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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 23. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th September 1862, No. 6,532 :—

Read again Board's Proceedings Nos. 3,046 3,451, and 5,903 of 1862, with the papers recorded in them.

Read also the following letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated 22nd September 1862, No. 1241.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 4th instant, No. 5,903, and in reply to annex copies of correspondence as per margin with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey. The Board will observe that Major Priestley is prepared to proceed at once with the survey of the Inám villages, if the necessary funds are placed at his disposal, and that the areas in the Government villages in the Pennair Delta will be furnished as early as possible, though in the case of those situated in the Gudur Taluq some delay is unavoidable, as the survey there has not yet been commenced.

Letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, dated 11th September 1862, No. 1297.

In forwarding for your perusal and return the enclosed original Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th instant, I have the honor to request you will inform me when the survey areas of the Government villages in the south Pennair Delta will be available. As regards the Inám villages, I have not yet been favored with the approximate estimate called for by the Board in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings of the 28th May last, No. 3,451, and which, in my Proceedings of the 4th June, No. 744, I requested might be framed, should this estimate have been prepared. I request you will forward it to me for transmission to the Board. I fear there may be some difficulty about funds for the extra work now proposed to be performed. I observe that the Board in their present Proceedings do not allude to this point, which was prominently noticed in my letter to their address of the 14th May last, No. 649.

Letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated 19th September 1862, No. 810.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (and enclosure* now returned) of the 11th instant, No. 1297.

2. Mr. Puckle has, as directed by me, made the experiment of surveying in the lump the irrigated land of three Inám villages, and reports that until a further number of villages have been taken in hand he cannot furnish the required estimate. The cost, however, will be trifling, somewhere about 2 or 3 Rupees per square mile on the gross area of Inám villages.

3. When funds are placed at my disposal the necessary survey of Inám villages can be systematically proceeded with, but till then I fear nothing more than the experiment already ordered can be undertaken.

4. The information regarding the areas of the Pennair Delta villages shall be furnished as early as practicable. I may, however, observe that thirteen of these villages are situated in the Gudur Taluq, the survey of which has not yet been commenced.

(True Copies.)

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

1. Ordered that the above letters be submitted to Government with the Board's request that Major Priestley be authorized to survey the gross irrigated areas in the Inám villages under the Pennair Anicut, and to include the cost in the general charge for the Nellore District.

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2. Mr. Dykes pointed out that in order to secure the rights of Government in the increased area of wet cultivation resulting from the Anicut works, it is essential that the area of *existing* wet cultivation should be accurately determined.

3. On reference being made to the Director of the Revenue Settlement he pointed that the detailed survey of Inam villages was not contemplated by the plan of Revenue Survey, but that if only the gross areas were required for the irrigated lands, these could probably be supplied with little difficulty if funds were provided, and the Board requested him to obtain an estimate of the amount necessary for the purpose from Major Priestley as he proposed to do.

4. This estimate has not yet been received, and cannot, it seems, be prepared without further delay, while as Mr. Dykes points out time is all important in the matter. The cost is not likely to exceed two or three Rupees per Square Mile on the gross area of the Inam villages, and the Board beg to recommend that the work be at once sanctioned.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1862, No. 2,134.

The recommendation of the Board of Revenue that the gross irrigated areas in the Inam villages under the Pennair Anicut in Nellore be surveyed and the cost included in the general charge for the survey of the Nellore District, is approved.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 3,046.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th May 1862.

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 7th May 1862, No. 110:—

1. I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to make arrangements for this Department being furnished with the results of the survey of each village in the South Pennair Delta, as soon as finished.

2. In the Godavery and Kistna Districts one main difficulty in realizing the Government dues on the increased area of irrigation has been the utter ignorance of what the increase was.

3. Here the survey has been commenced in time; and if the area irrigated at present, as shown by the survey, is at once communicated to this Office, the basis of our operations will have been clearly fixed, and each successive season for some time to come will I trust show an increase, such as the Government have a right to expect, and it is our duty to realize on.

4. In one respect the survey however is defective. The village Inams have been surveyed, and where a portion of a village is held as Inam, the irrigated area in that Inam portion has been duly surveyed. But Inam villages have not been touched, by either Survey or Settlement Departments, I am informed, save as regards their outer boundaries; and if this is the case, then in the most important respect of all, as regards irrigation, our information is most defective.

5. It is precisely in the Inam villages, that we have the most difficulty in realizing the due return on the outlay of public capital for improving irrigation.

6. As a general rule there is of course no necessity for the Survey and Settlement Department, to interfere with Inam villages. But when Inam villages have a claim to irrigation from any public work, and that public work has been or is about to be greatly improved by a large outlay of public capital, then the case becomes very different. If we have no survey, no map, and no accounts, we must ask the man we want to assess, what he had before, which is asking your debtor what he owes you, instead of having such information in your own hands.

7. And, in asking that I may be furnished with the survey of each village held at the ordinary rates of assessment, as soon as finished, I beg further that measures may be taken for securing the immediate survey before the season of cultivation commences of the Inam villages in the South Pennair Delta, so far as present irrigation is concerned.

The Acting Director of Revenue Settlement will be requested to arrange for the Collector being furnished at as early a date as possible with the survey areas of the villages in the South Pennair Delta, and his opinion will be requested on the subject of the Inam villages adverted to by the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To R. E. Master, Esq., Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.

Copy to E. F. Elliott, Esq., Sub-Collector in charge of Nellore.

Ed. J. Wright.

No. 3,451.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 28th May 1862.

Read again letter from the Collector of Nellore, dated 7th May 1862, No. 110.

(In Cons. 10th May 1862, No. 2,818.)

Read also 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 14th May 1862, No. 649.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 12th instant, No. 3,046, giving cover to a letter from the Collector of Nellore, dated the 7th idem, No. 10, and in reply to state that I have communicated the Board's wishes to Major Priestley, and have requested him to arrange for the early supply of the Survey areas of the villages in the South Pennair Delta.

2. As regards the supposed defect in the Survey alluded to in the 4th and following paragraphs of Mr. Dykes' letter, I have to state that Inam and Shrotriem villages are treated in the Demarcation and Survey precisely as if they were small Zemindary or proprietary Estates, and while their exterior boundaries are defined and the area by traverse ascertained, no attempt is made to demarcate or measure them in the detail of fields. It would no doubt be convenient if in the tract instanced by the Collector the field areas of the Inam villages were known, as it would enable him to levy from them the proper amount of water rate, but on the same grounds we should extend the field Demarcations and Survey to all Zemindary and proprietary Estates and to all Mokhassa and Agraharum villages situated in the Godavery and Kistna Deltas, and in other Districts in which irrigation will be either introduced or extended. I need hardly say that the detailed Demarcation and Survey of the Estates and villages above described, formed no part of the original scheme, and consequently that funds were neither allotted, nor will be available for the operations.

3. At the same time the difficulty of assessing such tracts with a proper amount of water rate has not been lost sight of, and it was hoped might be overcome by an arrangement with the Zemindars or proprietors to add a fixed sum to the Peshkush, Kuttubadi or quit-rent, whereby the necessity of an annual measurement of the irrigated area might be avoided. The Board will find that this course is advocated in paragraph 113 of my letter as Deputy Director, of the 24th April 1861, No. 81, reporting on the proposed settlement of the Eastern or Central Deltas of the Godavery District.

4. If, however, the present irrigated area in the lump, in each Inam village is all that Mr. Dykes requires, the information might I imagine be supplied by the Survey Department, though to the detriment of their regular work. I am not prepared to say what would be the cost of making the necessary measurements for this purpose, or whether the Surveyors would require any previous demarcation. It would probably depend on the situation of the irrigated lands, and whether lying together or scattered about the village. Should the Board desire it, I will request Major Priestley to estimate the cost and time required for the work, and lay before them the result.

1. Ordered that the letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement be communicated to the Sub-Collector in charge, with a request that he will state how the Inam villages in question are described in the original grants, whether their original Nunjah Ayacut is shown in the village Registers, and on what system it is proposed to deal with them in reference to the improvement of the Irrigation works, and the extension of wet cultivation.

2. Mr. Master will be requested to obtain from Major Priestley an approximate estimate of the cost of surveying the gross area of the lands under wet cultivation in the Inam villages.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To E. F. Elliott, Esq., Sub-Collector in charge of Nellore.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

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of Board of Revenue from Nellore
dated 28th May 1862.*

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 12th May 1862.

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No. 3,046.

Requesting that arrangements be made for the Collector of Nellore being furnished at as early a date as possible with the Survey areas of the villages in the South Pennair Delta.

No. 5,903.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th September 1862.

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 1st September 1862, No. 224 :—

1. In my letter of the 7th May last, I requested to be furnished with the survey areas of the villages in the South Pennair Delta as soon as possible, and no survey areas having yet been received, I do myself the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to ascertain, when I may expect to be in possession of any of them.

2. With regard to Inam villages, in replying to the Board's Proceedings of the 12th May, No. 3,064, the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement in his letter of the 14th May observes, if the present irrigated area in the lump is all that I require the information might be supplied; and I take this opportunity of stating that the irrigated area in the lump, is all that I require in Inam villages.

3. The Board in their Proceedings No. 3,451, on the letter of the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement above referred to, have called from this office for information regarding the original grants, &c., on which these Inam villages are held, and have requested Mr. Master to obtain from Major Priestley an approximate estimate of the cost of surveying the gross area of the lands under wet cultivation in the Inam villages.

4. Whether the approximate estimate has been furnished, I am not aware; and I would urge that if it has not, the requisite steps should be taken for putting the work in hand at once without waiting for the estimate.

5. The Anikot comes into this year. The width of the old channel has been doubled; and whilst any probable cost of survey would in all probability be repaired in a year or two by an increased irrigation assessment, on the other hand in another month, the country will be under irrigation and the value of the survey lessened by so much additional irrigation as the Inamdars may be able to command this year.

6. The information regarding the original grants shall be given as soon as I can get the Inamdars in, when it will be comparatively easy to come to an arrangement with them, and furnish the additional information required by the Board with regard to improved irrigation in the Inams, if, in the meanwhile, I have made myself acquainted with what their present irrigation is.

7. In this case time is money.

The Board resolve to forward copy of the above letter to the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, with a request that he will be good enough to take the necessary measures to furnish Mr. Dykes with the gross areas that he requires with as little delay as possible.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To R. E. Master, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

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

„ to J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

Ed. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 28th May 1862.

No 3,451.

Communicating to the Sub Collector in charge of Nellore letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement relative to the survey of the villages in the South Pennair Delta.

*Enclosed in the original
Despatch to the Chief Secy
for the 26th Sept 1862.*

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