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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th February 1862.

No. 65. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th December 1861, No. 7,118:—

Read the following letter from Major F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent Revenue Survey, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chepauk, 17th December 1861, No. 1,101.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter addressed to the Director Revenue Settlement, and as the sanction for the disbursement of the pay of the Extra Establishment in arrears for October and November and for the current month is urgently required, I trust that you will be so good as to obtain the requisite authority of Government as early as possible.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
October	804	2	6	
November	622	8	5	
December	600	0	0	about
Total	2,026	10	11	

1. The Board resolve to request the sanction of Government for the expenditure incurred by the Revenue Survey Department in October, November and the current month of December as estimated, in the measurement of interstitial fields, which task has devolved on this Department from the utter incapacity of the Curnums for its performance which was in the original scheme proposed to be entrusted to them.

2. The sum for which sanction is required is Rupees 2,026-10-11. Ample provision has been made in the Budget to cover the charge.

3. The detailed statement of Establishment required to be entertained for the purpose, which was called for by Government in their Proceedings quoted by Major Priestley, will be submitted in due course by Mr. Newill.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 66. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th January 1862, No. 16.

Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Madras, 24th December 1861, No. 1,649.

SIR,

1. Referring to the Order of Government, dated 6th September 1861, No. 1,774, and also to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue of 11th instant, No. 6,921, containing their views as to the mode in which the measurements of interstitial fields in the Revenue Survey should be conducted, I have the honor to submit a letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey containing his proposals for this work, and for clearing up arrears which have occurred in some branches of the Survey work in one or two Districts, and to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained at an early date for the Establishments as follows:—

Dated 16th December 1861, No. 1,097.

Trichinopoly and Salem Districts.	Measurement, plotting and computation of areas of minor fields, and bringing up arrears in testing, plotting and computing.	For 1st four months of 1862, Rupees 1,800 per mensem.	For last 8 months of 1862, Rupees 800 per mensem.
		Total Rupees 13,600.	
Godavery District.	Measurement, plotting and computation of areas of minor fields.	Rupees 600 per mensem for six months.	
		Total Rupees 3,600.	

aggregating Rupees 17,200 altogether.

account

2. From the 2nd paragraph of Major Priestley's letter it will be seen that retrospective sanction is also required for the months of October, November and December for the sums in the margin, amounting to Rupees 2,026-10-11, which have exceeded the total of the sanctioned scale for the Trichinopoly and Salem parties for those months in consequence of the party having been enlarged so as to include the measurement of interstitial fields in the operations.

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3. Major Priestley states that provision has been made for these charges in the Supplemental Budget, which will be immediately re-submitted with the explanation called for in Proceedings of Madras Government dated 20th instant, No. 2,335, and I beg that sanction may be obtained at as early a date as possible on the condition that the expenditure is met from the provision made in the Supplemental Budget.

4. Since drafting the above, I find that paragraph 2 has formed the subject of a direct communication from Major Priestley to the Board in consequence of the urgency of the matter.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the sanction of Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 19th December 1861, No. 7,118, in which retrospective sanction was requested for the expense already incurred by the Survey Department in the measurement of the interstitial fields, which duty was originally intended to be performed by the Village Curnums who, however, on trial have been found utterly incompetent to perform it.

2. The same work is estimated to cost Rupees 17,200 for the year 1862 in the Salem, Trichinopoly and Godavery Districts, and it is for this charge, for which provision has been made in the Budget, that sanction is now requested.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 67.

ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1862, No. 195.

1. These two Proceedings of the Board of Revenue are on the same subject. With the first they submit an emergent request from Major Priestley for the sanction of Government to a sum of Rupees 2,026-10-11, on account of expenditure incurred by the Revenue Survey Department during the last three months of 1861 in the measurement of interstitial fields, and with the second a proposal from the same Officer, supported by Mr. Newill, for an expenditure of Rupees 17,200 during the current year in the Districts of Trichinopoly, Salem and Godavery on the same account.

2. Mr. Newill's letter forwarded with the second of these papers professes to be in reply to the Order of 6th September last, No. 1,774. In the Proceedings referred to in that Order the Board had requested that general sanction might be granted for the employment of such extra hands as might be considered necessary by the heads of the Survey and Settlement Departments for the purpose of bringing up arrears, and the most important of these arrears in the *Survey* Department was, the Board mentioned, "the measurement of interstitial fields." The intention of Mr. Newill and Major Priestley was that the work referred to should be paid for "out of the "balances remaining from the sums sanctioned for expenditure in former years." The Board, however, considered that these balances could not be thus appropriated, but, learning that the amount provided in *the current year's Budget* would allow of the increased outlay, they proposed that permission should be granted for the necessary expenditure, *on the distinct understanding that the Budget allotment for the year shall under no circumstances be exceeded.*

3. The Government did not see their way to grant the general sanction thus applied for. They required further detailed particulars as to cost, amount and description of work to be performed, &c.

4. The present correspondence shows that the refusal of Government to give their sanction to the expenditure then solicited has not been of any avail. They are now asked to authorize the disbursement of upwards of Rupees 2,000 for work performed notwithstanding their Order of 6th September last: and the Board in submitting this request with their favorable recommendation state that "ample provision has been made in the "Budget to cover the charge." This "ample provision" however appears both from Major Priestley's and Mr. Newill's letters to have been made in the *Supplemental* Budget, and no explanation of any kind is attempted why such Supplemental Estimate is necessary when it was stated so recently as August last that the outlay could be met out of the current year's Budget.

Proceedings 19th December 1861, No. 7,118.

5. This Supplemental Budget amounting to Rupees 96,235, was returned to Mr. Newill with G. O. 20th December 1861, No. 2,335, and he was then informed that Government could not sanction the admission of so large a sum as that proposed without further information than had been afforded. In a subsequent order the Government reviewed the explanation submitted in consequence, and have sanctioned the entry in the Statements sent to Calcutta of a sum of Rupees 16,235, which it is expected will cover all deficiencies in the original Budget of 1861-62.

G. O., 25th January 1862, No. 104.

6. As the work for which Major Priestley now requests the sanction of Government has been already performed and as funds are now available, the Government authorize the disbursement of Rupees 2,026-10-11 on this account, but they feel it necessary to remark that the course followed in proceeding with this work in anticipation of sanction was improper.

7. Regarding Mr. Newill's further application for permission to spend Rupees 17,200 during the current year in the measurement of interstitial fields, His Excellency in Council will at present pass no orders. The Director has already received verbal directions in Council to submit detailed proposals on the general question of interstitial fields, and for these the Government will wait. Meanwhile, Major Priestley will limit himself to the established minimum, viz., two acres of wet and four acres of dry land. They observe, from paragraph 3 of Major Priestley's letter sent up with the Proceedings under review, that "additional funds" are said to be required "to meet the extra charges" which will be imposed on his Department if this additional labor is to be undertaken by it.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Revenue Dept.

No. 195

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 2d. ~~January~~ February 1862.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue.

Requesting sanction for Rs. 2026-10-11 being cost of extra Establishment employed in October November and December 1861 by the Revenue Survey Dept. (Here enter 19th December 1861 No 7118)

Submitting a letter from the Director of Revenue Settlements requesting sanction for certain establishment required for the Survey Department. (Here enter 4th January 1862 No 169)

Struck out the entering paragraph should be stronger Cabt Priestley should be directed to limit himself to 1 Asst Asst may be doubled, pending the decision upon the Report to be submitted by Mr Newill

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5. This supplementary Budget amounting to Rs 96,235 was returned to Mr Revill with G.O. 20th December 1861 - No 2335, and he was then informed that Government could not sanction the admission of so large a sum as that proposed without further information than had been afforded. On a subsequent order the Govt reviewed the explanation submitted in consequence, and have sanctioned the entry in the statement of Calcutta of a sum of Rs. 16,235-0-0 which it is expected will cover all deficiencies in the original Budget of 1861-62.

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Pro: of Govt for February.

No 195.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dy 4th February 62.

From Board recd 16 Jan/62 C& 206
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Passing orders on
Revenue Boards Proceedings
(recommending) sanction of
the expenditure incurred by the
Survey Department in the
measurement of the inter-
stitial fields-

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