Revenue Department

No 259

Entry 28—2—1859

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1st March 1859.

No. 25. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th February 1859, No. 591.

Read letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement, dated 20th December 1858, No. 780.

(In Con. 28th December 1858, No. 5783.)

1. In the above letter Mr. Newill reports that the reductions of assessment recently effected in South Arcot and Trichinopoly, have led to *so great an extension of cultivation*, that a considerable extent of land has been taken beyond the area actually surveyed in detail and mapped.

2. An attempt was first made in communication with the Survey Department to bring up the Maps to the actual state of cultivation, but it was found that this would impede the regular work of that Department, especially in Trichinopoly, where the waste cultivated recently and that likely to be speedily taken up was extensive. In the Chellumbrum and Manargoody talooks of South Arcot, where there was little waste, this arrangement was not found so difficult.

3. Mr. Newill considers it expedient that a special establishment should be employed on this duty, and in this view the Board concur.

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4. In accordance with the suggestion in para. 10 Extract Minutes Consultation 14th August 1855, he proposes organizing a small Survey establishment for each of these districts, and forwards two estimates framed for the purpose by Captain Priestley. The monthly expense of these parties is calculated by Captain Priestley at Rupees 171 for a district of 14 talooks such as South Arcot, and Rupees 117 for one of 10 talooks like Trichinopoly. To these estimates Mr. Newill has made a small addition on account of measurement allowance, but the Board are not sure that this is necessary; and a reference should be made by him to Captain Priestley on the subject. The estimates thus altered are respectively Rupees 213 and 145, per mensem.

5. Mr. Newill advocates the larger establishment for each district, and suggests that the expense should be charged to the General Survey—the offices appertaining to which will not be entertained at their full sanctioned strength for some time to come.

6. The Board resolve to support Mr. Newill's proposition (subject to further consideration as regards the measurement allowances), and also recommend as suggested in para. 7 that the Superintendent of Revenue Survey be allowed a discretionary power of making such alterations within the sanctioned sum as further experience may render advisable. The time for transferring to the Collector, the duties which are for the present proposed to be entrusted to the Survey Department, will be a point for future consideration.

7. The Board regard the present case as exceptional, and think further experience necessary before any reliable estimate can be formed of the permanent Survey establishment likely to be required in each district, and contemplated in para. 10 of Extract Minutes Consultation above referred to.

8. The Survey (then only experimental) in South Arcot and part at least of Trichinopoly was limited to the cultivated land, the waste which had been recently cultivated, and a portion only of the remaining waste. Hereafter the Survey will include all land hitherto cultivated and also all *likely* to be cultivated. Under the latter system therefore there will not be the same necessity for a large permanent establishment and it will be most convenient to defer the consideration of the subject and to deal with the present cases, on their own merits.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 257; dated 28th February 1859.

1. The Board appear to Government to have misunderstood Mr. Newill's proposition. His meaning appears to be (para. 6) that one party of the larger strength should be employed to do the work in the surveyed parts both of South Arcot and of Trichinopoly. Even this does not seem to agree with Captain Priestley's scheme, which Mr. Newill appears to approve, because the larger party is there designed for the work of fifteen talooks, whereas the whole number of surveyed talooks in both South Arcot and Trichinopoly is only five.

See also the beginning of para. 8 *and of para.* 10.

South Arcot.—Manarqoody, Chillumbrum, Paliamcottah Jagheer.
Trichinopoly.—Oodiarpolliem, Arrialore.

2. The Governor in Council much doubts the wisdom of a plan of survey which commits the duty of controlling and testing the work of the Ameens, to a Draughtsman, not necessarily a Surveyor, and receiving often less and never more pay than the Ameens themselves. Mr. Newill is aware (para. 7) that the plan proposed is not without defects; and in the particular above alluded to it certainly seems to need revision.

3. With these remarks the Governor in Council sanctions the entertainment of one Survey party at a cost not exceeding Rupees 213 monthly, on the terms stated by Mr. Newill in paras. 7 and 10 of his letter. The Board will obtain and submit that gentleman's explanation of his reason for applying for a party of the larger strength, when apparently one of the smaller strength would be more than enough, on his own showing, to do the work. The present sanction will be re-considered on the receipt of that explanation.

4. The Governor in Council regrets to learn from Mr. Newill's 9th para. that so much of the survey in South Arcot appears to have been so done as to be useless and to require to be done over again. He trusts that the mode of proceeding has been fully rectified.

5. The Government observe that Mr. Newill's letter though one obviously calling for an early order was nearly two months in the Board's office.

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

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No. 257

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 28th February 1859

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Revenue 16th February 1859
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3 Copies to the D.C. of Rev. Dated 10th with Enclos
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Dt to Covs: 1st March.

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From the Civil Auditor
19th May 59 - C. No 909.

From the Director of Revr:
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C No 1117 in Covs 1/30 July
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From Dr H. R. Incp 1861. Cl. 16.

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