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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 218 — Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th November 1861.

No. 64. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th October 1861, No. 5,712.

Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Ootacamund, 27th September 1861, No. 1,458:—

SIR,

1. As many preliminary arrangements have to be made before entering on a new District for Survey and Settlement, it is desirable that a new field of work should be determined upon for the party now working in Salem, and I have the honor to suggest for the consideration of the Board and Government, that South Arcot should be selected for the purpose.

2. There is great advantage in its being contiguous to Salem, as the disorganization of the party by removal to a distance will be prevented, while the necessities of South Arcot seem as great as those of other localities; for the old Pymaish accounts have been found very imperfect in the Táluqs which have been surveyed. The present assessment which results from large reductions of the old rates is only of a temporary nature, pending the introduction of the new Settlement, and every year this is deferred, the reduced rates assume in the minds of the ryots a more permanent character. The stimulus afforded by the temporary reductions, has led to a wide extension of cultivation, but this seems to have now reached its height and to be commensurate with the present resources of the District, so that the Survey and Settlement will have a steady basis to proceed upon.

3. A part of the District has already been settled, and there are further smaller portions which have been surveyed, but owing to the cultivation having about doubled its extent in these localities since the Survey, no Settlement can be based upon it until it is brought up to the present state of things, which can be best done in the General Survey of the District.

4. In accordance with the recommendation of the Board and the approval of Government, in Proceedings, dated 7th December 1860, No. 2,334, I propose to confine operations at first to demarcation of boundaries for the Survey, leaving the classification and assessment to follow afterwards. This will necessarily defer the Settlement, and, as before explained, will increase the cost of the operations.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the consideration of Government.

2. The Board concur in opinion with Mr. Newill that it is desirable to complete the Survey and Settlement of South Arcot before any other District is newly taken up.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1861, No. 2,118.

1. The Government are unable to concur with the Board and Director of Revenue Settlement.

2. South Arcot is certainly one of those Districts in which a Survey and revision of assessment is least required; the late reduction of assessment has worked well, and no increase of Revenue can be expected to counterbalance the heavy expense of a Survey and Settlement.

3. The Government consider that Tinnevelly should be the next District in the South for Survey. The assessment and Revenue system both need revision, and as Government in anticipation of this have lately given up a large amount of Revenue by abolishing the Ooloongoo mode of Settlement the sooner the District is properly settled the better. Mr. Newill will arrange accordingly for the transfer of the Salem party to Tinnevelly.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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Mk. L. should be called on
to state - what is the result -
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Richard W. Thompson
Secretary of the Navy

Washington City
Navy Department
Washington D.C.

Sir I have the honor to transmit herewith
- the accompanying letter from the Board of Survey
lately assembled at this Port for the purpose of ex-
amining the Vessel called the Merrimack & in-
structed to report the result of their examination
& also to state the estimated cost of repairing
her & rendering her fit for service - I have
the honor to be very respectfully Your obedt
Servt
Hy A Adams
Capt

Rec'd 7th Dec 1860 No 2334

Copy to Engd
8/26th July 1862 No 47

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

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Submitting for consideration a letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement suggesting that South Arcot be next taken up for Survey and Settlement operations.

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