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No. 133. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 24th April 1862, No. 527/42 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 7th instant, No. 773, referring for any remarks I may have to offer on the proposal contained in the letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1862, No. 1,669, that the duty and responsibility of the first settlement with the Ryots after the re-assessment of the lands has been made by the Settlement Department, should devolve on the same Department, by whom, and at whose cost the Asamiwar Registers should be prepared.

2. Of the propriety of the recommendation that the first settlement should be made by the Deputy Director, who has conducted the assessing operations, there can, I think, be no question, so far as the interests of the Government and of the Royts are concerned; but as it is of great importance that the ordinary Revenue Establishment should become familiarized with the new Settlement from its commencement, I consider that in making the Jammabundy the Deputy Director should not be left to do so with his own Establishment alone, but should be aided by the Collector's or Sub-Collector's Sheristadar and Kacheri as the case may be. The only objection to thus employing the Deputy Director that occurs to me is the departmental one, that the detention of himself and his Establishments on a duty which, certainly according to the original scheme, was never intended to devolve upon him, will delay the Settlement operations in the District in which he would otherwise be next employed, and consequently increase the ultimate cost of the work. Under ordinary circumstances, owing to the delay in receiving the survey areas, and in passing the Settlement proposals through the various stages preparatory to the final orders of Government being obtained upon them, a long time elapses between the completion of the field work in a District and the introduction of the Settlement in it, during which the Deputy Director is prevented from devoting his entire attention to a new District. The Board's proposal if carried out will of course increase this interval, and will probably involve the Deputy Director and his Establishment in distant journeys, but I am not prepared to say that it should not be adopted on this account, or that the benefits to be anticipated from adopting it, will not outweigh the evils of the delay. All that I ask is, that the Department may be absolved from responsibility for the increased expense which will result from the imposition upon it of a duty, not originally contemplated or provided for.

3. The Asamiwar accounts can easily be prepared by the Settlement Department from the village Registers, and their necessity being admitted, the question as to which Department should bear the cost, is, as the Board remark in paragraph 8 of their letter, of little moment, for the expense must under any circumstances be borne by the State. If it be decided that the charge on this account should be debited to the Settlement Department, a sufficient sum can be added in the revised Estimate, to those items, which, though not foreseen or included in the original Estimate, have since under various orders of Government become debitable to the Department.

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1862, No. 996.

1. The Governor in Council concurs generally with the Board of Revenue. Where the introduction of the new Settlement occurs about the usual period of the Collector's Jammabundy, the Deputy Director should conduct the latter in concert with and in subordination to the Collector, limiting his interference, however, to matters bearing on the Survey and Settlement. Where, however, the introduction of the Settlement does not occur about the usual period of the Jammabundy or the services of the Deputy Director are not available without prejudice to the progress of the Settlement in other Districts, other arrangements must be made. The Board will on each occasion confer with the Director of Revenue Settlement and suggest the best course for adoption.

2. The "Asamiwar" account or register of the holdings of each individual Ryot is a Revenue, and not a Survey account. The expenses of preparing it must therefore fall on the Revenue Department notwithstanding the circumstance of its being drawn up by the Settlement Officers who are to be answerable for its accuracy.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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Passing orders on letter from Director of Rev. & Settlement submitting his remarks on the subject of the cost and preparation of the Assamwar Register.

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