuracy the amount of Mamul Pallam (usual wet), and it must either be calculated on the averages of the amount of such Mamul Pallam occurring in fixed areas (say 500 acres) along each canal, or else a special Revenue Officer must, with a special Department of Public Works Officer, go over the tract, contour it, and ascertain the actual amount contained in it.

4. When the whole irrigable area has been ascertained either approximately or accurately it should be corrected to a somewhat similarly shaped but smaller contour limited by the carrying capacity of the canal to which it belongs.

5. Such an elaborate process seems hardly requisite when the information supplied by the Collector of Godávári by letter No. 85,* dated 16th March 1880, upon an extension scheme for that district is considered, and I would therefore ask the Board whether, if the Collector of Kistna can write a letter in terms such as those written by the Collector of Godávári, it will be accepted as a sufficient expression of the opinion of the Revenue authorities in favor of the present scheme.

6. I am obliged to write about this matter somewhat sooner than I otherwise should, as I am giving over charge of the district to-day to Mr. Crosthwaite.

Resolution—

SUBMITTED for the information of Government. With reference to paragraph 5 of his letter the Collector will be furnished with copy of G.O., Public Works Department, dated 12th August 1880, No. 516-I, from which it will be observed that the rough estimate submitted by the Collector of the Godávári was pronounced to be insufficient to determine the financial results to be expected from the improvement of the canals of the Central Delta in that district. It has been returned to him for revision.

2. To ascertain with reasonable accuracy the additional revenue to be derived from an extension of irrigation it is clear that the irrigable area within moderate limits must be laid down. It is not sufficient for the purpose to state that such and such a canal will irrigate so many acres, but the position of those acres must be more or less accurately shown to enable the Revenue Officers to determine to what extent the project can take credit for an enhanced revenue. Various deductions have to be made from the gross return of irrigation revenue, such as the dry assessment, areas unfit for wet cultivation, and areas already supplied with the means of irrigation and paying a consolidated assessment thereon. These details cannot be worked out unless the areas commanded and for which a supply is available are definitely indicated. From paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter it appears doubtful whether such information is available in the case of the Kistna Delta extension project.

3. In his Note on Mr. Kelsall's letter of the 29th September 1880, printed with G.O., Public Works Department, dated 8th February 1881, No. 95-I, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation states, with reference to the Eastern Delta, that in the Proceedings of Government marginally noted "the information given is very full, and with the maps and a little assistance in the way of explanation from the Superinten-

dent of Works the Collector should be in a position to give a very complete opinion as to the probability of the scheme securing the results anticipated." *Turning to the Proceedings quoted, the Board are unable to agree with Colonel Mullins that the information therein recorded is sufficient to enable the Revenue Department to make the necessary calculations. The total extent proposed to be newly irrigated is 132,277 acres distributed over an area of about 567 square miles. This "for convenience of investigation" is divided into five sub-sections. Referring to the first sub-section it appears from paragraph 6 of the Chief Engineer's Note "that it includes the country lying between the Kistna and the Masulipatam canal, together with the island of Divi," and lower down the area commanded, exclusive of Divi, is estimated at 89 square miles. At paragraph 27 of the Note it is stated that "the west side channel of this (Masulipatam) canal will irrigate the part of Sub-Section I, lying between the canal and the Kannakala Madugu drain," and from paragraph 35 it appears that the area commanded is 96 square miles. The limits of the other sub-sections are in like manner of too general a nature and embracing too extensive an area to admit of the revenue calculations required being made with any approach to accuracy. The list of villages affected is not of much assistance as the acres given are so extensive that without great labor it is impossible to distinguish the extent which will be newly benefited.

4. In the absence of more definite information it is hardly to be wondered at that this inquiry should have dragged its slow length along for four years with such unsatisfactory results. From paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter under notice it would appear that he is still in the dark as to the course of the proposed new channels and that the Superintendent of Works is doubtful whether diagrams showing how the levels run on each side of the canals are available.

5. The Board are of opinion that it would very much facilitate matters if the course of the proposed canals were laid down on the Revenue Survey maps on a scale of two inches to a mile showing the village boundaries and the irrigable area indicated thereon by color. With these in his possession and with the aid of the village registers the Revenue Officer deputed for the purpose will be able, so far as ryotwari lands are concerned, to satisfy himself village by village as to the extent from which additional irrigation revenue will be derived. As regards Zemindari lands surveyed only *en bloc* he will have to ascertain from the proprietors the unirrigated area for which they are prepared to take water.

6. But even if matters are thus simplified the task will be no light one and will be quite beyond the powers of the existing revenue establishment especially when the constant change* of officers is considered. The delay which has already occurred proves the false economy of attempting to conduct an investigation of this magnitude without the aid of a special agency. Had one been employed at the outset the Government would now be in possession of the information, the want of which has led to sanction of the project being withheld.

7. The Board now recommend that the services of an intelligent and active officer of the rank of Deputy Collector with a suitable establishment be temporarily placed at the disposal of the Collectors of the Kistna and the Godávári, one to each district, in view to the required estimates being prepared without further delay. These officers might at the same time be employed under the supervision of the Irrigation Accounts Branch in the Board of Revenue in bringing up to date the capital and revenue accounts of the Godávári and Kistna completed systems, none having been received since their preparation was made over to the Collectors in 1879. For the former district they were submitted by Mr. Wilson up to Fasli 1286, and for the latter up to Fasli 1285.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 279. Endorsement of the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, dated Ootacamund, 3rd June 1881, No. 131.

Note by the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

CONSIDERABLE time and labor has been expended in the investigation of the financial results of irrigation in the Presidency, with very incommensurate results.

2. Conferences on the subject were held in 1868 and again in 1875, and eventually Government entrusted the duty of determining the results of irrigation in the Kistna and Godavari Deltas to Mr. Wilson, C.S.

3. In 1878, Mr. Wilson submitted statements showing the financial results of irrigation in the Kistna from 1855-56, the year that irrigation under the anicut commenced, to 1875-76.

4. In 1879, Mr. Wilson submitted similar statements for the Godavari Delta up to 1876-77.

5. In May 1879, in accordance with instructions from Government, Mr. Wilson submitted certain proposals for the completion of irrigation accounts for the whole Presidency, which were approved by Government. He divided the works into two classes—

(1) Those for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are to be kept.

(2) Those for which a Revenue Account only is to be kept.

Of Class (1) he pointed out that the accounts of two systems (Kistna and Godavari) had been completed, and for the completion of the accounts of the other

* Rs. 34,000 spread over three years.

six systems he proposed a special establishment at the cost of about Rs. 11,000*

a year. He estimated that the accounts of all the systems except the Cauvery would be completed within a year from date of commencement, and the Cauvery accounts in from two to two and-a-half years.

For Class (2) he thought the accounts should be prepared by the ordinary Revenue Department, and submitted forms of account to be adopted in their preparation.

These proposals were approved by Government.

6. Subsequently, in 1879, Mr. Wilson was instructed to arrange for continuing the compilation of irrigation accounts, and was permitted from time to time to visit the districts the irrigation accounts of which he was to compile, and as during this year the appointment of Director of Revenue Settlement which he held was abolished, certain allowances were granted to him while engaged on the work.

7. In April 1880, Mr. Wilson reported that the services of a special officer seemed to be unnecessary for the preparation of the accounts, and the Board of Revenue recommended that the work of supervising the preparation of irrigation accounts should be transferred to the Settlement Department, which was then in charge of a Member of the Board of Revenue, and this recommendation was approved and sanctioned by Government.

8. Since the special establishment was appointed 1½ years have elapsed, and only approximate accounts have been furnished, and our present information is as follows:—

Godavari—Final accounts received to end of 1876-77.

Kistna do. do. 1875-76.

For subsequent years and other systems under Class (1).—Only approximate accounts received.

and what has been done as regard works for which a Revenue Account only is to be kept is not known.

9. The delay in completing these accounts leads to frequent remark by the Government of India, and is given as one reason for reduction of grants applied for for carrying out projects.

10. The reason that the required information is so difficult to obtain would seem to be that the Member of the Board of Revenue, to whom the work of supervising the preparation of the accounts is entrusted, has so much other work to do that he cannot pay the requisite attention to the subject, and that although, as Mr. Wilson remarks, there is no mystery about the preparation of the accounts, the subject is strange to many Collectors, who find it difficult, fully occupied as they are, to give the necessary instructions to subordinates and supervise their work.

11. It is suggested that Mr. Wilson should be re-appointed to the special duty of supervising the preparation of these accounts, and that he should be instructed first to give his attention to the completion of the accounts of those works for which Capital and Revenue Accounts are kept, and then to visit the different districts and, in communication with the Collectors, give the necessary instructions to enable the accounts of all works to be made up speedily after the yearly settlements. Mr. Wilson should, while engaged on this duty, be in direct communication with the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, in order that the revenue figures which have to be supplied from the Examiner's Office may be based on the latest ascertained information.

12. Mr. Wilson's pay would be provided in the same way as that of the special establishment now engaged, and charged to the Revenue Account of Irrigation Works, but it would be necessary to apply to the Government of India for funds to meet the charge this year, as the Budget for 1881-82 provides only for the establishment now engaged. As, when that establishment was sanctioned in 1879, Mr. Wilson considered that the work might be completed in from two to two and-a-half years, it is not probable he will now find any difficulty in completing it within a year and-a-half.

13. Had Mr. Wilson remained Director of Revenue Settlement, the work might have been continued under his auspices, and would probably have now been nearly completed; it seems to be work that could well be carried on with the Settlement work, but Mr. Wilson's thorough acquaintance with the nature of the required accounts, and familiarity with the subject, point him out to be the fittest person to complete the work.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) J. O. HASTED, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
9th May 1881. Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department with Note by the Honorable Mr. Hudleston and demi-official correspondence.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

No. 280. From the Honorable H. E. SULLIVAN, First Member of the Board of Revenue, in charge of the Settlement Department, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 9th June 1881, Extra No. 1.

As directed in G.O., dated 9th April last, No. 636, Revenue Department, I have the honor to state my views in regard to the inexpediency of perpetuating existing arrangements by which the immediate supervision of the operations of the Revenue Settlement Department is delegated to the Board of Revenue in lieu of their being directed by a special officer as was the case from the time the Department was inaugurated until September 1879, when the appointment of Director of Revenue Settlement was summarily abolished.

2. The main ground on which I would recommend the revival of the appointment is that the *raison d'être* of the Director is exactly the same now as it was

when he was first constituted the head of the Department twenty-five years ago. It is true that in the interval five districts have been fully and four partly settled,

Tanjore.
Malabar.
South Canara

but excluding the districts marginally noted, six have yet to be dealt with. Three of these, Bellary, South Arcot and Madura are now in the hands of the

Survey Department and will have to be taken up for settlement as soon as the work in progress in Cuddapah, Coimbatore and North Arcot is completed. The necessity for a close supervision being exercised by the Central Office is enhanced by the fact that in the course of the last few years the Department has lost the services of most of its best officers. Mr. Cox is the only Deputy Director of any experience left, and owing to recent reductions there are no European Assistants in training to fill up vacancies in the higher posts. No. III Party is permanently in charge of a Native Deputy Director, and No. II is temporarily so.

3. I beg respectfully to point out that in the Order of the 20th September 1879, No. 1,911, which abolished the post of Director and directed the transfer of his duties, within the brief space of ten days, to the Revenue Board, the question as to whether that already overworked body was able to undertake the additional burden does not seem to have been raised, nor so far as I am aware were its members consulted on the point. Neither were any arguments adduced to show that the reasons which for a quarter of a century had justified the entertainment of a special officer to superintend settlement operations had ceased to exist. The order was passed solely to meet a temporary financial emergency, and the exigency having passed away I submit that it is not unreasonable to expect that the subject should receive further consideration and that the question of the retention or abolition of the post of Director should be decided on its merits.

4. The direction of settlement operations involves work that cannot be conveniently disposed of by a Collective Board even supposing that all the members composing it were practically informed as regards details. It requires the close personal supervision of an officer who has leisure to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the technicalities of the subject and who is thus in a position to decide promptly on references made by the subordinates of the Department engaged in carrying into effect the proposals which have received sanction, or in preparing new schemes of settlement. In the latter case local inquiry and personal conference on the part of the head of the Department with the executive staff involving absence from headquarters is often a necessity, especially when the Settlement Officers are inexperienced and new to their work. In these circumstances it was found necessary to delegate the duties to a single member of the Board and this member has become in fact, though not in name, the Director of Revenue Settlement and in virtue of his seat in the Board has a voice in the disposal of his own proceedings in the former capacity.

5. At the time the transfer was carried into effect the Board numbered among their members Mr. Puckle, who for many years had been employed on settlement work and who had filled the post of Director. It was therefore under the most favorable conditions that the new arrangement was worked until his return to England a few months ago, though of course he was unable to take the share he had previously done in the regular work of the Board. When he left the country I, as having held the post of Director for a short time about seven years ago, was selected to take his place and so far as in me lay I have endeavored to do the work without neglecting my other duties. Fortunately just at this time work is a little slack at the Central Office. Settlements, the proposals for which have been sanctioned, are in progress and approaching completion, but as soon as schemes for fresh districts have to be taken up it will be impossible for me to give settlement work the divided attention only which has of late sufficed. The revenue settlement of a district which is to hold good for thirty years is a matter which in the interests of the State and of the holders of land demands careful thought and, especially when the executive staff is wanting in experience, the close supervision of the head of the Department, and unless he is in a position to devote the best part of his time

to the subject the final proposals for settlement cannot receive that attention at his hands which it is essential they should before they can be safely recommended for the sanction of Government. It is evident that under existing arrangements, unless indeed the member in charge is to a great extent relieved of ordinary work which would in fact be to re-appoint the Director on a higher salary, settlement operations can only receive a step-mother's attention from the Board of Revenue. Another strong argument against the present system is the frequent changes which occur in the *personnel* of the Board. I have already explained that the work requires a technical knowledge of details which is not usually acquired in the ordinary routine of revenue administration, and it may any day happen that the Board may be without a member thus specially qualified.

6. I have endeavored to show above that from an administrative point of view the revival of the appointment of Director is expedient, and looking at the question from a financial standpoint, I think it must be admitted that during the quarter of a century it has been in existence the cost of the Department has not been incommensurate with the results of its operations, and I submit that any measure tending to cripple an organization which without being a burden on the State has greatly facilitated the revenue administration of the country is much to be deprecated.

7. I must not omit to state that in addition to settlement duties, the compilation of Capital and Revenue Accounts for the larger irrigation projects, on the lines laid down by Mr. Wilson for the Godavari and Kistna works, was transferred to the Board on the abolition of the Director's post. From the insight I have had of the work I foresee that this special department will have to be maintained for some years to come, if anything like reliable statistics are to be furnished. The accounts are too elaborate for the ordinary revenue establishment to grapple with unless specially supervised. The experiment has been tried in the Kistna and Godavari, but in the absence of specially trained Accountants who can give their whole time and attention to the subject, not a single return has been furnished from those districts from the time that Mr. Wilson handed over the work of compilation to the Collectors. If the post of Director be revived the duty would, I presume, be reassigned to that officer and under his supervision there would be a better chance of the requirements of the Government of India being met than under existing arrangements.

No. 281. From the First Member of the Board of Revenue in charge, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 13th July 1881, No. 1,489-50.

As requested in your Official Memorandum, No. 227, dated 21st ultimo, I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, a memorandum showing in detail the extent of operations in the Settlement Department yet remaining to be carried out and which, if the appointment be revived, the Director would have to supervise. It will be observed that excluding Tanjore, Malabar and South Canara from the calculation, they will occupy a period of at least fourteen years.

2. Appended to the memorandum is a statement giving a forecast of the progress of survey operations and the probable dates on which the Settlement Parties will be able to take up the work prepared for them. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey is taking steps to have this estimate of progress, which was furnished last year, verified, but as I do not anticipate much variation, I have thought it advisable not to delay the submission of my reply.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

MEMORANDUM.

It has been shown in the forecast drawn up by Mr. Puckle and submitted to Government with his letter, No. 56-4, dated 17th January 1881, that the three Settlement Parties now working in the Cuddapah, North Arcot and Coimbatore Districts will be fully engaged till the

Vide G.O., dated 9th April 1881, No. 636.

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end of 1883. From a letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, No. 35-R, dated 17th March 1880, it appears that the survey areas of six taluks of Madura, five of South Arcot and four of Bellary will then be ready for settlement.

2. Of the three Settlement Parties now employed, that working in Cuddapah is purely a Telugu party requiring work in a Telugu district, that employed in North Arcot is able to take up either a Telugu or a Tamil district, while that in Coimbatore is purely a Tamil party requiring work in a Tamil district.

3. It is shown above that Madura and South Arcot, Tamil districts, and Bellary, a Telugu district, will be sufficiently advanced as regards survey operations to provide work for the three Settlement Parties now existing. The Telugu party now working in Cuddapah will then move into Bellary, the mixed Tamil and Telugu party will proceed from North to South Arcot and the Tamil party to Madura.

4. The field classification of the four taluks* will probably occupy two years by which time three more taluks† will be ready for field work. As the classification of these latter taluks is progressing, the officer in charge of the party can also give his attention to the preparation of a scheme for the settlement of

* Adóni.
Alúr.
Tadpatri.
Penukonda.

† Bellary.
Hospet.
Gooty.

the taluks already classified and for the settlement of the remainder on a similar basis as was done by Mr. Rundall with the sanction of Government for North Arcot. The same course of procedure will be followed for South Arcot and Madura. Settlement operations extending over an area of some 12,198 square miles will thus in all probability be in progress for the next fourteen years.

5. Mr. Puckle proposed that, if the appointment of Director was resuscitated, the following duties should be assigned to him in addition to the supervision of settlement operations, viz.—

I.—Supervising the Irrigation Accounts Department.

II.—The revision of Village Establishments.

III.—The supervision of the assortment and destruction of records in settled districts.

IV.—The revision of Zemindari Village Establishments.

V.—The supervision of any settlement made in large estates under the Court of Wards.

13th July 1881.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
First Member, Board of Revenue, in charge.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Statement showing the probable Dates of Completion of Survey, Classification and Settlement in Madura, South Arcot and Bellary Districts.

Districts.	Taluks.	Probable Dates of Completion of Survey.	PROBABLE DATES OF CLASSIFICATION.		Probable Dates of introduction of Settlement.
			Commencement.	Completion.	
Madura	1. Periyakulam	May 1879	January 1883	June 1883	June 1886
	2. Palni	October 1881	July 1884	December 1884	December 1887
	3. Dindigul	March 1882	January 1885	June 1885	June 1888
	4. Melur	December 1883	July 1884	December 1884	December 1886
South Arcot	5. Madura	December 1880	January 1885	June 1885	June 1887
	6. Tirumangalam	April 1881	July 1886	December 1886	December 1888
	1. Tindivanam	July 1881	January 1887	June 1887	June 1889
	2. Villupuram	November 1882	July 1888	December 1888	December 1890
	3. Tiruvannamalai	August 1883	January 1889	June 1889	June 1891
	4. Cuddalore	September 1884	July 1890	December 1890	December 1892
	5. Tirukoilur	August 1885	January 1891	June 1891	June 1893
	6. Kallakurichi	October 1886	July 1892	December 1892	December 1894
Bellary	7. Vriddhachalam	September 1879	January 1884	June 1884	June 1887
	8. Chidambaram	October 1881	July 1885	December 1885	December 1888
	1. Adóni	April 1882	January 1886	June 1886	June 1889
	2. Alúr	December 1883	July 1884	December 1884	December 1887
	3. Tadpatri	November 1884	January 1885	June 1885	June 1888
	4. Penukonda	June 1885	July 1886	December 1886	December 1889
	5. Bellary	March 1887	January 1888	June 1888	June 1891
	6. Hospet	March 1888	July 1889	December 1889	December 1892
	7. Gooty	August 1888	January 1890	June 1890	June 1893
	8. Anantapur	March 1889	July 1890	December 1890	December 1894
	9. Hindupur	December 1889	January 1891	June 1891	June 1894
	10. Kádligi	December 1889	July 1890	December 1890	December 1893
	11. Havinahadgalli	January 1890	January 1891	June 1891	June 1894
	12. Harpanahalli	February 1891	July 1892	December 1892	December 1895
	13. Ráyadrug	January 1891	January 1892	June 1892	June 1895
	14. Dharmavaram	June 1891	July 1892	December 1892	December 1895
	15. Madakasira	June 1891	January 1893	June 1893	June 1896

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
First Member of the Board of Revenue,
In charge of Settlement Department.

Madras,
13th July 1881.

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No. 282. Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, dated 25th June 1881, No. 1,594-W (General Establishment).

Read again—

Letter from the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 3rd June 1881, No. 221-I.

WITH a view to insure early compliance with the orders of the Government of India to prepare and submit for sanction within the current year the complete revised estimate for the works of the Godavari Delta, the Honorable the Governor in Council directs that the following special arrangements be made immediately on the return of Colonel Mullins to duty.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel J. O. Hasted, R.E., to assume charge of a special department in the office of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, which will be constituted with the above object, and which will work under the general instructions of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. Arrangements will also be made, as soon as may be found convenient, for placing the services of Mr. C. Vincent at Colonel Hasted's disposal, and for appointing such draughtsmen, clerks, &c., as may be needed.

3. For dealing with the information required to show the expected increase of revenue, &c., to be anticipated by the completion of the works in question the requisite arrangements will be made in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. C. RAWSON, Captain, R.E.,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 283. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1881, No. 1,109.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the above papers be forwarded for consideration of the Government of India with the following letter.

(True Extract.)

Offg. Secretary to Government.

No. 284. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, dated Ootacamund, 26th July 1881, No. 1,110.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 9th June 1881, on the subject of the revival of the appointment of Director of Revenue Settlement in this Presidency, and to forward, for submission to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, the Proceedings* of this Government noted in the margin, embodying papers bearing on this subject and on the allied one of the preparation of the Revenue Accounts and Statistics required for the Irrigation Department, with the following remarks.

No. 812, Home, Revenue and Agricultural Department (Revenue.)

forward, for submission to His Excellency

* Dated 26th July 1881, No. 1,109.

on this subject and on the allied one of the preparation of the Revenue Accounts and Statistics required for the Irrigation Department, with the following remarks.

2. The Government of India are aware that the abolition of the appointment in question was dictated solely by financial exigencies, and that recourse was had to the expedient of entrusting the duties to a member of the Board of Revenue,

which had been tried once before in the Administration of Sir W. Dennison and had then, after trial, to be abandoned as inadequate in the public interests.

3. The same result is experienced now, and this Government are anxious that the appointment should be revived.

4. The position of the work in the Settlement Department is fully detailed in the accompanying papers. It may suffice to say here that, while the survey and field settlement of the eight districts noted in the margin have been completed, there remain eight districts of which the settlement or the preliminary revenue survey is in progress or has to be commenced.

Completed.

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| 1. Godavari. | 5. Salem. |
| 2. Kistna. | 6. Chingleput. |
| 3. Nellore. | 7. Tinnevely. |
| 4. Trichinopoly. | 8. Kurnool. |

Survey completed and Settlement in progress.

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| 1. Ganjam. | 4. North Arcot. |
| 2. Cuddapah. | 5. Nilgiri. |
| 3. Coimbatore. | |

Survey in progress and Settlement to be commenced.

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| 1. Madura. |
| 2. South Arcot. |
| 3. Bellary. |

5. As regards the remaining districts of Vizagapatam, Tanjore, Malabar and Canara, it has hitherto been considered that revision of the settlement was unnecessary as not needed in the interests of the people and not likely to result in financial gain commensurate with the cost of survey and settlement; but, not to speak of the other districts, it appears probable that the detailed survey of the Deltaic portions of the Tanjore District may be essentially necessary in connection with irrigation operations, and it may be found advisable to extend this to the whole district and concurrently to revise the revenue settlement. On this question of a revenue survey and revision of assessment of the excepted districts, I am to say that a full report will follow in reply to the Government of India letter, dated 6th July 1880, No. 301.

6. In any case it is believed that the Government of India will be satisfied that there remains a very large amount of important work to be done by the Revenue Settlement Department.

7. But there is also a further very important analogous and pressing duty which this Government desire to entrust to the Director as the only way of ensuring its speedy and satisfactory execution, viz., the completion of the revenue accounts for the great irrigation systems, and the complicated and difficult work of framing a reliable forecast of the additional revenue returns to be anticipated from their extension. The urgency of this last work is evidenced by the fact that, in a recent letter, the Government of India have positively declared that, in the absence of this essential information, no funds whatever can be allotted for the Godavari works after the current official year. The sanction for the completion of the Kistna system is held in abeyance for want of similar information. The financial loss to the State consequent on the postponement of these most remunerative works cannot easily be estimated but must unquestionably be very large indeed. The further loss to the people must be far greater.

8. It will be in the recollection of the Government of India that, after years of unavailing effort to complete the revenue accounts of these irrigation works to the satisfaction of the Supreme Government, sanction was obtained to the employment of a special officer on the duty with very satisfactory results; but after the work had been carried forward to an advanced stage as regards the Godavari and Kistna systems, it was deemed practicable to leave its completion to the ordinary revenue establishment, and the special appointment was abolished. The result has been most unsatisfactory and has shown to conviction that the ordinary heavy and pressing duties (Revenue and Magisterial) of the Collectors and their establishments leave no sufficient leisure for the minute and extensive investigations

essential for the satisfactory performance of this work and still less for the most difficult forecast of future results.

9. Mr. Wilson, the officer who, on the ground of his prolonged experience in the Northern Districts, was temporarily selected for the special duty, subsequently became the Director of Revenue Settlement and was holding that post when it was abolished. What this Government desire is to re-appoint him to the joint duty on (Say one-third of Rs. 2,800.) his former rate of pay, a fair distribution of charge being made between the Settlement and Irrigation Departments so long as the preparation of the financial information for the latter is in progress.

10. This Government are satisfied that only by this method will satisfactory results be obtained.

11. As regards the present arrangement of entrusting the work to the Board of Revenue and practically to a single member of the Board, it is to be noted that, when recourse was had to that expedient, Mr. R. K. Puckle, C.I.E., who had for many years been employed in the Settlement Department and had risen to be its head, was a Member of the Board and practically resumed his former duties, necessarily relinquishing in great measure his concern with the Board's ordinary duties, while on frequent tours—an arrangement which, however admissible temporarily, tends to hamper very seriously the despatch of public business. In February last, Mr. Puckle proceeded to England on leave, and this Government have lately been informed by the Secretary of State that he will retire from the Service almost immediately.

12. On his departure the special duty was assumed by Mr. Sullivan, the senior Member of the Board, who formerly for a short time acted as Director of Revenue Settlement and had thus acquired some familiarity with the technical details of the Department; but this Government have reason to believe that his services will not long be available in this capacity, and when they cease to be so, there will be no member in the Board who has had the opportunity of acquiring special acquaintance with the detail working of the Settlement Department, in the absence of which, the Government are satisfied, that the expedient cannot possibly work. But even as matters now stand, the arrangement results in divided attention both to the ordinary work of the Revenue Board and to the special work of the Settlement Department which, in consequence of recent reductions, needs close and constant attention. The further duty of preparing the Irrigation Statistics is simply in great measure in abeyance and unavoidably so.

13. Under these circumstances, I am directed to urge on the favorable consideration of the Government of India the great importance of the revival, with the least possible delay, of the appointment of Director of Revenue Settlement with the attached duty of preparing the Revenue Accounts and Statistics essentially necessary for the Irrigation Department, if the working of this most important branch of the Administration is not to come to a standstill.

14. The financial results already attained by the revision of the settlement prove beyond question that the cost of the Department on the full scale is amply repaid to the State.

15. This Government earnestly trust that the revival of the appointment may be sanctioned at once in anticipation of approval by the Secretary of State.

16. Pending the settlement of the question having reference to the appointment of Mr. Wilson as Director of Revenue Settlement, I am desired to state that this Government are very anxious to depute him specially, by about the 15th proximo, to the Godavari District, in view to the compilation at the earliest date of the Revenue Statements required for the complete estimates for the Deltaic works previously alluded to, and propose to do so unless the Government of India intimate objection to the step by telegraph.

17. With reference to the inquiry in paragraph 2 of your letter under reply, I am to say that it is not the intention of the Madras Government that the Director should exercise any control over the Revenue Survey.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Director of Revenue Settlement—Ordering
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following telegram from the
Government of India, Revenue and Agriculture
Department dated 6 August 1881.

Your 1110 dated 27 ultimo proposed
deputation of Mr. Wilson approved, reappoint-
ment of Director of Settlement under consi-
deration.

Order thereon 9 August 1881 No. 1161.

The foregoing telegram will be
communicated to the Public Works De-
partment & Board of Revenue and Mr.
Wilson with copy of G.O. 26 July 1881 No.
1109.

2. Mr. Wilson's services will be at
the disposal of the Public Works Depart-
ment from the 15 instant. Instructions
as to his future course of action will issue
in that Department.

3. Pending further orders from the
Government of India the Accountant-
General will pass to Mr. Wilson
his pay and allowances with a

deputation

Deputation Allowance of Rs 300 per
month and the extra mileage of a
Collector while on this special duty
with travelling expenses according to
rule.

(True Extract)

Yours faithfully

Secretary to Govt

To

The Public Department with
G.O. No 1109 dated 25 July 1888.

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Deputation of
W. Wilson for Settlement
work.

Order. 13 Aug 1887 No. 1100

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