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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd June 1862.

No. 340. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th June 1862, No. 3,656:—

Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Masulipatam, 17th May 1862, No. 112.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of the 26th ultimo, No. 2,660, communicating Order of Government, dated 23rd idem, No. 878, sanctioning the payment of batta to the servants of the Survey Establishment, and calling for information as to how this establishment is employed, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Board, that the present Survey Establishment consists of the strength noted in the margin. They are employed to survey villages and fields in which complaints are received that concealments exist, and to survey the lands taken up by the anicut channels, and roads, as well as the lands given in substitution for them, as also the disputed boundaries of fields, and newly formed lands in the Kistna Islands.

	Monthly Pay. Rs.
1 Ameen	25
1 Deputy Ameen	12
4 Gomastahs at 6 Rupees each	24
6 Peons at 3 Rupees each	18
Total ..	79

2. The Deputy Ameen has been employed in surveying the lands near this town, to be brought under wet cultivation under the influence of the Kistna Canal. His occasional services in the preparation of the Maps called for by the Honorable C. Pelly, in connexion with the revision of Táluqs, and of the District Post Establishments have been very valuable.

3. These duties afford full employment to this establishment all the year round. The Zamíndári lands irrigated by the anicut channels have been hitherto surveyed by a separate establishment at an annual cost shown in the margin. This duty itself occupies four men for eight months; I propose to allot this work also in future to the Survey Establishment in question, which will reduce the expenditure of the State to Rupees 662 as shown in the margin. The survey of the District has not yet been completed,* and even after its completion, the above duties, viz., measuring Zamíndári lands irrigated, and lands taken up by the new channels, &c., will still be required to be performed yearly, and the present establishment having been properly instructed in surveying, will discharge them far more efficiently than men temporarily entertained.

	Rs.	A.	P.
In Fasli 1268	237	8	0
1269	338	0	0
1270	282	6	5
	857	14	5
Average..	285	15	6

	Rs.	A.	P.
Present monthly cost of the Establishment of Survey Gomastahs	79	0	0
Rupees..:	948 per year.		
Deduct charge of Gomastahs employed to measure the Tirwajasty lands in Zamíndáris	286	0	0
Remainder..	662	0	0

* Four Táluqs still remaining unsurveyed.

1. Ordered that the above paper be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings quoted by the Collector.

2. In paragraph 10 of the Proceedings of Government, No. 931, Revenue Department, dated 14th August 1855, it was contemplated that a Survey Establishment should hereafter form part of the permanent establishment of every District, and in the Districts under the great irrigation works the necessity of the provision for the due realization of the Government assessment is especially great.

3. The Board however fully concur in opinion with Government that it is undesirable to retain "Survey pupils" for this purpose if properly instructed Surveyors can be obtained for it, and although the Collector speaks of his present Establishment as having been properly instructed in surveying, it does not appear that their acquirements have been in any way professionally tested.

4. The rate of pay received by them is probably much less than would be required for qualified Surveyors, but their number is also probably greater, so that it may be doubted whether the arrangement is economical; but in any case the Board would advise that the Superintendent of Revenue Survey be requested to arrange for testing the qualifications of this District Establishment, and to report the result with his opinion as to the best mode of providing for the future discharge of the duties to be required of the District Survey Establishment.

5. If the Survey pupils are so competent as the Collector declares them to be, the Board do not understand why extra establishments have hitherto been employed for the work he alludes to.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1862, No. 1,378.

The suggestion made in paragraph 4 of these Proceedings is approved. Major Priestley will accordingly be requested to submit his opinion on the subject.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

No. 3,656.

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Secretary.

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

Copy to G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright

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The suggestion made in para 6 of these Proc.s is approved. Major Priestley will accordingly be requested to submit his opinion on the subject.

Fort St. George
the 28th June 1862
Board of Rev. Dep.t

J. Sullivan

I do not think that the arrangement suggested will work well. A Surveyor should be under some head capable of directing & there with the orders under which the Collector can be instructed to proceed.

J. P.

Pro. 14th August 1855 No. 2
23d April 62 - No. 1338

Dep.t of Revenue, Department.
Fort St. George, 23d June.
No. 1667

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 7th June 1862.
Despatched, 12th —
Received, 12th —

No. 3,656.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, affording information as to how the Survey Establishment in his district is employed with the Board's remarks thereon.

Pro. 25th June 1862
Order