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No. 295. 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 Madras, 2nd October 1860, No. 978 :—

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter addressed to the Board of Revenue as it bears on my proposition of 25th June last, regarding the provision of European supervision in the Settlement Department, and now before the Government. I beg, however, that orders may be passed on the first proposal as effect can only be gradually given to the measure contained in the letter now forwarded; and the former is urgently required for the correction of the present state of things, and also to enable me to make arrangements for taking up the Nellore District as already sanctioned.

No. 296. ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1860, No. 1,899 A.

The Government will await the Board's Report on the subject referred to.

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

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Revenue Settlement Office
Maorās,
2^d October - 1860,

From

H. Muill Esq.

Director of Revenue Settlement

To

A. D. Sin Esq.

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Fort St. George

Sir,

Para 1. Since the submission on
25th June last of my proposal for
the reorganization of the Settlement Estab-
-lishment and the provision of more
European or other first rate supervision,
the urgency of the latter step has
been further forced on my consideration.

2. The subsequent proposal
also contained in paras 25 to 29 of
my letter of 6th September last No 849
for separating the demarcation from
the assessment operations in any new
districts to be taken up contemplates
that the one assistant proposed for
each party should be detached for
the demarcation, leaving the assessment
operations as before under the un-
-aided superintendence of a Deputy
Director, who, although he will have
much more time for this more

important branch of his duty, will nevertheless require as in the personal superintendence of the Classification.

3. I have therefore to request the sanction of Government for entertaining another assistant under each Deputy on the same footing as the one contained in my proposal of 25th June last, the one wage being 400 Rupees per mensem or Rupees 4,800 per annum. This on the extended area to be done by the parties as newly organized will be equivalent to about Rupees 3-1-3 per square mile.

4. Besides this assistant it is very desirable that there should be a Probationary assistant in each party to admit of vacancies being filled up without impairing the efficiency of the parties. The salary may be Rupees 200 a month which is equivalent to Rs 1-8-8 per square mile. This is with the provision for the assistant alone mentioned, will be about Rs 4-7-11 per square mile.

5. To meet this there is the margin allowed in the revised scale, which gives 59 1/4 Rupees per

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while the estimate in the general scheme is 100 acres for 10 Rupees or Rupees 64 per square mile, the difference being Rupees 4-12-0 per square mile.

6. As the supervision of the assistant is gradually introduced the pay of the supervisors may be reduced from 150 to 120 Rupees per mensem, exception being made in the case of 1 or 2 present incumbents who have proved useful and efficient servants, and it is probable

also that 8 or 10 Classifiers may be reduced and one or two head classifiers without curtailing the output of work for the season, as the Classification when discontinued of the demarcation will progress more rapidly.

This will provide about Rupees 280 to Rupees 300 a month.

7. For some time to come the supervisors cannot be dispensed

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with and if the check and supervision of the Deputy and his assistants systematically applied prove effectual, the object will be gained without any more radical change, meanwhile the introduction of the superior supervision will prepare the way for such if found necessary on trial of the present experiment.

I have the honor to be
 Sir
 /signed/ H. Newill
 Director of Revenue Settlement
 /True copy/

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 Director of Revenue Settlement

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They made excellent District Maps, the only part of their work that appears well done

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 Extract from a letter from D. C. Anderson, Superintendent Revenue Survey S. M. C. to H. Newill Esq. Director Revenue Settlement dated 18th September 1860.

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 I see in para 23 of your report that you allude to a great part of the original Bombay work requiring to be partially redone. You have very much understated the evil. The whole Deccan and S. M. C. were surveyed and assessed between 1825/32 at an enormous expense by a Survey Department under Mr. Pringle who ended his service as Sheriff's predecessor as Commissioner in Sind. These rules &c. were all most carefully drawn up. The whole country was supposed to be most carefully surveyed field by field and a classification and assessment devised. The European element in the establishment was very small directing the work appears to have been the main work done by the European Officers. The classification was based on the net produce - crops being occasionally cut down &c. &c. very much as your work. There was no European check on the detail of the work. Now for the result. Pringle's survey was barely

Submitting with reference to the letter of 25th June last No. 651 and for the reasons assigned, a few proposals for improving the Survey of the District are submitted for the consideration of the Settlement Officer.

For No. 2104/60

Enclosure 1 in a letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement to the Secretary to Government dated 22nd October 1860, No. 978.

barely finished before complaints against it began to arise - there is no doubt that the measurement was much of it correct, or correct enough - but there was also an immense intermixture of error and fraud, the natural result of natives working without fear of their work being checked in the minutest detail by European Officers. As for the apeement it was found totally unworkable, attempts were made to introduce it here and there but it was either found impracticable to introduce it or it was introduced for a year or so found utterly unmanageable and the old apeement reverted to. In 1836 Goldsmid our late Revenue Secretary with Wingate and Bartle Frere under him commenced the revision of Pringle's apeement of a Talooka of Poona. They checked by test Pringle's measurements and confirmed them when they found no error of any great amount 10 per cent appears to have been the maximum amount passed and 5 or 6 the average amount in villages of which Pringle's Survey was confirmed. It must be remembered that not only were Pringle's measurements subject to error from fraud or neglect, but he had only put stones as boundaries and a large proportion of the country being

being waste no private interests were touched or complaints caused by a removal of boundaries in many cases, and consequent extension of areas of occupied lands by absorption of waste when from fraud neglect or encroachment Pringle's Survey was found untrustworthy the village was remeasured de novo. Some 4 or 5 Talookas were done in this way and Pringle's work was then found so untrustworthy as it existed and so troublesome to check that it was found better and cheaper to upset it altogether - and at present it is doubtful if it will not be advisable to remeasure the 4 or 5 Talookas which were in the first instance not remeasured de novo by Goldsmid and Wingate. Here is a history of Revenue Survey in its first stage in the Bombay Presidency which may well serve as a warning elsewhere. When our present Survey was started originally by Goldsmid and Wingate in 1836 in a modified form which was finally much improved about 1840. Most complete European supervision was arranged for in every part of the work it has been often thought that the Government might have done with less European supervision and that Natives and Indo-Britons might have been used more

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