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7th November 1863.

No. 83. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1863, No. 6,590:—

Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 5th October 1863, No. 1,198-90.

SIR,

1. In May last, the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in Trichinopoly, Mr. R. K. Puckle, suggested that as the alterations and corrections in the original Registers, found necessary in the course of his registry of the villages, were unavoidably numerous, the fair copies of the village Maps should not be struck off till the introduction of the settlement, in order that they might be made to correspond in all respects with the final Settlement Registers. In a subsequent communication he proposed, that in the event of its being too late to postpone the preparation of the Trichinopoly Maps, the mistake committed in that District might be avoided in the case of Salem, by simple blank Maps being in the first instance turned out, leaving the symbols to be entered afterwards.

2. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey, whom I consulted on the subject, concurred with Mr. Puckle in opinion that it would be desirable to defer the lithography of the village Maps till the introduction of the settlement, but considered that it would not be practicable to prepare blank Maps in the first instance and enter the symbols in them afterwards, as the cost would be greatly enhanced by the double passage of the Maps through the Press. He proposed instead, that a tracing of the original Map should be furnished in the first instance for the use of the Settlement Department; that the lithography of the Maps should be postponed till they could be printed in a complete state; and that in the meantime his Establishment should be employed in re-printing the Maps of the Talooks, the Settlement Registers of which have been finally completed. Major Priestley estimated that the cost of correcting the first edition of the Maps would be considerable, while that edition would in many cases be insufficient to meet the demand of the public, and he considered that a large proportion of the cost of the re-print would be recovered from the sale proceeds of the Maps.

3. Mr. Puckle states that the Maps of 300 or 400 villages will require correction in only five or six numbers each, while of the remainder, about 200 will require alterations in from 20 to 50 numbers each. Having given the matter my best consideration, I beg to recommend that Major Priestley be authorized to re-print all the Trichinopoly village Maps requiring numerous alterations, as well as so many of those requiring few alterations as there may be a larger demand for than the present edition will meet. When this has been done the advisability of re-printing the Maps of other Districts may be considered.

4. As regards the future I am decidedly of opinion that the printing of the Maps should be deferred till the final preparation of the Registers. A tracing of the original Map of each village, furnished simultaneously with the true areas, will suffice for the wants of the Settlement Department until the fair Maps are ready. This course will be especially desirable in the case of Kurnool, which, though now nearly all dry, will shortly have large tracts under irrigation. Moreover the Maps, if prepared now, could not exhibit the numerous irrigation channels, the very lines of which have not yet been decided on.

5. A further proposal made by Mr. Puckle is that in Trichinopoly the rates to be charged for copies of the village Maps should be raised, the minimum charge to be 8 Annas, Maps of villages from 1,000 to 3,000 Acres to be priced at 12 Annas, and those of larger area at 1 Rupee. I doubt not that the Ryots in Trichinopoly will willingly pay these rates, but I think that their adoption in other Districts would diminish the sales of Maps. Unless therefore the Board are disposed to sanction different scales for different Districts, I think that the scale already sanctioned should remain unaltered.

6. I annex extracts from the correspondence alluded to in the course of this letter.

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Jamabundi of each Firca is complete. I propose issuing the accompanying notice in each village when the rough Puttahs are distributed, and will register the names of applicants when the people are assembled for Jamabundi. I think, however, that the list of prices might be advantageously revised as nearly all the rich villages in the valley of the Cauvery are of less than 1,000 acres, and the wealthy Mirasidars will thus purchase their Maps for 4 Annas each, while the poor Ryots of the upland Talooks will have to pay 12 Annas or 1 Rupee.

5. I therefore beg to suggest that the minimum charge be raised to half a Rupee, that Map of upwards of 1,000 and of less than 3,000 Acres be priced at 12 Annas, and those of larger area at 1 Rupee. This will not injuriously affect their sale, as maps will be bought up eagerly at any price, by almost every one who is capable of understanding them, each Mirasidar, both parties in a Civil Suit, the vendors or purchasers of land, will all require Maps and many of them Registers also, and the charge of half a Rupee is so very trifling that any smaller charge would seem to be quite uncalled for.

(True Copies.)

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

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that Mr. Master's proposals be sanctioned.

2. The cost of the re-print, which even if the village Maps of the whole District required correction would not exceed Rupees 5,000, can easily be met from the Budget provision, while the charge is of the nature of an advance to be recovered from the sale proceeds of the Maps, for which in the Trichinopoly District the demand is likely to be large. It is very desirable that the Maps and Registers should correspond at the time the Settlement is introduced, and equally is to encourage the readiness shown by the Ryots to furnish themselves with copies of the Maps, which if not representing the real state of things at the Settlement, will disappoint expectation.

3. The Board approve the proposal to defer the printing of the Maps in future until the Registers have been finally corrected for the introduction of the Settlement.

4. Referring to paragraph 4 of Mr. Puckle's letter, dated 29th May 1863, the Board consider that it is the duty of every Officer in the joint Survey and Settlement Departments, to bring to the notice of his superiors, in view to their correction, any errors in denomination which may come to his knowledge in connection with the registry of the fields, which he is not himself competent to rectify.

No. 84.

ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1863, No. 2,003.

The Government authorize the re-printing of the Trichinopoly village Maps which require alterations and their sale at the rates proposed, viz. :—

Minimum charge, 8 Annas.

Maps of villages from 1,000 to 3,000 Acres, 12 Annas.

Do. of larger area, 1 Rupee.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Submitting with remarks letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement proposing to defer the printing of Village Maps until the Registrars have been finally corrected.

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reprints of the "Technically" Magazine
which require alterations and their sale at
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