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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 154. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 21st March 1860, No. 1,443 :—

No. 256, 28th February in Con. 1st March 1859, No. 859.
,, 1,279, 22nd in Con. 23rd September 1859, No. 4,769.

With reference to the Orders of Government noted in the margin, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit their usual Report of the progress made in the preparation of the Village Register A for the months of December and January last. The Report for the former month should have been submitted separately long before this ;—but the Returns from some Districts having reached this Office very late in spite of repeated instructions regarding their early transmission, it was thought most convenient to throw into one Report the results of the two months.

2. The following abstract shows the progress made to the end of December and January respectively :—

Districts.	Total No. of villages in each District	No. of villages, the Registers of which have been completed to the end of December 1859.	No. of villages, the Registers of which have been completed to the end of January 1860.	No. of villages, the Registers of which are under preparation.
Ganjam...	1,233	1,037	1,037	.....
Vizagapatam	162	126	131	31
Godavery...	843	480	658	.....
Krishna...	1,406	1,136	1,237	169
Cuddapah...	1,312	188	511	477
Bellary...	2,562	279	1,105	5
Kurnool...	1,286	601	678	296
Chingleput...	1,653	192	269	1,147
North Arcot	3,002	.....	47	1,152
South Arcot...	2,626	1,592	1,986	603
Tanjore...	3,079	1,664	1,863	660
Trichinopoly	1,253	1,192	1,208	37
Madura...	787	73	89	431
Tinnevelly...	1,095	844	893	137
Coimbatore	1,532	1,223	1,231	301
Salem...	3,257	723	1,206	2,051

3. It will be seen that in the foregoing abstract Nellore is omitted, the Register having been prepared for all its villages with the exception of the fifty-two Sydapore villages. Instructions have been issued by the Board on the subject as stated in paragraph 3 of their letter to Government, dated 8th February 1860. The work in Ganjam has been stationary since September for the reason explained in paragraph 5 of the above letter. The Progress Report received from the Godavery District, for December 1859, does not differ from the one sent by the Collector in October, because arrangements were made only short time ago for the preparation of the Accounts in the sub-division of the District, but the Report for January, which has reached the Office only recently, shows satisfactory progress.

4. In Bellary rough Registers appear to have been prepared for all the villages ; and up to January 1860, fair copies have been written for 1,105 villages.

5. In the Progress Reports received from some of the Collectors, differences are observed in the number of villages as compared with the previous month's Returns. Explanation has been called for on the subject in a separate communication.

Circular, 21st March 1860.

6. In all the remaining Districts and especially in those noted in the margin, the progress has been satisfactory. In South Arcot it has been remarkably so and the Registers of more than 500 villages are written each month. The attention of the Collectors has again been called to the necessity of sending their Reports with punctuality.

South Arcot. Cuddapah.
Tanjore Chingleput.
Trichinopoly. Salem.

Circular 21st March 1860.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1860, No. 680.

1. The following Statement shews the progress made in the several Districts in the preparation of the Land Registers from the end of September 1859 to the end of January 1860.

Districts.	Total No. of villages in each District.	Number of villages in which the Register has been completed. Up to end of September 1859.	Up to end of October 1859.	Up to end of November 1859.	Up to end of December 1859.	Up to end of January 1860.	
Ganjam	1,233	1,037	.....	1,037	1,037	1,037	
Vizagapatam	162	.....	31	90	126	131	
Rajahmundry. } Godavery.	.....	.....	.....	480	480	658	
Masulipatam. }	843	.....	.....	.....			
Guntoor. } Krishna	.....	533½	619½	685½	1,136	1,237	
Nellore	1,466	261	455	588			
Cuddapah	680	668	677	680	.....	.....	completed for 1,178.
Bellary	1,312*	.....	.....	16	188	511	
Kurnool	2,562	2,015	2,153	2,470	279	1,165	
Chingleput	1,286	.....	179	376	601	678	
North Arcot	1,653	.....	.....	52	192	269	
South Arcot	3,002	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	
Tanjore	2,626	12	119	509	1,592	1,986	
Trichinopoly	3,079	245	893	1,335	1,664	1,863	
Madura	1,253	899	1,025	1,077	1,192	1,208	
Tinnevelly	787	.....	.....	12	73	89	
Coimbatore	1,095	379	538	702	844	893	
Salem	1,532	1,051	1,136	1,208	1,223	1,231	
Canara } Malabar } Madras	3,257	.....	976	1,076	723	1,206	
	No Register can be prepared for these Districts till they shall have been surveyed, vide letter from Board, dated 7th November 1859, No. 4,557, paragraph 5.						

2. In several Districts the progress made during the four months was considerable; but in others it was very trifling. In Ganjam, nothing was done, the reason given being that the Karanams are engaged with the Jamábandi Accounts. This will not be considered any longer a valid excuse.

3. In the Progress Report for November 1859, the number of villages in *Rajahmundry* is put down at 843. In the present letter the same number 843, is entered as representing the number of villages in the *Godavery* District. This is apparently a mistake.

4. The number of Registers completed in the three Districts of Rajahmundry, Masulipatam and Guntoor up to the end of *November* 1859, *exceeds* the number completed in the Districts of Godavery and Krishna to the end of December 1859. This requires explanation.

5. According to the November* Report, Cuddapah contains 1,178 villages. The present letter says 1,312. It does not appear which is correct, or how the difference arose.

* *Vide Order of Government, 28th February 1860, No. 313.*

6. It is presumed that paragraph 4 of the present letter explains the apparent discrepancies observable in that part of the Statement which refers to Bellary; where the numbers of Registers completed in December and January are so much less than in the previous months. If rough copies of all the Registers are completed Bellary may be considered as finished; though of course care must be taken to have them fairly copied out.

7. The six Districts named in the margin are very much behind hand. In North Arcot in particular scarcely any thing has been done, only forty-seven villages having been completed out of above three thousand. The Board will call on the Acting Collector for explanation of this continued disregard of the particular Orders of Government.

Cuddapah. *North Arcot.*
Kurnool. *Tanjore.*
Chingleput. *Madura.*

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8. The number of villages completed in Salem at the end of December is less than that given for the end of the previous month. This should be explained. There is a considerable difference in the total number of villages in this District as exhibited in the various reports, viz:—

In Report for October	2,885
,, ,, ,, November...	3,060
,, ,, ,, December	3,257

9. The Government trust that the Board take due measures to ensure the correctness of the Registers. They will be requested to report if they have acted to any extent on the directions contained in paragraph 3 of Order of Government, dated 25th October 1859, No. 1,445, and with what result.

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

Rev Dept.

№ 680.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
Under date the 30th April 1862
Read the following letter from
J. G. Smith Esq.
Secretary to the Board
of Revenue

Submitting the
Board's report
of the progress made in
the preparation of the
village register A for
the months of December
and January last

(Recorded 2nd March 1863
№ 1445)

The following
Statement shews the
progress made in the
several districts

Lapsed

on the preparation of the Cadr
Registers from the end of
~~September last~~
Sept^r/59 to the end of Janʸ/60.

Districts	Total No. of villages in each District	~~No. of villages~~ No. of villages in which the Registers has been completed: left to Sept/59	up to end of Oct^r 1859	up to end of Nov^r 1859	up to end of Dec^r 1859	up to end of Janʸ 1860	
Ganjam	1235	1037	"	1037	1037	1037	
Vizagapatam	162	"	31	90	126	131	
Rajamandri (Godavari)	843	"	"	480	480	656	
Masulipatam (Godavari)	"	533½	619½	685½			
Guntur (Krishna)	1406	261	453	588	1136	1237	
Nellore	682	668	677	680	"	"	complete.
Cuddapah	1312	"	"	16	188	511	of 1178
Bellary	2562	2015	2153	2470	279	1105	
Kurnool	1286	"	179	576	601	678	
Chingleput	1653	"	"	52	192	269	
North Arcot	3002	"	"	"	"	47	
South Arcot	2626	12	119	509	1592	1986	
Tanjore	3079	245	893	1535	1664	1863	
Trichinopoly	1253	899	1025	1077	1192	1208	
Madura	787	"	"	12	73	89	
Tinnevelly	1095	379	538	702	814	893	
Coimbatore	1532	1051	1136	1208	1223	1231	
Salem	3257	"	976	1076	723	1206	
Canara							
Malabar							
Madras							

No registers can be prepared for these Districts till they shall have been arranged vide Letter from Govt Bour Nov^r/59 No 4557 Para 5.

2. In perusing the Registers of the above Districts the progress during the four months was not considered ~~satisfactory~~ but in others it was very trifling - In Ganjam

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~~Govt/Sept/59 No 4557 Para 5~~
~~Feb/Sept^r 1859~~

nothing was done, the reason given ~~because that Govt have~~ ~~not believed in their proceedings in September 1859.~~ ~~Collector gave in the~~ ~~Collector gave the same as that given~~ ~~again brought forward~~ Viz. Being busy - that the Karanams are engaged with the Jamabandi accounts. This will not be considered any longer a valid excuse

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to the end of Dec.r 1859
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5. According to the
November report Cud-
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lages. The present letter
says 1312. It does not
appear which is correct,
or how the difference
arose. ~~The state of pro-~~
~~gress in this District~~
~~has been slow, the time~~
~~will principally be occupied~~
~~in inspecting the boat~~
~~work.~~

6. It is presumed that
para 5 of the present
letter explains the
apparent discrepancies
shewn to exist in that part of

× Vide order of Govt 28 Feb: 1860 No 313.

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of Government.

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end of December is less
than that given for the end
of the preceding month. This
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is a considerable difference
in the total number of pillagers
in this District as exhibited
in the various returns viz.

Ret.d for Oct.r 2885
" —— " —— " Nov.r ... 3060
" —— " —— " Dec.r ... 3257

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H Hill

Secy
Board of Rev. Dep.t

Ans.