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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th October 1862.*

No. 99. Read the following Proceedings* of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th July 1862, No. 4,858:—

Read the following letter from Major F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 17th June 1862, No. 494.

SIR,

1. My absence until the close of last month, has prevented me from offering some remarks on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th April 1862, No. 2,692, reviewing the operations of the Survey and Settlement Departments for the past year. I now do myself the honor of submitting the following explanation on certain points animadverted on in the above Proceedings.

2. With regard to paragraph 18, the advantage of the speedy supply of field areas cannot be disputed, but as their final computation is the very last process gone through, it will, I trust, be seen that their being furnished immediately after demarcation is quite impossible.

3. The note made by the Director of Revenue Settlement is accurate as to finally corrected areas; at the same time the Tabular form* given below bears me out in
* Statements Nos. 1 and 2. my statement when it is considered that according to returns furnished from the District Offices, the average gross error on the once worked areas is under five, and that of the twice worked under two per cent.

4. I was unable, until I obtained an explanation from the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to understand the mode in which the alterations and additions had been made to the Statement of cost that accompanied my report.

5. I append a Statement† showing the alterations made by Mr. Master, and beg
† No. 3. to submit that I have greater means of ascertaining the exact proportion of any charge that ought to be debited to a particular party than any one else. For instance, Mr. Master has charged to No. 5 party Rupees 1,760, more as share of Central Office than in my report. No. 5 has only been working since April 1861 and therefore was debited with only about two-thirds of a full share by me.

6. Again the Sherveroys are only charged Rupees 71-0-6 for share of Central Office by Mr. Master, and Rupees 1,215 by me, as the survey there has actually required very much more superintendence than any of the others, and indeed my Office Assistant, Mr. Starr, was for some time employed there in fixing some points trigonometrically.

7. The omission in my report, however, of a return of work performed by the
† No. 4. extra party attached to No. 1, has caused Mr. Master to include the expenditure under this head in that of No. 1. The omission‡ I now beg to supply.

8. With regard to Razeepoor Survey, the cost of which has also been set down to No. 1, I have to explain that in 1860, the field work of this Taluq was reported complete (143 square miles) by the Officer then in charge. Since then on examination the work has been found so defective, that a re-survey has been required, hence though a fair amount of work has been performed, I did not feel justified in taking credit for it, but at the same time I thought it hardly fair to charge the cost to No. 4, a detachment from which was employed on it.

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9. The last item of addition that has to be noticed is the sum of Rupees 12,000 paid for instruments not as yet issued, and apportioned by Mr. Master to each party. I hardly think it is the way to arrive at the exact cost of last year's operations in each District, because although the instruments have been paid for, they do not become a part of the cost per mile until they have been issued to some of the District establishments.

10. With regard to the Board's notice in paragraph 21 of my remark, that "no great alteration of the estimate is necessary," I fear I have not made it sufficiently clear that this remark referred only to the items on which the estimate was originally framed. Of course I cannot find funds for additional charges amounting in the year to between Rupees 60,000 and Rupees 70,000, but merely maintain that the changes originally contemplated can be met at the cost originally estimated (Rupees 64 per square mile).

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

No. 1.—Statement showing the area surveyed, and that furnished to the Settlement Department up to 31st December 1861.

Parties.	Area surveyed.	Correct area.	Twice worked.	Once worked.	Total area supplied.	Remarks.
No. 1 party.	5,498	Correct area of whole of the Trichinopoly District, with the exception of 474 villages=2,000 square miles. South Arcot 533 square miles.	...	Salem District. 244 villages=446 square miles.	2,979	
No. 2	2,815	Godavery. 314 villages=758 square miles.	121 villages=410 square miles.	42 villages=92 square miles.	1,260	
No. 3	2,216	Kistna, 140 villages=186 square miles.	326 villages=748 square miles.	...	931	
Total.	10,529	3,477	1,158	538	5,173	

No. 2.—Statement showing the area surveyed, and that furnished to the Settlement Department up to 30th April 1862.

Parties.	Area surveyed.	Correct area.	Twice worked.	Once worked.	Total area supplied.	Remarks.
No. 1 party.	5,867	Correct area of whole of the Trichinopoly District, with the exception of 170 villages=2,521 square miles. South Arcot 533 square miles.	...	Salem District. 343 villages=711 square miles.	3,765	Twice worked area of 3, and once worked of 4 Tálucs will be furnished by the end of June 1862.
No. 2	3,050	Godavery. 346 villages=881 square miles.	93 villages=295 square miles.	75 villages=163 square miles.	1,339	Uncorrected area of 4 more Tálucs will be furnished if wanted (778 square miles).
No. 3	2,567	Kistna. 190 villages=312 square miles.	326 villages=748 square miles.	...	1,060	
Total.	11,484	4,247	1,043	874	6,164	

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No. 3.—Statement showing the alterations made by the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement in apportioning the cost of Central Office, and extra charges to District Establishments.

Particulars.	By the Super- intendent of Revenue Survey.			By the Acting Director Re- venue Settle- ment.			Difference.			Remarks.	
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.		
No. 1 share of Central Office and Regimental allowance of the Superintendent... ..	6,340	13	6	5,811	10	0	—	529	3	6	No. 4 was de- bited in all with Rs. 6,490 share of Central Office and 1,500 for in- struments appor- tioned to Wainád, Coimbatore, She- veroy, and Ra- zeepoor.
Do. Instruments.....	1,501	15	6	3,852	6	4	+	2,350	6	10	
Sheveroy Hills share of Cen- tral Office, &c.....	1,215	0	0	71	0	6	—	1,143	15	6	
Do. Instruments.....	250	0	0	48	0	0	—	202	0	0	
No. 2 share of Central Office, &c.	6,330	0	0	5,882	10	6	—	447	5	6	
Do. Instruments.....	1,500	0	0	3,900	6	4	+	2,400	6	4	
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Do. Instruments.....	1,500	0	0	3,900	6	4	+	2,400	6	4	
No. 4 share of Central Office, &c.	2,110	2	3	2,941	5	2	+	831	2	11	
Do. Instruments.....	500	0	0	1,950	3	1	+	1,450	3	1	
Do. Coimbatore share of Central Office, &c.....	1,950	0	0	2,941	0	0	+	991	0	0	
Do. Instruments.....	500	0	0	1,950	3	2	+	1,450	3	2	
No. 5 share of Central Office, &c.	4,122	4	2	5,882	10	4	+	1,760	6	2	
Do. Instruments.....	1,500	0	0	3,900	6	4	+	2,400	6	4	

The sum of Rupees 1,215 debited to Razeepoor as share of Central Office, &c., by the Superintendent of Revenue Survey in his Statement is divided among five parties by the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.

No. 4.—Return showing the work performed by extra survey party during the year 1861.

Tálucs.	Number of villages in which minor sub-divisions have been measured.	Total number of sub-divisions measured.	Number of villages in which sub-divisions have been plotted.	Total number of sub-divisions plotted.	Remarks.
Eight new Tálucs.	871	1,04,082	279	27,994	

(Signed) F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Major,
Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Chepauk, 17th June 1862.

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3. Both points have been fully discussed in the Board's Proceedings dated 21st July 1862, No. 4,724, on the revised estimates, and need no further remark here.

4. On the other points noticed by Major Priestley, the Board consider the explanation satisfactory.

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(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

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ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1862, No. 2,170.

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[Signature]
Secretary.

To A. J. Arbuthnot, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

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

„ to R. E. Master, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, for information.

Exd. J. Wright.

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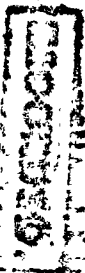
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