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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd July 1862.*

No. 45. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th June 1862, No. 3,655:—

Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 23rd May 1862, No. 695-48.

SIR,

Letter from Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, Trichinopoly District, dated 16th April 1862, No. 13.
Officiating Director's Proceedings, 26th April 1862, No. 554.
Letter from Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, Trichinopoly District, 5th May 1862, No. 20.
Officiating Director's Proceedings, 8th May 1862, No. 624.
Letter from Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, Trichinopoly District, 20th May 1862, No. 25.

1. I have the honor to forward correspondence as per margin, with Mr. R. K. Puckle, Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in Trichinopoly, from which the Board will observe that about 50,000 Acres in the two Taluqs of Wodiarpoliam and Arrealur still require to be demarcated, classified, and surveyed.

The circumstances under which this work was left incomplete at the time when the Taluqs in question were originally under demarcation and survey, are fully detailed by the Deputy Director, and it is very desirable that the new Settlement should be introduced in the tracts newly brought under cultivation, simultaneously with the rest of the Taluqs.

2. The regular Survey party is so fully employed in Salem that, it will be inconvenient to detach Surveyors from it for this extra duty, and the simplest plan will be, as proposed by Mr. Puckle, to entertain a small extra Establishment for three months within which time it is estimated that the work may be accomplished.

3. In paragraph 10, Extract from Minutes of Consultation, 14th August 1855, No. 951, it was proposed that hereafter a small Survey Staff should form part of the permanent Establishment of every District, whose duty it would be, among other things, to survey tracts not measured in detail at the time of the original Survey, but subsequently taken up for cultivation. The present is a case in point, and if the small permanent Establishment existed in Trichinopoly, the Survey now required might be gradually accomplished through its agency. Although the Establishment proposed to be employed by Mr. Puckle is probably larger than that contemplated by the Government in the Minutes of Consultation above quoted, it will only be entertained temporarily, and the Board will doubtless concur in the desirableness of completing the Taluqs at once in order that the Settlement may be introduced simultaneously over the whole of them. I request therefore that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the employment of the undermentioned servants for a period of three months.

	RS.
1 Deputy Surveyor @ 50 Rupees	50
20 Measuring Amins at 15 "	300
15 Gumashtas at 10 "	150
10 Draughtsmen at 15 "	150
	650
For three months	1,950
Stationery and Sundries	50
	2,000

4. The Survey Estimate was not intended to include the cost of Surveys to be made from time to time in consequence of increase of cultivation, after the completion of the regular Survey of a District, and consequently no provision was made in the Budget allotment of the year for the expenditure now proposed to be incurred. Should the Government, however, feel themselves precluded from sanctioning it unless it can be met from the Budget of the Department, and should Major Priestley be unable to meet it from the Survey portion of this year's allotment, the necessary sum may be temporarily provided by a transfer from the amount set aside in the Settlement Budget for unforeseen charges, but should not, I submit, ultimately form a debit to the Survey and Settlement Estimate.

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From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, to R. E. MASTER, Esq.,
Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Trichinopoly, 16th April 1862, No. 13.

SIR,

1. The two Tálucs of Wodiarpoliam and Arrealúr in the Trichinopoly District were surveyed as far back as 1856-57. In these Tálucs the survey preceded the classification, while the demarcation was made by the measuring Amíns.

2. At that time both the Survey and Settlement Departments were in their infancy, and the requirements of the latter were so little understood, that the same system was continued, which had previously been adopted for the Jungle Jaghires of Chekadi and Shenkarapuram, in South Arcot, where only the isolated patches of cultivated land were demarked and surveyed as fields, and the remaining area of each village was calculated by traverse.

3. In Wodiarpoliam also the jungle was so thick, that great difficulty was experienced in some cases in clearing the village boundaries; and as the Demarcation Department did not at that time exist, only the land then under cultivation was surveyed, while the remainder was included under the head of Peramboke.

4. During the last five years upwards of 5,000 acres of this Peramboke have come under cultivation, and this area is likely to be very greatly increased, so soon as the present high rates of assessment shall have been reduced.

5. The new rates, however, cannot be generally introduced until these Tálucs are entirely surveyed, for though I can immediately demark and classify all lands that have been brought under cultivation subsequent to the survey, or that are likely hereafter to be taken up, still I cannot apply the assessment to them until their areas have been ascertained.

6. The unsurveyed land fit for cultivation has been demarked in nineteen villages, and amounts to no less than 5,727 acres, and as it is of the greatest importance that the new assessment should be introduced uniformly in every Táluc, and that no portion of the District should remain unfinished, I have the honor to request that you will represent to Major Priestley the necessity of completing the survey of these two Tálucs with the least practicable delay.

7. The Survey party have now left Trichinopoly, and are employed in field work in Salem, and Mr. Beaumont, the Deputy Superintendent (with whom I have thoroughly discussed this subject), while fully aware of the great importance of completing this District entirely, still has every available man so fully occupied in Salem, that he is unable to detach a party to Trichinopoly, without the special sanction of the Head of his Department.

8. The latter however may not feel disposed to sanction the withdrawal of men from Salem, to take up work that was supposed to have been finished years ago, and I would, therefore, beg to suggest that the temporary Survey party, which the Government contemplated deputing to each settled District, for the special purpose of measuring all lands taken up subsequent to survey, should be at once sanctioned for Trichinopoly; as every day's delay will be of consequence, when the areas of these Tálucs are required for entry in the Settlement accounts.

9. The total area amounts to 4½ lacs of acres, of this nearly three lacs have been surveyed in detail, and of the remainder about 50,000 acres now require to be surveyed and classified; 20 Amíns and 10 Classifiers (who would also demark the fields) at 50 and 100 acres per man per diem, respectively, would complete this area within three months of twenty working days; the measurements might then be tested, and the correct areas forwarded to my office some three months later, or in the course of the current year.

10. This would be about the time that I should absolutely require them, for I calculate to complete the registry of the new Táluc of Musiri by the end of June; Trichinopoly in August; Perambalur in October; Kodutali in December; and Wodiarpoliam in February next, and as the

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expenses of both Survey and Settlement seem likely to be repaid in the course of a very few years by the increased area of cultivation brought to light, I trust the great object of completing the District thoroughly will outweigh the extra cost, which I have roughly estimated at about 2,000 Rupees.

	RS.	RS.
1 Deputy Surveyor for three months on.....	50	150
20 Measuring Amíns for do. at.....	15	900
15 Gumashtás for do. at.....	10	900
10 Draughtsmen for do. at.....	15	50
Stationery and Sundries.....		2,000

Proceedings of the Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Madras, 26th April 1862, No. 551-24.

Read the following letter from the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, Trichinopoly.

Regarding the completion of the Survey in Wodiarpoliam and Arrealúr. } Here enter 16th April 1862, No. 13.

Before forwarding this application the Officiating Director resolves to request Mr. Puckle to state how he proposes that the work of the extra Survey Establishment should be supervised, by himself or by the regular Survey Department. He observes also that the small Survey party, the entertainment of which was contemplated in each settled district, was to be a permanent and not a temporary addition to the Collector's Establishment (see paragraph 10, Extract from Minutes of Consultation, 14th August 1855, No. 951), and therefore the employment of a staff of the strength mentioned in Mr. Puckle's letter could not have been intended.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. E. MASTER,
Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, to R. E. MASTER, Esq.,
Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Trichinopoly, 5th May 1862, No. 20.

SIR,

1. In reply to your Proceedings No. 551-24, dated 26th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that on discussing the completion of the Survey in Wodiarpoliam and Arrealúr with Mr. Beaumont, that gentleman expressed his willingness to provide superintendence for the operations proposed for those Tálucs from the regular staff of the Survey Establishment.

2. I am aware that the temporary party I proposed; far exceeded the strength of that contemplated by Government, in Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 951, dated August 14th, 1855, but as time is of the first importance, I concluded that it would be preferable to measure the area not hitherto surveyed with as little delay as possible, and thereby secure the same results, as must sooner or later be attained by a smaller party working for a longer period.

3. Since writing my former letter I have received the areas of the cultivation in these Tálucs up to the end of last Fasli; the survey having been made during my absence in England, as the area still requiring to be surveyed is now so much reduced, there is no longer the same urgent necessity for completing this work immediately, though I still think it would save much confusion in the numbering of fields, and ensure more uniformity of assessment, if the new cultivation of the present year, as well as all lands fit for cultivation and likely hereafter to be taken up, were surveyed and registered at once, before the new settlement is introduced.

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Proceedings of the Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Madras, 8th May 1862, No. 624-38.

Read letter from the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in the Trichinopoly District.

Furnishing further information regarding the }
proposed completion of the Survey in Wodiarpoliam and Arrealúr. } Here enter 5th May 1862, No. 20.

Adverting to paragraph 3 of the foregoing letter, Mr. Puckle is requested to state what is now the estimated area requiring to be demarcated, classified and surveyed, after deducting the area alluded to at the commencement of the paragraph.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. E. MASTER,
Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, to R. E. MASTER, Esq.,
Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Trichinopoly, 20th May 1862, No. 25.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to furnish herewith the information called for in your Proceedings, No. 624-38, dated 8th instant.

2. On examining the Survey and Settlement accounts of each village in Arrealúr and Wodiarpoliam it appears that the gross area of these Tálucs is 4,62,181 acres; of this 2,72,359 acres were formerly measured as fields, leaving 2,35,994 acres (or deducting 36,365 for Peramboke) 1,89,822 acres of waste land that have not been measured in detail; patches of this are now cultivated, and a great part of it is likely to be taken up so soon as the assessment is reduced.

3. The newly cultivated and waste lands of fifty-two villages have been recently surveyed, and the measurements given in the field books of thirty villages (of which the areas have been calculated) show a total area of 3,778 acres of cultivable land or 21 per cent. increase on the former area of Amíns' measurements in these thirty villages. Calculating at this rate for the whole of the remaining villages, and deducting 4,000 acres as already measured, there are some 53,000 acres that require survey, and 57,000 acres remaining to be classified.

4. The subsequent Survey, alluded to in paragraph 3 of my letter No. 20, dated 5th instant, only extends to fifty-two villages, and not to the whole of these two Tálucs as I was then led to suppose, consequently there is no reduction in the area requiring to be surveyed and classified, and which I originally estimated at 50,000 acres.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. It appears that when in 1856-57, the Tálucs of Wodiarpoliam and Arrealúr in the Trichinopoly District were surveyed, and the Department was in its infancy, the system that was eventually ordered to be adopted in regard to the culturable waste had not been introduced, and only the actual cultivation was surveyed, the remainder of the culturable area being included under Peramboke. Much of this waste has since been brought under cultivation, and more it may be hoped will be taken up when the revised assessment shall have been introduced, but to enable Mr. Puckle to register the lands and apply the rates to them it is essential that the areas be ascertained by Survey.

3. Major Priestley's Department having some time back quitted the District, and being fully employed elsewhere, Mr. Puckle recommends and Mr. Master supports the recommendation that a temporary party be entertained for three months of the strength shown below, for this work, at an estimated total cost of Rupees 2,000.

1 Deputy Surveyor for three months at	Rupees	50	Rs.
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4. The total area that it is estimated will thus need to be surveyed and classed, amounts to about 50,000 acres, and the proposed cost of the work, which is necessary for the completion of the District operations, will, it may reasonably be expected, be far more than re-paid immediately.

5. The Board therefore recommend that the proposed arrangement be sanctioned.

6. Mr. Master states that the funds can be provided out of the Settlement Budget should Major Priestley be unable to meet the charge from the Survey allotment; but he argues that in any case it should not ultimately be debited to either Department, but be charged to the Revenue Department, with reference to paragraph 10 of the Extract from Minutes of Consultation, dated 14th August 1855, No. 951, Revenue Department (page 7) of the Survey Selections.

7. The Board do not agree with Mr. Master in this view of the matter. The land now in question certainly formed part of "the cultivable including all ever actually cultivated, with such other land as may seem likely to be brought under cultivation within a few years," to which in the paragraph quoted it was proposed that the detailed Survey should extend, and such has been the practice in all the later operations. The Board therefore are decidedly of opinion that the charge in question should be borne by the Survey and Settlement Departments in their due proportion.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 46.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1862, No. 1,450.

1. The arrangement proposed by the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement and recommended by the Board of Revenue for the Survey of a large extent of land in the two Tálucs of Wodiarpoliam and Arrealúr in Trichinopoly not already surveyed is approved. The Board will be requested to submit at an early date an application in the usual form, for transmission to the Government of India. All applications for Establishments temporary or permanent should invariably be accompanied by the prescribed Tabular Statement.

2. The Government concur in the Board's remarks in paragraph 7 of their Proceedings.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Memo.

Nov. No. 1666.

The No. of Nov. supports the
proposal of the Asy. Director of Nov.
Settlement to organize a separate
establishment for the survey of the
large extent of land in the Taluqs
of Wodiarpollim and Aragalim in
Trichinopoly not as yet surveyed. A draft
order approving the proposal was
circulated, but the Govt. took exception
to it and remarked "why not send

one of the parties which it was
intended to send to Trimenally.

2. The Govt directed that both
the Salem and Mysore parties should
be employed in Trimenally. On a
representation that two parties cannot
be officially employed in the
same District, the Govt in para-
5 of their order of 25th June 1882
No 1392 continued the employment
of the latter party in Coimbatore
for

for the present. So either of
the parties included for Trimenally
is not available to complete
the work in Trimenally as
suggested by His Excellency.

Orders are requested.

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Secretary.

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

Copy to R. E. Master, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

Major F. J. B. Priestley, Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

A. R. McDonell, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 7th June 1862.
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No. 3655.

Submitting a letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, forwarding correspondence regarding the Settlement of the two Taluks of Wodiarpolam and Arrealar in Trichinopoly, with the Board's remarks on the subject, and recommendation, that the arrangement proposed by the Director for completing the two taluks in question be sanctioned.

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No 1457. 3rd July

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