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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of March 1860.

No. 71. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Manantodi, 18th February 1860, No. 144.

I have the honor to forward copy of my Proceedings prescribing the arrangements, which, after consultation with the local Officers of both the Survey and Settlement branches, appear necessary for the employment or disposal of the Survey and Settlement parties in the Wynád, after the approaching close of the present working season till the opening of the next after the monsoon; and trust that the course laid down in paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 10 will receive the early confirmation of Government, so that the steps which are required to be taken by the 15th proximo may be placed beyond any doubt or uncertainty.

2. A copy of the Proceedings has been forwarded to the Board of Revenue, but the immediate approach of the sickly season does not admit of their opinion being previously obtained, and this will not probably be considered essential in the present case, as the arrangements are the result of experience derived on the spot.

Proceedings of the Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Manantodi, 18th February 1860, No. 143.

Read the following letter from the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in the Wynád táluq.

(Here enter 14th February 1860, No. 5.)

In paragraphs 50 @ 58 of this letter Mr. Thomas describes the arrangements he proposes for the occupation of himself and of his Establishment during the approaching sickly season in the Wynád, and the monsoon which follows it.

2. It seems necessary at once to decide upon these arrangements both for the Settlement and Survey party.

3. Mr. Thomas proposes to descend the ghâts from the time the country becomes decidedly unhealthy about the middle of March, returning to Manantodi by 1st June, and then during the height of the monsoon, when the country is not unhealthy, to devote his attention almost exclusively to the Registry of Titles, out-door work being impracticable. As the close of the monsoon is also considered unhealthy, it is further suggested to spend the month of September below the ghâts. These arrangements appear necessary and judicious, except perhaps with regard to the month of September, for half the period at least will be taken up in going and returning, and the remaining fortnights work on the plains will be necessarily of little value. This very short transfer of the scene of operations is very undesirable, if it can possibly be avoided, but it seems best to leave this to Mr. Thomas' discretion, as he can be guided by the character of the season and the urgency or otherwise of the change.

4. As regards the employment of the Establishment from the middle of March to the end of May, the Director quite concurs with Mr. Thomas, that it is best to take in hand work most conveniently situated with regard to the resumption of operations afterwards in the Wynád, and Tellicherry is accordingly selected as the best place on this account, and as affording facilities for investigations in the Civil Court connected with the Registry of Titles.

5. As the monsoon will after a short period impede all out-door operations below the ghâts as well as above the ghâts, the work will mostly be of a desultory character, and any attempt at arriving at any definite assessment for any moderate portion of the Malabar country will be quite out of the question. The training of Volunteers and others in the rules of the Department and in the field work at intervals, will form an important part in the work undertaken in the plains and afford an inducement for Malayalum persons, (who are much needed), to attach themselves to the party, which they probably would not do, if they were at once required to ascend the ghâts.

6. As the work in the plains will only be taken up as a matter of convenience for the employment of hands during the sickly season, and for training Volunteers, and as only a limited number of servants will be required for conducting the Registry during the heavy rains, Mr. Thomas proposes to dispense with the services of a great portion of the Establishment altogether, for about 6½ months from the close of the present season till the opening of the

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next after the monsoon is over. To secure their return to the Department, however, he proposes to give them ⅓rd of their present pay to be drawn only after resuming work, and considers that a great number thus proposed to be dispensed with will gladly avail themselves of these terms.

7. The point has been discussed personally along with the Deputy Director, and the interests of Government carefully considered as to securing the best and sufficient agency for the next season at a minimum sacrifice of *time* as well as *money*, and the Director has arrived at the conclusion that the most economical plan, as regards these two important things combined, is to adopt the course proposed by Mr. Thomas, but at the same time thinks that the object may be attained by allowing ¼th of the salary for the absent months instead of ⅓rd.

8. It may further be desirable to transfer some hands temporarily to the Trichinopoly settlement party to enable it to keep pace with the increased demands that will be made upon it for work for the Survey party under the arrangements proposed in paragraph 9, so that the expenditure thus to be incurred without any immediate return of work will be considerably reduced

9. It is not possible to define exactly before hand all the particular servants, who will thus be temporarily released or retained, and this will in some cases depend upon their option,—nor without reference to Trichinopoly, to determine to what extent servants should be drafted for temporary employment there; but after considering these details with Mr. Thomas, the conclusion is arrived at that the maximum expenditure of about Rupees 200 or 250 per mensem would suffice for the ¼th pay of all the servants not required during the recess, but this will be reduced by the transfer of men temporarily to Trichinopoly, and also by some of the servants retained on ¼th pay not returning to the work and thus forfeiting all claim to payment from the close of the season.

10. As regards the employment of the *Survey* party during the sickly period and the moonsoon, which extend to about 6 or 7 months, it appears to the Director, after consultation with the Local Officers of both Departments, far preferable to transfer it altogether to the Trichinopoly District, where work can be carried on uninterruptedly for this period, and this will have the good effect of securing the completion of the whole of that District for settlement at an earlier period than can otherwise be expected. The attempt to employ the Survey temporarily in the Malabar plains would only result in great waste of time and money, as a sufficient area of work could not be demarcated in time for immediate Survey, and before anything could be done to start the Survey fairly, the heavy rains would ensue and put an effectual stop to out-door work below the ghâts just as much as above.

11. It may be further observed that the Government has recently, in their Order dated 4th instant, No. 179, sanctioned the enlargement of the Trichinopoly party and directed immediate steps to be taken to give effect to it, but the Superintendent of Revenue Survey states that this cannot be practically carried out, till he receives a further supply of Instruments from Calcutta. The arrangement now proposed is, therefore, a desirable alternative for bringing up the Survey to the demarcation which is much a head of it.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1860, No. 361.

The Government approve and sanction the course of proceeding proposed in paragraphs 7 to 10 of the enclosure to this letter, for the employment and disposal of the Survey and Settlement Establishments of Wynâd during the unhealthy season now approaching.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

On Circuit Revenue Settlement Office. Manantoddi in Wynâd 18th February 1860.

No. 143.

Proceedings of the Director of Revenue Settlement

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/Here entd 24th February 1860, No. 5/

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Signed/ A. Newill
Director of Revenue Settlement

To
C. C. G. Thomas Esqre
Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement
Wynaad.

To Superintendent of Revenue Survey, paras 1, 2, 10 & 11.
(True Copy)

Director of Revenue Settlement.

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Revenue Depart.
Pro: of Govt 10th March 1860
From No. 465

The Director of Revenue
Settlement

To

The Secretary to
Government
Fort St George

Dated 18th February
Recd 5th March } 1860.

With an Encls.

Forwarding for the confirmation of Government the arrangements made for the disposal of the Wynaad Survey & Settlement parties during the approaching unhealthy season and the rains.

No. 361-7th March.

With an Abstr

From the Dr. of Rev. dated 21st March 1860. Cir. No. 626.

No. 71 & 72.

Cs 5th March 61st

No. 361

The Govt approve & sanction the course of proceeding proposed in Paragraphs 7 to 10 of the enclosure to this letter, for the employment & disposal of the Survey & Settlement Establishments of Wynaad during the unhealthy season now approaching.

Fort St. Geo. 7th March 1860.

16 Copies to the Directors of Rev: Settlement & Survey
11 " " Board of Revenue with Letter & Enclos
3 " " Civil Auditor