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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 17. *PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Dated 13th June 1859, No. 780.

The Revenue and Police Departments being about to be separated, it becomes necessary to re-cast the present talooks in the sense of generally much enlarging them, and for this operation talook maps are necessary, which unfortunately do not yet exist. In order to a right and satisfactory re-arrangement, it is quite necessary that both the local and the deciding authorities should have before them maps shewing the talooks as they are, and others shewing them as they are proposed to be. But these maps need not be complete; skeleton maps will be sufficient, and the Governor in Council is of opinion that with the agency now available in the provincial Engineer establishments, their preparation need not be a work of much time.

2. The first thing is to prepare maps to shew the talooks as they now are. This will be done by tracing them from the half inch to a mile maps to be found, it is believed, in most Collectors' offices. If in any district such a map does not exist, the printed sheets on the scale of a quarter inch must be used. In most districts it will be necessary as a preliminary to lay down the boundaries of the talooks; this will demand some time and care, but may still be easily accomplished by intelligent agents without much delay. The Government talooks should be distinguished from each other, and also from Zamindary and Polligar tracts; but enam and shrotriem villages need not be distinguished.

3. It will not be necessary, as already remarked, to fill up the tracings in detail. It will be sufficient to show the cusbah and other principal towns and the large villages, the main roads, and chief rivers, and considerable ranges of hills. Each talook should be distinguished from those adjoining by a different colour; and Zamindary and Polligar tracts should be marked by a general colour different from those employed for the Government talooks. The whole talook should be coloured and not merely the boundaries. All outlying villages should be carefully noted, and distinguished by the colour of the talook they belong to.

4. The foregoing are all the instructions which seem necessary on the part of Government. The Chief Engineer will supply such further directions as may be required, and will arrange for the work being undertaken and brought to completion without delay. It will probably be the best course to entrust it specially to some one competent hand in each District, or to two if thought necessary in large Districts, but to be their sole or chief employment until it is completed. The Collectors will also be directed, through the Board of Revenue, to give the District Engineers all the help required to enable them to lay down the district and talook boundaries correctly. And both the Revenue and the Public Works' servants will be made fully aware that the Government require and expect promptitude in this work. The Chief Engineer will be requested to inform Government as soon as he shall be in a position to do so, within what time the maps may be completed if adequate diligence is used.

5. The maps being traced, it will be easy to compute their area; and each district map should be accompanied by a table shewing the extent in square miles of each talook and of the Zamindary and Pollium tracts.

6. The maps now ordered having been made, it will be a simple and easy operation to prepare afterwards other maps to shew the proposed new talooks; but respecting these, further orders will be issued hereafter.

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

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Underdate the 13th June 1857

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