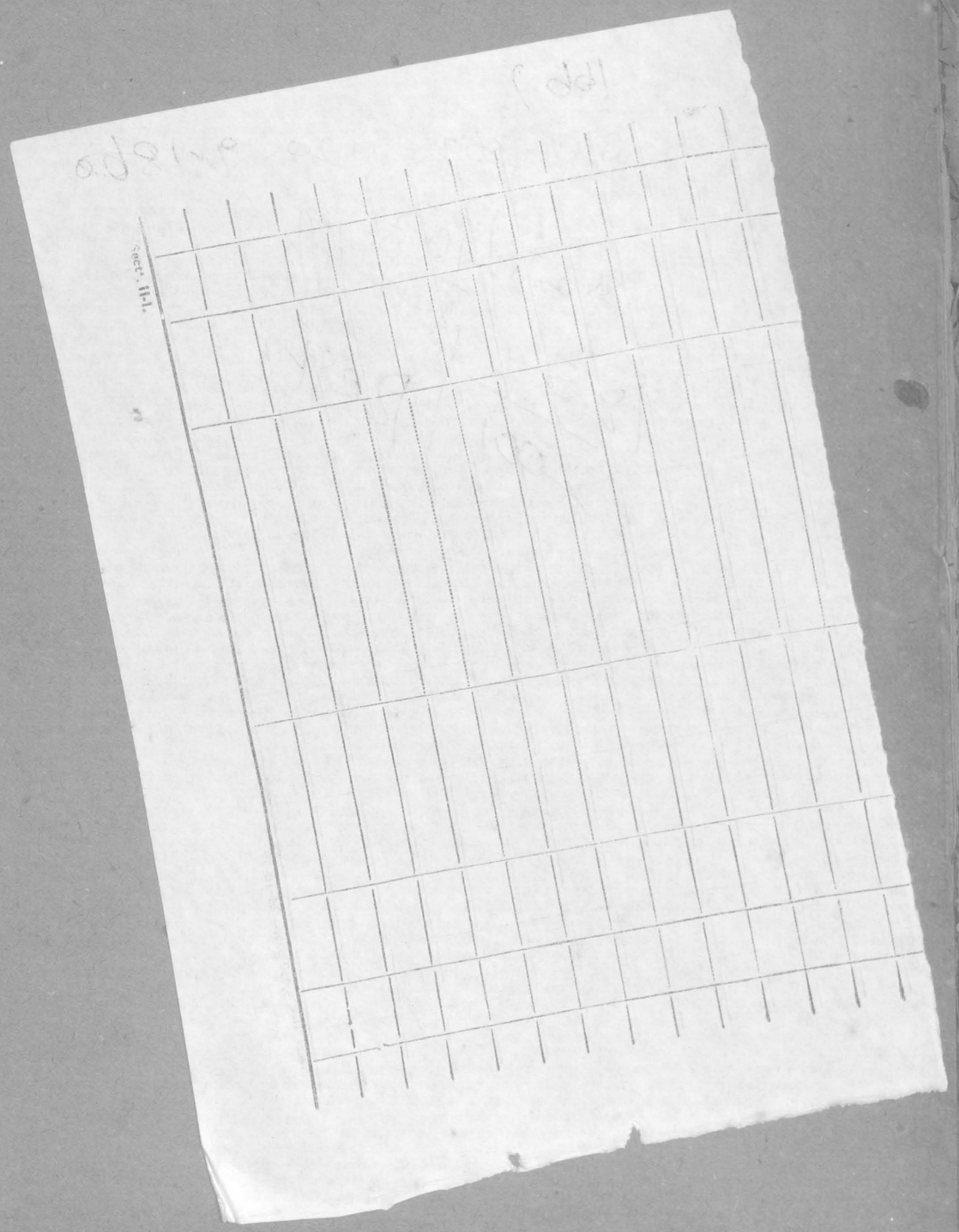


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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th September 1860.

No. 368. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th September 1860, No. 4,038:—

Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th August 1860, No. 814:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated 31st July 1860, No. 3,514, requesting information as to "whether competant persons can be obtained "from the Survey Department in the course of the current year to measure either all the Coffee "lands (of Planters) liable to assessment or only those the owners of which cannot or will not "furnish accounts."

2. The Board I presume, mean that the measurements should be made by the Survey Department, and not that hands should be transferred from it to measure under the orders and supervision of the Collector. If so, this appears opposed to the views of Government as expressed in Proceedings dated 4th April 1860, No. 517, paragraph 9 and paragraphs 6 to 11 of the Governor's Minute, No. 5, 29th February 1860, in which it is stated that "the Survey will be by Estates," while in paragraph 5 of the Order of 16th May last, No. 789, the detail measurements necessary for assessment are directed to be made by a separate agency. The employment of the Survey hands in the measurement of the cultivated portions of Coffee Estates would retard the "Estate "Survey" and registry of titles, which are viewed by Government as the primary objects of the Department;

3. The Board can, however, if they think the matter of sufficient importance, submit for the consideration of Government the question of making an exception as proposed in the case of the European Coffee Planters' lands under cultivation, but this leaves the matter incomplete, as there are numerous Native Coffee plantations to be assessed in the same manner. The European Planters' Estates are about 60 or 70 in number and the cultivation to be assessed is estimated roughly, at 8,000 or 10,000 acres. Although the area is not great, the fact of their being scattered throughout the Wainád, and often the difficulty of the ground will render the work and its supervision very slow. Captain Priestley has no doubt that he can Survey these lands in the next season of 1860-1.

Letter accompanying, dated 27th August 1860, No. 755.

4. On the other alternative suggested by the Collector, I may be permitted to remark that in many cases the Planters cannot be expected to have sufficiently accurate returns of the extent of their Coffee lands, as the estimate often formed from the number of trees planted is vague, while a view of the ground itself which is generally in slopes and ravines, is very deceptive in judging of the extent.

5. Should the Board however have intended in paragraph 3 that servants should be drafted from the Survey Department to be employed under the ordinary revenue authorities. I would observe that a most serious obstacle would thus be presented to the organization of the Wainád party, which must be strongly deprecated.

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1. The Board resolve to submit the above letter to Government with reference to their Proceedings, dated 31st July last, No. 3,514.

2. The object of the Board's letter to Mr. Newill was, to ascertain whether the Survey Department could temporarily lend the Collector a few men to survey roughly the Coffee Estates in Wainád, in order to admit of the assessment being collected this year. This arrangement Mr. Newill strongly deprecates, for the cogent reason that it would greatly retard the Survey in progress under Captain Priestley; and, this being the case, it must be abandoned.

3. Captain Priestley states that he can survey the Estates of the European Planters within the current year 1860-1; but the Estates of Native proprietors are also liable to the assessment, and provision must be made for periodical re-surveys as the cultivation in each Estate extends.

4. The Board see no other course than to accept the returns of the Planters, wherever the Collector thinks them reliable; and in the doubtful cases, or those in which the Planters, European or Native, cannot or will not give in returns, to apply for Captain Priestley's assistance. This will meet the present emergency; and final arrangements can be made as the regular Survey progresses, for the adjustment of the demand and the periodical re-measurements which will be necessary.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

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

No. 369. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1860, No. 1,667.

1. The Governor in Council approves, as the only present practicable means of ascertaining the extent of Coffee cultivation in the Wainád Estates, the course suggested by the Board in the last paragraph of these Proceedings. The Board will instruct the Collector of Malabar accordingly.

2. A copy of the Board's Proceedings and of this Order, will be forwarded to the Director of Revenue Settlement and to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

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

Revenue Department

N° 4038

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 4th September 1860.
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To J. D. Sim Esqre
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Fort St George.

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