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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

16th June 1857

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 16th June 1857.

Read the following papers.

No. 5. Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 30th April 1857, No. 1347.

Read letter from the Collector of South Arcot dated 30th March 1857.*

*In. Con. 30th April 1857.

(Here enter No. 60.)

In this letter Mr. Hall reports that after discharging the pay abstract for the Survey Establishment under Captain Priestley for the current month (March,) he will only have in hand an unexpended balance of about Rupees 1,613 out of the sum sanctioned for the survey, and under these circumstances he requests instructions for his guidance.

In from Government 12th October 1854, No. 1318, R. D.

See Selections from the Records of the Madras Government, No. IX. at the close of Volume.

2. This Survey Establishment was sanctioned by the Supreme Government under date 8th September 1854, for 2 years, at an annual cost of Rupees 41,790, including 2,280 for extra servants to aid the Collector in assessing the lands "subject to a full report of progress at the expiration of that period." The measure was avowedly an "experimental" one, and had for its ultimate object the training of a set of servants for general survey purposes in this Presidency. It was arranged that the Establishment should commence its duties in South Arcot, where the 2 Southern talooks of Manargoody and Chellumbrum, the small talook of Cuddalore, and several large lapsed Jaghires had never been accurately measured.

3. In their Proceedings of the 21st October 1856, the Board reported the result of what may be considered the first year's operations, or from 1st November 1854 to 31st October 1855, and these Proceedings were noticed by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 9th February 1857, No. 151, R. D. The Board is now engaged on a report for the 2d year, which they hope to lay before Government in a few days. The only point in it to which reference is at present necessary is the outlay incurred. The cost of the 1st year's operations was Rupees 22,254, and amounted at the close of the 2d year to Rupees 60,758. Out of the sanctioned sum of Rupees† 79,020, the Collector had thus in hand Rupees 18,262 on the 31st October last; but the expenditure of the succeeding months has reduced this balance to the trifling sum of Rupees 1,613.

† Note.—*This is exclusive of the sum of 4,560 Rupees sanctioned for extra servants for 2 years.*

4. As already observed, it was primarily intended that the survey should be carried on in South Arcot, but after the lapsed Jaghires and the talook of Cuddalore had been completed, it was found that operations must be stopped there for a season to allow the crops to be gathered in the talooks of Manargoody and Chillumbrum where almost all the lands are under river irrigation. Government consequently allowed Captain Priestley to employ his establishment intermediately in surveying the talook of Arealore in Trichinopoly, and they repeated this permission for a similar reason in the following year, but extended it to the 3 other unirrigated talooks of Torriore, Woodiarpolliem and Volcondapoorum in that District, on learning that what remained to be done in South Arcot would be soon completed.

Extract Mins. Cons. 14th September 1855, No. 1048.

Extract Mins. Cons. 26th November 1856, No. 1255.

5. It was not the proximity of Trichinopoly only, but the pressing necessity of remedial measures for placing the assessment of its dry talooks on a sound and clear footing, that influenced Government to employ Captain Priestley in that Collectorate, when survey operations were suspended by the season in South Arcot. But though employed in Trichinopoly, the survey Establishment has continued to be paid by the Collector of South Arcot out of the amount

sanctioned for it by the Supreme Government, and no expense has fallen on the former District, excepting a small monthly charge of Rupees 168* allowed by Government for a period of 6 months to enable the Collector to entertain some extra servants for the classification and assessment of the lands in the Areulore talook.

* *Extract Mins. Cons. 7th October 1856, No. 1065.*

6. That portion of the Manargoody talook which remained to be surveyed must now be nearly if not fully completed, and it may therefore be found convenient for the Establishment to be paid hereafter in the District where they are employed, instead of through the Collector of South Arcot. The Board have called on Mr. Hall for information on this point and for a detailed Statement of the monthly expenditure on the survey since the close of the 2nd year's operations on the 31st October last. These papers will hereafter be laid before Government: but formal sanction is meanwhile requested for authorizing Mr. Hall to continue for the present to pay Captain Priestley and his establishment at the rates sanctioned by the Supreme Government, as the Establishment has been trained for the general survey about to be commenced, and was intended to be retained in the employ of Government.

(A true Extract,)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 6. Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 18th May 1857, No. 1635.

†*In Cons. 18th May 1857.*

Read letter from the Collector of South Arcot dated 9th May 1857.†

(Here enter No. 92.)

Resolved that the above letter be submitted to Government, with reference to para. 6 of the Board's Proceedings dated 30th April last.

2. The Collector states that after discharging the Pay Abstracts of the Survey Establishment for March, there remained a balance in hand of Rupees 1,635-10-8, instead of Rupees 1,613, as reported in his letter of the 30th March last. This sum was not sufficient to meet the disbursements for April, and Rupees 1,637-13-4, were expended in excess of the sanctioned amount, and there are no funds wherewith to pay for the tents recently ordered. The average monthly expenditure is about Rupees 3,317.

3. Captain Priestley has informed the Collector that the survey operations in Manargoody, will be completed in about 2 months more; but the Maps and Accounts will not be furnished until the end of the year.

4. The period during which the employment of an additional Sub-Collector was sanctioned will not expire for 9½ months.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 7. Official Memorandum by J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated 20th May 1857, No. 1695.

The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to inform the Deputy Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with reference to his Memo. dated the 7th Instant, that the survey of South Arcot will occupy about two months more, that the expenditure on account of the survey is about Rs. 3,300 per mensem, and that the establishment employed for the revision of the assessment costs at present Rs. 47 monthly. It will be necessary however to increase the latter establishment shortly.

By order,

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

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No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 573; dated 10th June 1857.

From Government of India dated 23d Sept. 1854, No. 3420.

(1) *Proceeding Bd. of Revenue P. 3.*

Para. 1. On 8th September 1854, the Government of India sanctioned the entertainment of an establishment for the conduct of a Revenue Survey in South Arcot for two years at the rate of Rupees 41,790 per annum. On 31st October 1856, after the lapse of two years, Rupees 18,262 remained; and on 1st April 1857, Rupees 1,635-10-8; this was insufficient to meet the disbursements for April, and to pay for the tents recently sanctioned for the surveyors.

(3) *Official Memorandum recorded above.*

(2) *Progs. Bd. of Rev. of 18th May, P. 2, end.*

2. The average monthly expenditure of the establishment is stated to be Rupees 3,317, and the whole survey is expected to be completed in about two months.

(2) *Proceedings, para. 5.*

Para. 6.

3. The Board shew that the expense of surveying the 4 dry talooks in Trichinopoly, (an operation which was sanctioned in order that the surveying parties might not remain idle during the time when the state of the cultivation and of the season in South Arcot rendered the continuance of work there impossible) has been entirely defrayed from the amount sanctioned for South Arcot; and they moreover state their intention of submitting a detailed statement of the expenditure since the close of the second year; but meanwhile, they request that sanction may be granted for the disbursement to Captain Priestley and his Establishment of their allowances, at the rates sanctioned by the Supreme Government.

4. The Government are accordingly pleased to authorize Mr. Hall to make the requisite payments from his treasury, until the survey in South Arcot be completed. It will then apparently be advisable to pay the whole of the Establishment from the Trichinopoly Treasury, for the only work connected with South Arcot which will then be in arrears, will be the Maps and accounts, to complete which will take to the end of the year; but this work will probably be carried on under Captain Priestley's eye in the Trichinopoly District, whither his duties will call him after the completion of the Manargoody talook. The Government desire that when this takes place a report may be made to them.

5. No sanction for the expenses of surveying the dry talooks of Trichinopoly has been asked for from the Government of India, but as Captain Priestley's party has been trained for the general survey of the Presidency, which it is hoped will now soon be commence d, the charges on account of their salaries will be debited to that head, when sanction for the establishment is received.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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5 Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 30th April 1857. N° 1347

Read letter from the Collector of South Arcot dated 30th March 1857.

Ditto 30th April 1857.

(Here enter N° 60.)

In this letter Mr Hall reports that after discharging the pay abstract for the Survey Establishment under Captain Priestley for the current Month (March) he will only have in hand an unexpended balance of about Rupees 1613 out of the sum sanctioned for the Survey, and under these circumstances he requests instructions for his guidance.

2- This Survey Establishment was sanctioned by the Supreme Government under date 8th September 1854. for 2 years at an annual cost of Rupees 41,790 including 2,280 for extra servants to aid the Collector in ascertaining the lands "subject to a full report of progress at the expiration of that period." The measure was avowedly an "experimental" one, and had for its ultimate object the training of a set of servants for general Survey purposes in this Presidency. It was arranged that the Establishment should commence its duties in South Arcot, where the 2 Southern Taloks of Manargody and Chellumbrum, the small Taloks of Cuddalore, and several large lapsed Jaghires

Sent from Govt 22nd Oct 54, N° 1315 R.D.

See Selections from the Records of the Madras Govt N° IX. at the close of Volume

[illegible] had never been accurately measured.

3. In their Proceedings of the 21st October 1856 the Board reports the result of what may be considered the first year's operations, or from 1st November 1852 to 31st October 1853, and these Proceedings were noticed by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 9th February 1857, No 151, R.D. The Board is now engaged on a report for the 2nd year which they hope to lay before Government in a few days. The only point in it to which reference is at present necessary is the outlay incurred. The cost of the 1st year's operations was Rupees 2,22,514, and amounted at the close of the 2nd year to Rupees 6,07,58. Out of the sanctioned sum of Rupees 7,9,20, the Collector had thus in hand Rupees 18,262 on the 31st October last; but the expenditure of the succeeding months has reduced this balance to the trifling sum of Rupees 1,673.

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* Note. This is exclusive of the sum of 4560 Rs. sanctioned for extra Servants for 2 years

4. As already observed it was primarily intended that the Survey should be carried on in South Arcot, but after the lapsed Jaghires and the Talook of Sudalore had been completed, it was found that operations must be stopped there for a season to allow the crops to be gathered in

Extract Minutes 6th Sept. 1855, No 1058.

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Extract Minutes 26th November 1855, No 1255.

5. It was not the proximity of Trichinopoly only but the pressing necessity of remedial measures for placing the assessment of its dry Talooks on a sound and clear footing, that influenced Government to employ Captain Priestley in that Collectorate, when Survey operations were suspended by the season in South Arcot. But though employed in Trichinopoly, the Survey Establishment has continued to be paid by the Collector of South Arcot out of the amount sanctioned for

for it by the Supreme Government, and no expense has fallen on the former District, excepting a small monthly charge of Rupees 168* allowed by Government for a period of 6 months to enable the Collector to entertain some extra Servants for the classification and assessment of the lands in the Sreelare Talook.

6. That portion of the Manargody Talook which remained to be Surveyed must now be nearly if not fully completed, and it may therefore be found convenient for the Establishment to be fixed hereafter in the District where they are employed, instead of through the Collector of South Arcot. The Board have called on Mr. Hall for information on this point and for a detailed Statement of the monthly expenditure on the Survey since the close of the 2d. year's operations on the 31st. October last. These papers will hereafter be laid before Government, but formal Sanction is meanwhile requested for authorizing Mr. Hall to continue for the present to pay Captain Priestly and his

* Extract Minutes Con 7th October 1850 No. 1065.

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(A true Extract)

J D Sim
Ag Secretary.

To

A. Forbes Esq.
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Ed. H Newbiggin

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 30th April 1857.
Rec'd 1st May —"
1 Encls Returned
No 1347
from do 18th May 57 Ch. 567 Cor.
S.E. No. 573. 10th June.

Submitting with the Board's Remarks a letter from the Collector of South Arcot relative to the state of the Funds sanctioned for the Survey of his District, and requesting formal sanction for authorizing Mr Hall to continue for the present to pay Captain Priestley and his Establishment at the rates sanctioned by the Supreme Government.-

Consultation — Revenue Department.

No 1535

No 6 Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 18th May 1857. No 1635

Read letter from the Collector of South Arcot dated 9th May 1857.

Inform 18 May 1857.

(Here enter No 92)

Resolved that the above letter be submitted to Government, with reference to Para 6 of the Board's Proceedings dated 30th April last.

2 The Collector states that after discharging the pay Abstracts of the Survey Establishment for March, there remained a balance in hand of Rupees 1,633-10-8, instead of Rupees 1,613 as reported in his letter of the 30th March last. This sum was not sufficient to meet the disbursements for April, and Rupees 1,057-13-4 were expended in excess of the sanctioned amount, and there are no funds wherewith to pay for the Tents recently ordered. The average monthly expenditure is about Rupees 3,317-

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3. Captain Priestley has informed the Collector that the Survey operations in Manargoody will be completed in about 2 months more, but the Maps and Accounts will not be furnished until the end of the year.

4. The period during which the Employment of an additional Sub Col. Collector was sanctioned will not expire for 9½ months.

(A true Extract)

I. A. Lewis

Sg Secretary.

To

A. Forbes Esq.

Sg Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department.

G. A. Armitage

A.D. 1895

Official Memorandum

The Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue has the honor to inform the Deputy Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with reference to his Memo: dated the 7th Instant, that the Survey of South Arcot will occupy about two months more. That the expenditure on account of the Survey is about Rs. 3,300 per mensem. and that the Establishment employed for the revision of the assessment costs at present Rs. 147 monthly. It will be necessary however to increase the latter Establishment shortly.

Rev. Board's Office,
Fort St. George,
20th May 1857

By order.

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To

The Deputy Secretary
to Government
Revenue Department.

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From 1st Asst. Sec. Govt. Rev. Dept.
Dated 15th May 1857
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Despatch from the Board of Revenue
Dated 15th May
Received 19th do
Entered in the Register of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

No. 873. to 1st Asst. 1635

Submitting a letter from the Collector of South Arcot reporting certain fraudulent entries in the Accounts of the Establishment employed in the Settlement of this District.

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Memorandum.

With reference to the Sec:
of the Board of Revenue dated
30th Ultimo No 1347 the Dy Secretary
to Government has the honor to
request that the Acting Secretary
to the Board will be so good
as to inform him how much
longer is it supposed the survey
of South Arcot will occupy
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expenditure on account of
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of assessments.

Fort St George 3rd Sept. 1857

Mr. Norman

7th May 1857

Dy. Secy to Govt.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Undendale the 10th June 1857.

Read the following

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Extract from the Proc: of the
Board of Revenue.

(Herewith 30th April /57 № 1347)

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(Herewith 18th May /57 № 1435)

Official Memo: from the
Sr. Secry. to the Board of
Revenue.

(Herewith 20th May /57 № 1695)

From Govt. of India
d/ 23d Sept. 1854.
№ 3420.

Pl. On 8th September
1854 the Government of
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a Revenue Survey in
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№ 592.

Official Memo:
from the Accountant &
the Secretary of Revenue
to the Revenue Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 20th May 1857.
Rec'd 22nd ditto.
Regd. 23rd ditto.
№ 695.

Memorandum of the Revenue
Collection collected in the
Collectorate of Chingleput
after the Land Relative
Tax Cash Account.

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per annum. On 31st Oct. 1856, after the lapse of two years, Rupees 18,262 remained; and on 1st April 1857, Rupees 1,35,10,8; this was insufficient to meet the disbursements for April, and to pay for the Tents recently sanctioned for the Surveyors.

2. The average monthly expenditure of the Establishment is stated to be Rs. 3317, and the whole Survey is expected to be completed in about two months.

3. The Board shew that the expense of surveying the Hydrabad Talooks in Trichinopoly

(1) Progs. B. of Revs.

(3) Official Memos. records above.

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(2) Progs. para 5.

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Trichinopoly Canonpiration which was sanctioned in order that the surveying parties might not remain idle during the time when the state of the cultivation and of the season in South Arcot rendered the continuance of work there impossible) has been entirely defrayed from the Amount sanctioned for South Arcot, and they moreover state their intention of submitting a detailed statement of the expenditure since the close of the second year; but meanwhile they request that

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sanction may be granted for the disbursement to Captain Priestley and his Establishment of their allowances, at the rates sanctioned by the Supreme Government.

4. The Government are accordingly pleased to authorize Mr. Hall to make the requisite payments from his treasury, until the survey in South Arcot be completed. It will then apparently be advisable to pay the whole of the Establishment from the Trichinopoly Treasury, for the only work connected with South Arcot which will then be in arrear, will be the Maps and Accounts, to complete which will take to the end of the year, but this work will probably be carried on under Captain Priestley's eye in the Trichinopoly District whither his duties will call him after the completion of the Manargoady Palaook. The Government desire that when this takes place a report may be made to them.

No sanction for the expences of surveying the Dry Palaoor Trichinopoly District has been

been asked for from
the Govt of India, but
as Capt. Prinsep, now
has been recalled from
the general survey of
the Presidency, and
it is hoped will not
soon be commenced,
the charges on account
of his salaries will
be debited to Sub
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for the establishment
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Revenue 1857 Dept.

Dto Cons: 16th June

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Dy 10th June 1857.

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" 7th Dec/56 " 344
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