Revenue Department

No 290

Dated 10—3—1859

No. 1. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government Revenue Department, Fort Saint George; dated Trichinopoly, 19th February 1859, No. 146.

SIR,

Para. 1. The Government in the Extract Minutes Consultation quoted in the margin sanctioned modifications of the estimates of the Settlement Establishments to meet the necessity of pressing forward the demarcation in advance of the survey. These modifications consisted of appropriating one or two out of the three classification parties belonging to each Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement for the purposes of demarcation in addition to the regular demarcation party attached to him.

17*th May* 1858, *No.* 607.
11*th Aug.* ,, ,, 1119.
29*th Nov.* ,, ,, 1595.

2. I may explain that I have commenced to carry on the classification in Rajahmundry and Masulipatam immediately after the demarcation instead of waiting for upwards of a whole season till the survey records could be made available for the classification, the field registers and sketches of village and field boundaries after demarcation being sufficient for the purpose without the exact area, which can ultimately be inserted when the survey accounts are made up.

3. Sufficient time has now elapsed to shew that the demarcation receives little help from the ordinary Revenue establishments in the manner originally contemplated,* and that it is a much more laborious and tedious process than is provided for in the estimates, while on the other hand the classification can be accomplished considerably within the estimates, as has been the case already notwithstanding the many difficulties at starting. It follows then that some adjustment should be made of the relative strength of the servants for the two operations, which at present stands as follows for each Deputy Director's party.

* *Ex. M. C. 25th Jan.* 1858, *No.* 96, *para.* 14.

For Classification.

3 Supervisors' parties containing together 48 Classifiers and 12 Head Classifiers.

For Demarcation.

1 Inspector and Deputy, with 25 Goomastahs and 4 Head Goomastahs.

4. Experience further shews that the 3 operations of demarcation, Survey and Classification, in each of which the active services of the village servants and ryots are required, involve a repeated trouble and unnecessary annoyance to the people, which may be much alleviated by combining 2 out of the 3 operations, and conducting them simultaneously.

5. The Demarcation and Survey, although naturally more closely allied as respects the work, cannot be combined without placing the demarcation under the Survey officers, which seems first of all improper, as the demarcation field registers, which are the foundation of both Survey and Classification are a *Revenue* account for which the Settlement Department should be responsible, and it is secondly equally inexpedient from the experience in South Arcot and Trichinopoly of the great confusion and difficulty in the accounts prepared by the Survey Department when it marked out its own fields, often without much reference to existing boundaries or to important Revenue considerations which were not well understood by it.

6. I therefore propose to combine the two operations of demarcation and classification. As one servant is insufficient for the two duties, the classifier must have a boundary Goomastah with his peon, attached to him:—the Goomastah will be engaged more particularly in marking the boundaries, but will work under the control of the classifier. There is every prospect now that the two duties may be successfully carried on together as there is an extensive knowledge of

the two operations imparted to numerous hands, the classifiers being necessarily acquainted in some measure with the demarcation from their observation in the field.

7. The proposed plan will, as above alluded to, relieve the people of much annoyance, and at the same time keep the work under better supervision and control on the part of the Deputy Directors, who will have both operations concentrated in the same locality instead of having them from to 60 to 100 miles apart as has necessarily been the case in the past year. The preparation of the demarcation register and classification accounts jointly by the classifier and his Goomastah will also expedite business, and classification will not be impeded by having to wait for the completion of the demarcation as has been the case. The objection that it would be better for the classifiers to wait till the survey records are supplied, is not of much importance, as a demarcated field with a rough map can be classified at once without the area, and moreover the settlement department will be relieved from the inconvenience arising from delay in completing the survey maps in case of any arrears in the survey department.

8. The following is the scale of establishment suited for two combined parties of demarcation and classification under a Deputy Director with the requisite provision for check and supervision. The salaries are as near as possible the same as those at present allowed, those of the boundry Goomastahs being somewhat reduced in consequence of their working as subordinates of the classifiers instead of independently. The number of classifiers is also the same as before, viz. 48 head classifiers.

One party.

		Rs.
1	Supervisor of Assessment and Inspector of Boundaries.....	150
1	Deputy Inspector.....	50
1	Do. do.....	40
4	Office Goomastahs at 30, 21, 15 and 12 Rupees.....	78
12	Peons at 5 and 6 Rupees.....	66
12	Classifiers on 24 Rupees each.....	528
12	Do. on 20 Rupees each.....	
12	Goomastahs at 12 Rupees each.....	264
12	Do. at 10 Rupees each.....	
24	Peons at 5 Rupees each.....	120
2	Head Classifiers at 30 Rupees each.....	116
2	Do. do. at 28 Rupees each.....	
12	Volunteers with additions from vancant salaries as now sanctioned.....	21
		1,433
	Another such party.....	1,433
	Total.....	2,866

9. The present Establishments for the same work are as follows, corresponding exactly in the total amount.

					Rs.
1	Demarcation party.....				830
1	Supervisor's do.	711	0	0	
1	Do. do.	696	0	0	
1	Do. do.	669	0	0	
		2,076	0	0	
	Deduct 2 classifiers' pay taken to augment the Uncovenanted Assistant's pay and to provide for a Mosaljee under E. M. C. No. 607 dated 7th May 1858, and No. 685 dated 25th May 1858...	40	0	0	
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10. The results of this plan as regards the area which may be accomplished by this Establishment may be taken as follows:

260 working days × 48 classificers × 60 acres = 7,48,800 acres, or 1,170 square miles.

If the head classifiers were included in the calculation of area to be assessed, as in the original estimates, the result would be much more, but it seems more proper to omit them, as their services will be employed almost exclusively in re-eaxming and checking lands which does not affect the general area for the year.

11. To the above 1,170 square miles however may be safely added 10 per cent. for large patches of land marked in the lump and not classified in detail, which will bring the area up to 1287 square miles (taken in round numbers at 1,250 square miles,) is the calculation upon which the sanctioned estimates are based.

12. Such modifications as that now proposed were contemplated when the estimates were submitted for sanction, and as I trust that the grounds which have been specified above as resulting from the experience already obtained will be considered conclusive as to the expediency of giving the present proposition a fair trial, and as time is of the greatest importance in regulating the working of the infant Departments in the best way, I hope the Government will be pleased to confer their sanction for the same from 1st proximo allowing me gradually to bring the same into operation as the present circumstances of the two duties may best admit.

Para. 25. *Ex. Mins. Cons. 25th Jany.* 1858.

13. I should have wished to have appended this proposition to my report on the operations for the past year now under preparation, but do not feel it would be right to defer it, particularly as it may take some time for the Board of Revenue to review the report jointly with the survey report, and matters require to be regulated immediately in the way now proposed, instead of continuing what has been found to be inconvenient and to hinder progress.

14. I take this opportunity also of asking for sanction for a modification of the item of Translator in the Deputy Directors' offices, by assigning the pay of Translator, viz. Rupees 40 to the Head Writer and dividing that of the latter, viz. 35 Rupees into two portions of 20 and 15 Rupees for a Writer and a Goomastah. It is found that the business of translation can be done by the writers, and also that an extra hand as proposed is much needed in the office for the heavy duties falling upon it.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 290; dated 10th March 1859.

In this letter the Director of Revenue Settlement recommends some further modification of the arrangements for the demarcation of boundaries and the classification of land. Actual experience has proved that the former operation requires more and the latter less labor than was supposed when the Establishments were formed; and Mr. Newill also finds that they will be best carried on conjointly, instead of independently. By this means trouble will be saved to the Village servants, while time will be gained, and the Agents employed will be under better supervision. He proposes therefore to recast the Establishments for demarcation and classification, so as to form in each division of the survey, two parties for both operations combined, instead of one party for marking out and three for classifying. The monthly charge is the same in both cases, and Mr. Newill expects that the same quantity of work will be done.

Para. 3. *Paras.* 4 *and* 7. *Paras.* 8 *and* 9. *Ps.* 10 *and* 11.

2. The arrangement proposed seems to Government to be judicious and it is sanctioned accordingly, to take effect from the 1st March 1859, or as soon as Mr. Newill shall be able to make the necessary arrangements.

3. In the concluding para. of his letter Mr. Newill recommends a modification also in the office Establishments of the Deputy Directors as follows:

Present.		Proposed.	
	Rs.		Rs.
Translator, ...	40	Head Writer, ...	40
Writer, ...	35	Writer, ...	20
		Goomastah, ...	15
Total...	75	Total...	75

This change is sanctioned also on Mr. Newill's assurance of its expediency.

4. This latter alteration, having no connection with the main subject of the letter, would have been better proposed in a separate communication.

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

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 10th March 1859.

Read the following
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Director of Revenue Settle-
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Rec'd 19th February 1859
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Ex to Cons 15th March
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