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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 42. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th September 1861, No. 5,109:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Madras, 8th March 1861, No. 388.

Read letter from the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in the Godavery District, dated 21st ultimo.

Replying to the Director's Proceedings of the 14th January, No. 97, giving more distinct information regarding Extracts from Settlement Registers. (Here enter No. 30.)

1. In the correspondence regarding the preparation of the Revenue Settlement Registers, stress is laid on the retention of the old numbers as entered in the Curnums' accounts. This will doubtless hold good in most Districts, but the confusion and worthlessness of the old field accounts in the Godavery District (which have been already pointed out) require consideration with reference to this item.

Vide Director's letter to Board, dated 16th November 1860, No. 1,242.

2. From the correspondence with the Deputy Director of the Godavery District on the subject, it will be seen that whatever the Curnum's numbers may originally have represented, it is quite clear that they do not represent the revenue fields of the District as now constituted, and in short that the attempts made to trace them out have failed.

From Deputy Director, 5th and 21st January 1861.
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3. It is further shown that the Curnums' numbers included in the Revenue or Survey field do not represent so many separate fields, belonging to the same or other individuals, but are merely imaginary numbers affixed in the accounts to parts of one field, which parts have no distinction on the ground.

4. In the case of the Asulminaha or Porumboke lands, the uselessness of Curnums' numbers is even more palpable, several numbers being given for a strip of road or a small portion of a channel without any distinction on the ground.

5. The object in retaining the old numbers is to give security to property in tracing the identity of the fields in the old and new accounts, but this object will not be accomplished by their retention in the present case, as pointed out by Mr. Master, and corroborated by the Collector,* for the old numbers are imaginary, and are not even "known to the ryots" much less entered in leases, mortgages, and other such documents.

* *Vide* paragraphs 6 and 7 of Mr. Master's letter, 5th January 1861.

6. It can never be the intention either of the Board or of Government to record, as Mr. Master terms it, what will perpetuate error in the entry of the fictitious and inapplicable numbers of the old accounts. It seems worse than useless, and should accordingly be dispensed with in the present case. The names of fields where recognized being substituted.

7. The present exception is on one of the points on which the Government Order of No. 2,429, dated 17th December 1860, allows modification according as experience may suggest.

8. A copy of these Proceedings with the correspondence† will be submitted to the Board of Revenue for their information.

† To be returned.

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1. The instructions contained in the foregoing order of the Director of Revenue Settlement appear to the Board unobjectionable.

2. In the Order of Government, dated 17th December 1860, No. 2,429, Revenue Department, paragraph 4, it is assumed that a revenue field may be identified by its *number*, or *name*, and hence the entry of either, in column 2 of the prescribed form of Register is admissible according to circumstances. The Board would suggest that the heading of this column be altered to "old number, or name of field."

3. The size of some of the fields, entered in column 7 as included in the Asulminaha channel, is larger than it is desirable to retain in the case of a Ryots' holding, and the Board presume that in such cases the prescribed limits for forming fields by clubbing will be scrupulously maintained.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 43.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1861, No. 1,913.

The Board's views are concurred in by Government.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Recording the Board's remarks on the Proceedings of the Director of Revenue Settlement, 8th March 1861, No 388, regarding the entry in the Settlement Register of the old numbers and names of revenue fields.

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