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No. 49. Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 28th March 1860, No. 11,811 :—

1. I have the honor to forward herewith a Synopsis of the Replies received from the District Engineers to my Circular, No. CLXVIII, communicating the Orders of Government, No. 1,544, dated 14th November 1859, regarding the delay that had taken place in furnishing Maps, showing the boundaries of Tálucs as they existed and as proposed to be.

2. From this *Precis* it will be observed that Maps showing the then existing Tálucs were transmitted in *August*, by the District Engineers of Ganjam, Vizagapatam and Godavery; in *September*, by those of Chingleput, Tinnevely and Malabar; in *October*, by those of Trichinopoly and Salem; in *November*, by those of Nellore, North Arcot, South Arcot, Coimbatore and Canara; in *December*, by those of Bellary and Madura. The District Engineers of Cuddapah and Kurnool do not state when their Maps were forwarded to the Collectors. The Map of Tanjore has not yet been furnished.

3. The following are the reasons of delay given by those Officers who did not furnish Maps before November, the month in which the Order of Government above-mentioned was issued. The District Engineer of Nellore sent to the Collector in the *first* place, a Map showing proposed *new* Tálucs, upon which after some lapse of time, the Collector requested him to delineate the old Táluc boundaries, which was done accordingly. The delay in the cases of South Arcot and Coimbatore is unexplained; in that of Bellary an error in the areas of the Tálucs necessitated the Map being returned for correction to the District Engineer, who re-transmitted it upon 9th December. As regards Canara, several things combined to prevent the Map of this District being furnished to the Collector, these were the inaccuracy with which the Táluc boundaries were shown on the original Maps of the various Tálucs, from considerable changes having taken place since these were drawn, and from the entire want of Maps of Lower Coorg, as well as the want of local information on the part of the Members of the Department necessarily entrusted with the preparation of the Map. The delay as concerns North Arcot, arose from the absence of Táluc boundaries in the Maps in the possession of the Collector and District Engineer, and also from the change of Collectors. The delay in supplying the Map of Madura is not explained. The Map of Cuddapah had been received by Mr. Pelly and returned by him to the District Engineer, together with the *second* Map, in order that on the latter night be entered the exchanges of land with Bellary and Kurnool. The Collector of Kurnool states that there was no delay on the part of the Engineer of that District in furnishing him with all the necessary information. As regards Tanjore, the Map was transmitted to this Office on 11th August and returned for the insertion of the *names* of all villages situated beyond the limits of the Tálucs to which they belong. This has been done with the exception of those of the Kivalúr and Peralam Tálucs.

4. The *second* Maps or those showing the proposed new Táluc boundaries, were furnished as follows :—Those of Nellore and Salem, in *October*. Vizagapatam, North Arcot, Tanjore and Coimbatore, in *November*. Ganjam and Trichinopoly, in *December*. Madura, in *January*. The District Engineer of South Arcot does not say when his Map was forwarded to the Collector. The District Engineer of Cuddapah was waiting the adjustment of the exchanges of land between that District and Bellary and Kurnool for the insertion of which his Map had been returned by Mr. Pelly as mentioned in last paragraph. The Collector of Kurnool was at an early date supplied with all the information he wanted, and the Collector of Malabar took the matter entirely out of the District Engineer's hands upon receipt of the Maps on 13th September, as he considered the work could be better done in his own Office and completed the Maps himself, so that the District Engineer cannot be held responsible for the time that elapsed before they were transmitted to Mr. Pelly, upon 3rd December last. None of the other District Engineers had up to the date of their several letters prepared *second* Maps, for the reasons which will be briefly recapitulated here, together with the causes of delay in the case of those District Engineers who did not furnish their second Maps till November or subsequently.

5. The District Engineers of Godavery and Chingleput, postponed the preparation of their Maps in consequence of Mr. Pelly's Circular, No. 68. The former states that he is in communication with the Collector, regarding the boundaries, and no delay will take place after they are settled in preparing the Map. The boundaries of Chinglepet were stated in Proceedings of Government, No. 79, dated 17th January 1860, to be still undetermined, when they are fixed the District Engineer will be instructed to use the utmost expedition in the preparation of his Map. The District Engineer of Bellary was waiting instructions from the Collector as to the boundaries of the new Tálucs. The District Engineer of Tinnevely was, in consequence of a letter from this Office, waiting further instructions before commencing his *second* Map. These were given upon 21st January 1860, in Proceedings, No. 9,463. The District Engineer of North Canara states that only upon the 14th of last month were all doubts regarding the new Táluc boundaries in that District set at rest, and he found himself able to trace them with entire accuracy. In six days from that time he had completed the Map which was received in this Office upon 25th ultimo.

6. The District Engineer of North Arcot was prevented by the same reasons which delayed the transmission of the *first* Map, from furnishing the *second* and even at the time when he wrote there were references pending with the Collectors of the adjoining Districts, which required to be settled before the new boundaries could be inserted. The District Engineer of Tanjore appears to have misunderstood what was required and states that he was not aware till the beginning of November that a second Map was required for transmission to Mr. Pelly, by the 11th of that month a duplicate of the first Map was made and upon it in pencil he traced the proposed new boundaries. The Map of Coimbatore was returned to Mr. Fraser on 26th November for the insertion of the proposed new Táluc boundaries, which was done and the Map re-transmitted the same day. Captain Harington delayed the *second* Map of Ganjam in terms of Mr. Pelly's Circular until the new Tálucs were finally settled; and when informed that they had been fixed the second Map would be prepared without delay. The District Engineer of Trichinopoly prepared in the first place a double set of Maps, which were disapproved of by Mr Pelly, who called for a single Map, and when that was on hand, he requested a set of Maps, thus it was the 3rd December before the Map was despatched showing in different colors the existing and proposed Tálucs. No reasons are given for the delays in Vizagapatam and Madura.

7. The District Engineer of Krishna states that the Maps of Guntoor and Masulipatam were transmitted to the Collector upon 1st October and 16th November respectively; but it is not clear whether they were the *first* or *second* Maps, however, as the subject has already been too long on hand, I have not deemed it advisable to delay it longer in order to refer for further information on this point. The delay in the preparation of the above Maps was owing to the very great irregularity of the boundary limits, especially in Masulipatam, where it was not uncommon to find portions of one Táluc in another or others.

8. The reasons above stated by the several District Engineers for the length of time that elapsed before the Táluc boundary Maps could be supplied will, I trust, show satisfactorily to Government that they did not unduly postpone furnishing the information required by the Orders of Government, Nos. 780 and 803 of 13th and 17th June 1859, and when the entire absence of Maps showing the existing Táluc boundaries in many Districts, and the difficulty in these instances of accurately laying them down are considered, I trust that Government will acquit the District Engineers of unwillingness to execute the duty they were called upon to perform and of want of energy in meeting the requisition.

9. Those District Engineers, however, who have not supplied any explanation of their delay must remain under censure in my opinion.

*Vizagapatam. Madura.
South Arcot. Coimbatore.*

Precis of Replies from District Engineers, to Circular No. CLXVIII, communicating Proceedings of Government, No. 1,544, dated 14th November 1859.

GANJAM. Captain Harington states that the Skeleton Map of the District, Letter No. 346, dated 17th December 1859. showing the existing Tálucs, was sent to the Collector upon 30th August last, and should have been transmitted upon the 12th of that month, but by error in address, it was forwarded to the Central Office instead. Letter, No. 362 of 31st December 1859.

2. The Map showing the proposed new Tálucs was despatched to the Collector upon 31st December 1859. Its preparation was postponed (under Mr. Pelly's instructions to Collectors), until it was finally determined what the new Tálucs were to be.

VIZAGAPATAM. The Map showing the existing Táluc boundaries of this District Letter No. 818, dated 14th December 1859. was despatched to the Collector upon 24th August last. It was returned by him upon 23rd October to be copied; re-transmitted upon 25th idem, the duplicate being sent on 25th November.

GODAVERY. The Sketch Map showing the *present* Tálucs was sent to the Letter No. 365, dated 12th December 1859. Collector on 30th August. That of the *new* Tálucs was postponed in accordance with Mr. Pelly's official memorandum, No. 68, of 3rd November. Besides, while the *District* boundaries were undetermined, it would have been premature to attempt to define those of its *sub-divisions*; as soon as their number and limits were communicated to Captain Greenaway, no delay in the preparation of the Map would occur.

KRISHNA. The delay in the preparation of the Maps of Guntoor and Letter No. 181, dated 13th December 1859. Masulipatam which were transmitted to the Collector on 1st October and 16th November respectively, was caused by the extreme irregularity of the boundary limits, especially in Masulipatam, when it was of frequent occurrence to find portions of one Táluc in another or others.

NELLORE. Captain Mullins states that after the receipt of instructions from the Collector upon 27th July, and of the printed Maps on 11th August, the areas of the old Tálucs were calculated and sent to the Collector on 13th September and Maps with *new* Tálucs delineated and areas calculated on the 20th October. These last were returned for revision the following day and re-transmitted with alterations on 22nd October. These having been again sent back for the insertion of old Táluc boundaries, further instructions were asked for and recorded, and with the required additions the Maps were sent on the 19th November. In answer to a demi-official of 22nd November, the outline of new arrangement with different number of Tálucs was forwarded on 25th and 26th November.

3. The great Maps were delayed owing to the illness of the Draughtsman, which necessitated their being done by the District Engineer himself, at his leisure moments.

CUDDAPAH. The boundary Maps of this District, Captain Hemery says, were Letter No. 904 of 12th December 1859. returned by Mr. Pelly in order that the exchanges of land with Bellary and Kurnool might be entered upon, the one showing the proposed Tálucs. One of the Deputy Collectors is now employed in arranging these exchanges, and as soon as the Collector furnishes the necessary information, a fresh Map will be prepared.

BELLARY. An error in the areas of the Tálúqs necessitated the return of the Map for correction, which was re-transmitted to the Collector on 9th December. That Officer has not furnished information regarding the boundaries of the new Tálúqs; but as soon as he does so, the Map will be completed and forwarded to him.

KARNOOL. Mr. Beckley forwards copy of a letter from the Collector, stating that he had been furnished with three Skeleton Maps of the District shortly after applying for them, and that no delay whatever was made in furnishing them.

CHINGLEPUT. Captain Moberly states that the Skeleton Map showing the existing Tálúqs was forwarded on 12th September last, and would have been sent sooner, but it had to be kept back for the plan of the boundary between this District and North Arcot which was with Captain Prendergast. The second Map was not prepared agreeably to Circular No. CXLIX of 14th November 1859.

NORTH ARCOT. Captain Prendergast left the boundary Map of North Arcot with the Collector on 2nd December last. The difficulties experienced in complying with the Order of Government arose from the absence of Tálúq boundaries on the Maps, both in the Collectors' and District Engineers' Offices, also from the change of Collectors. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Sullivan's schemes were reviewed by Mr. Pelly on 13th November, a copy of which was received by Captain Prendergast on the 18th, who, as soon as he could arrange it, went and discussed the subject with the Collector in a week after which the Atlas Sheets, with the old boundaries and those proposed as the new ones marked thereon, were handed to the Collectors. References are still being made to the Collectors of the adjoining Districts as to the boundaries; a Skeleton Map will be prepared so that when the new Tálúqs are definitely settled by the Revenue Authorities they can be inserted at once.

SOUTH ARCOT. Captain Foord forwarded to the Collector upon 23rd November, Sheets Nos. 78 and 79 of the Trigonometrical Survey with the boundaries of the Tálúqs marked therein, and afterwards those of the proposed Tálúqs were inserted.

TANJORE. The completion of the District Map which was forwarded to Central Office on 11th August last, but returned for correction, is delayed by the difficulty experienced in fixing those villages of the Kivalúr and Peralam Tálúqs which are situated beyond their limits. Captain Oakes, as the first Map was forwarded through the Collector, was not aware until the beginning of November that a second one was necessary for transmission to Mr. Pelly; but on the 11th of that month a duplicate copy was furnished to the Collector with the new boundaries proposed by the District Engineer marked thereon.

TRICHINOPOLY. The Tálúq Maps were sent to the Collector upon 26th October, the cause of delay being that in terms of Orders of Government, No. 803, dated 17th June 1859. Captain Moberly prepared a double set of Maps which were disapproved by Mr. Pelly who called for a single Map, and while that was on hand, again called for a set of Maps on 3rd December. A District Map showing in different colors the existing and proposed Tálúqs with table of areas was despatched.

MADURA. The second Assistant District Engineer in charge of the District Engineer's Office states that the Tálúq Maps were forwarded to the Collector upon 14th December 1859 and 29th January 1860.

TINNEVELLY. The first Map showing the old Tálúq boundaries was completed and sent to the Collector upon 29th September 1859, and when returned by him was despatched to the Central Office on 1st October. The preparation of the second Map was not begun in consequence of instructions from the Central Office in letter No. 3,160 of 27th July, to the effect that the Map showing the boundaries of the new Tálúqs should not be commenced till receipt of further orders.

COIMBATORE. The Map of the existing Tálúqs was sent to the Collector upon 22nd November, and returned on 26th that the new boundaries might be marked upon it. This was done and it was re-transmitted on the same day.

SALEM. Upon 7th October 1859, the first Map was sent to the Collector, and upon 24th of that month a copy of it for that Officer's own use and a corrected list of Tálúqs were sent to him. Later in the same month on this second copy the new arrangement of Tálúqs was marked.

CANARA. When Captain Walker endeavored after assuming charge of this District to compile from Skeleton Tálúq Maps a Map of the District, showing the then existing Tálúqs, he found it impossible to do so upon the same large scale (the one inch), as these separate Maps owing to the following causes, viz., the boundaries having been inaccurately laid down; the considerable changes which had taken place since these Maps had been drawn; the entire absence of Maps of what was formerly known as Lower Coorg, and the want of local information on the part of Members of the Department to whom the work must necessarily have been entrusted. By the end of November, however, the Collector was furnished with what answered his purpose as far as the old Tálúqs were concerned. As regards the new ones, only upon 14th February 1860, did Captain Walker feel that he could trace them with perfect accuracy (as far as the Northern Division of the District was concerned, the Southern being under Colonel Pears' charge), as not until then were all doubts with reference to them set at rest. Captain Walker was himself to trace these boundaries upon the Collector's own Office Maps.

2. With reference to Lieutenant Hunter not having complied with the requisition for these Maps, Captain Walker remarks as follows. "This task, on a District like Canara, is one of more difficulty than has been imagined at Madras, and without the very accurate yet condensed Map supplied by the Chief Engineer, and the aid of my knowledge of the District and its language, I doubt if I could ever have satisfactorily accomplished it. Lieutenant Hunter, therefore, may be excused if he failed in his attempt."

MALABAR.
Letter No. 394 of 17th
December 1859.

As soon as the Orders of Government, No. 780 of 13th June 1859, conveyed in Circular No. XXXI were received, Captain Bean commenced the preparation of the District Maps and completed them except the insertion of the names which could not be put in until some transferred portions of a few Tálugs could be delineated and drawn on the Maps. For information upon this point application was made to the Collector who replied that the work could be better done in his Office. The Maps were accordingly sent to Mr. Grant upon 13th September, and when Captain Bean applied for them on the 29th of that month, the Collector could not return them on account of the difficulty in fixing the boundaries; when Circular CLXVIII reached him, the District Engineer again wrote to the Collector and was informed that the Maps had been completed and despatched to Mr. Pelly upon 3rd December.

Central Office of Public Works,
Chepauk,
28th March 1860.

(Signed) J. H. BELL, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1860, No. 629.

1. In reply to the Order of Government dated 14th November last, No. 1,544, the Chief Engineer furnishes the explanation therein called for from the various District Engineers as to their backwardness in furnishing the Maps showing the old and new Tálugs.

2. The Maps were ordered by Government on the 13th June 1859. There were to be two from each District, viz., one of the Tálugs as they are, to be supplied immediately, the other as they should be finally settled, to be supplied thereafter. The Maps were to be little more than outline Maps; and it was believed that the first set would cost but little trouble. It was August, however, before any were supplied to Mr. Pelly. Three were furnished in that month, three in September, one in October, and five in December. Various reasons of greater or less cogency are assigned for this delay; but the Governor in Council cannot but consider that in the case of Maps sent up after August the reasons are with some exceptions not satisfactory. The District Engineers of South Arcot, Coimbatore and Madura, have offered no reasons for the delay, in the two former cases till November, and in Madura till December; and it must be concluded that they had no good reasons to give.

3. The second set of Maps necessarily involved more trouble and delay. In some Districts, in particular, difficulties and causes of delay arose connected with the change in existing boundaries, and the absence of correct information on various necessary points. The Government are willing to acquit the Engineers of want of promptitude in connection with these Maps.

4. The following Engineers had not furnished the second Maps at the dates of their letters respectively; the causes of the omission, however, appear sufficient:—

Godavery.	Tinnevely.
Cuddapah.	North Canara.
Bellary.	Chingleput.

The Map of North Canara has, it appears, been subsequently furnished; and the Governor in Council trusts that there will be no avoidable delay in the completion of the rest.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 25th April 1860

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer.

Reporting in terms of Proceedings of Government No. 1544 dated 14th November 1859 for the information of Government re-plies from District Engineers as to delay in furnishing Tálug Maps called for in Proceedings of Government of 15th and 17th June 1859 Nos 700 and 803.

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4. The following Engineers had not furnished the second maps at the dates of their letters respectively, the

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Quiddapah

Bellair

Shingleport

Swirelli

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M. A.

[Signature]

Report to the Government

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