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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th September 1861.

No. 150. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th August 1861, No. 4,654:—

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Ramnad, 27th May 1861, No. 139.

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Board's Proceedings, under date the 9th March 1860, No. 1,199, I have the honor to submit for sanction an Estimate of the expenditure required for effecting a Survey of the lands in the seven villages noted in the margin, in the Táluq of Periacolum late Tenkarai.

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Kambum.....1	Yendapuli.....1
Gudalur.....1	Pilimankombai..1
Vadagarai.....1	

2. The Estimate amounts to Rupees 6,615½ which appears, at first sight, considerable, but when compared with the aggregate beriz of the said villages is only in the proportion of Rupees 10-5 per cent.

3. The period required for the survey of each village entered in column 2 of the Estimate has been carefully fixed in reference to its size, the consequent amount of work, the position of the lands, and the character of the landholders, as well as other circumstances peculiar to each village.

4. On a consideration of the laboriousness of the task, and the present high cost of living, I have recommended a salary of 25 Rupees for the Surveyor, 10 Rupees for Curnums, 5 for Peons, and 3½ for the Measurers.

5. The service of the measurers can be dispensed with in the monsoon. The Surveyors and the Curnums will then engage themselves in totalling the past daily measurements and arranging the class, taram, &c., of the fields, as well as in preparing an abstract survey account.

6. I further beg to be allowed to defray from the permanent advance funds, the Sádírwárid charges to be incurred on that account in purchasing papers, &c., submitting occasionally accounts of the actual expenditure for the Board's sanction.

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1. Resolved that the letter above recorded be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In discussing the subject of the emoluments of certain Tandalgars and Toties in the Tenkarai Táluq of the Madura District, the Board observed that several villages in that Táluq contain large tracts of dry land which have never been properly surveyed; that the cultivation in them though not steady had greatly increased since the date of the village survey; and that the village Officers were numerous, but that the emoluments were so greatly sub-divided that some of them are altogether unprofitable. With the view of placing matters on a better footing, they requested the Collector to report whether he could not arrange for a temporary re-survey of the villages referred to, and of others similarly circumstanced, and the letter now recorded is the reply to this call.

Proceedings 9th March 1860, No. 1,190.

3. The Collector proposes to have seven of the villages re-surveyed; their aggregate beriz is estimated to be about 64,200 Rupees, and the cost of the survey Rupees 6,615½, the survey party of each village to be of the following strength:—

	Rs.
1 Head Gumáshta or Surveyor.....	25 per mensem.
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3 Measurers @ 3½.....	10½
Total...	50½

and the duration of the survey in each village varying from one month to three years (according to its area) as shown in the margin. The Collector further recommends that the Sádírwárid charges may be defrayed from the permanent advance fund, subject to the periodical sanction of the Board.

	Duration of the survey.	
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4. The Board cannot support the Collector's proposal in its present form. The time proposed to be occupied is in four cases excessive beyond all reason. The cost might not be thought altogether disproportionate if the results were likely to be trustworthy, but there is nothing in the arrangements to secure uniformity of system, or any efficient check on the measurements and the recorded results.

5. The Collector has not explained the principle on which he has calculated the time to be allowed for the work, and the Board resolve to refer the subject to him for explanation on this point, and for consideration and report as to the safeguards necessary to ensure results of the slightest value.

6. He will at the same time state whether he has made any provision for the cost of the proposed survey in his Budget Estimate for 1861-62.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 151. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1861, No. 1,822.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

No. 4,654.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Estimate of the expenditure required for effecting a temporary Survey in the seven villages in the Periacolum Taluk in the District of Madura.

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Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of REVENUE.

Dated 27*th August* 1861.
Despatched.
Received.

No. 4,654.

Submitting for orders a letter from the Collector of Madura, requesting sanction for effecting a survey of the lands in certain Villages.