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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd December 1863.

No. 65. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th November 1863:—

Read again Board's Proceedings Nos. 6,585 and 7,004, dated 13th October and 4th November 1863.

Read also the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Malabar, 2nd November 1863, No. 238.

SIR,

1. I have received the Board's Proceedings, dated 13th ultimo, No. 6,585.

2. The Land Register spoken of by Mr. Grant,* and the Register A adverted to in my letter to the Board, dated 18th September 1863, No. 207, are very different documents.

* In letter to the Honorable Mr. Pelly, dated 25th July 1861, No. 2,135.

3. The former Register embraces Nunjah or wet lands alone, and exhibits the present actual holdings as compared with the old Mahratta accounts. The comparison, as the Board are aware, has resulted in the discovery of many lands which had till then escaped taxation, but which have since been assessed and contributed a large increase to the Land Revenue of the District.

4. This Register was completed during the last Fusly, some slight errors have since been detected in it. These will be rectified during the Jummabundi of the current Fusly, and a report on the subject of this Register, with a copy of it, will then be submitted to the Board.

5. The Register A, alluded to in my letter above quoted, is to be prepared in conformity with the rules appended to the Orders of Government noted marginally. It is intended to embrace lands of all descriptions, not wet lands alone. Its correct preparation is a most important work, and the application I have made for certain allowances towards its completion will I trust be complied with, with the least possible delay. I am most anxious good progress should be made before the monsoon, and the time is rapidly passing. I should have replied to the Board's last Proceedings sooner, but was on circuit in Wynad when they reached me and reference to the records was necessary.

Extract Minutes Consultation dated 28th June 1855, No. 779, Revenue Department.

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1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the consideration and decision of Government.

2. Mr. Ballard in fact applies for permission to expend an estimated sum of Rupees 12,000 in two years, at the rate of Rupees 500 monthly (or a proportionally less amount, if he intends to include the monsoon months in the period he names for completing the work), for batta and rewards to Gumashtas and Menons to be employed specially on the preparation of Register A for his District, together with sketch maps to show each field in the Register, and for the pay of substitutes to be entertained for the performance of their ordinary work.

3. The men whom he selects for this special duty are those who received instruction in surveying under Mr. Robinson, and from the sketch map of one Amshom which he submits, it is evident that the Revenue Officers would derive considerable assistance from the proposed work. The specimen Register which he submits will show the slight variation proposed from the standard form of Register.

4. The Board without attaching any exaggerated idea of accuracy to the results to be obtained by the proposed method, are yet inclined to think that they will be worth the cost at the above estimate. It must be borne in mind that on the Western Coast, the Menons and Shamboguos of Malabar and Canara are not, as the Curnums of the rest of the Presidency village Officers, but *Range* Officers, whose circuits include several villages, and it is evident that they cannot undertake without assistance the task which when limited to a single village may not unreasonably be expected of a Curnum.

5. It is not likely that the scientific survey of the Western Coast Districts can be undertaken for many years to come, as the need of a survey for Revenue purposes is far less pressing, and the operation must from the tenure of land be much less directly remunerative to the State than in any other Ryotwary District. But it is very desirable to obtain as accurate registers as possible without undue cost, and Mr. Ballard's proposal appears to the Board likely to secure this end to a considerable extent.

6. His indent for stationery will be disposed of in accordance with the Government decision for or against his scheme.

7. The papers will be communicated to the Acting Collector of South Canara with the request that he will consider and report how far a similar scheme may be carried out in his District.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd December 1863.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1863, No. 2,196.

1. The Governor in Council sanctions a grant of Rupees 12,000 for the preparation of the Register with the sketch maps as proposed.

2. The Board will arrange all details with the Collector and provide the sum required for 1864-65 in the Budget. The expenditure of the current year must be met out of savings un der the head of Land Revenue, and the Board will communicate with the Accountant General on the subject.

3. The Collector will submit a report of progress accompanied with a few maps at the end of each year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 6,585.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th October 1863.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 18th September 1863, No. 207:—

1. The Board are aware that the preparation of Register A of lands, boundaries, &c., in this District has, from various causes, been long postponed.

2. It is now being commenced in earnest, and I am very desirous that the work should be really satisfactorily performed.

3. With this view I have directed the preparation of sketch maps showing each field or other portion of ground bearing a separate number in the Register.

4. The Menons complain a good deal of having this work to do; but with a little assistance, and a great deal of looking after, I doubt not they will accomplish it satisfactorily.

I hope therefore the Board will be pleased to sanction an expenditure which is certainly trifling compared with the advantages to be gained.

5. There are about a dozen men now variously employed as Gumastahs, &c., and about twice as many Menons who learned surveying under Mr. Robinson.

I propose collecting these and distributing them throughout the Taluks to instruct (where necessary), and to superintend the Menons in their measurements, and the preparation of their plans.

The work will be arduous, and batta must be allowed to all these Superintendents, whilst in a few cases I shall have to pay substitutes.

6. I therefore request the Board's sanction for the expenditure of Rupees 500 monthly, which will be somewhat as follows:—

	Per mensem. Rupees.
12 Gumastahs, batta at 7 Rupees	84
4 " pay for substitutes at 15 Rupees each	60
18 Menons, batta at 6 Rupees	108
Pay for substitutes, at 6 Rupees	108
Batta to Menons who distinguish themselves by accurate and speedy preparation of Registers and plans	140
Total	500

7. I have only allowed for four substitutes for Gumastahs as I shall be able to employ some Revenue Inspectors and a few Gumastahs without appointing regular substitutes.

If I am entrusted with the means of rewarding some of the most diligent; it will, combined with examples in the event of negligence which I will not fail to make, have a very stimulating effect on all.

8. A supply of stationery is absolutely necessary. I append an account particular of what is required, and request it may be sanctioned.

9. I may observe that in two Amshoms* of the Calicut Taluk of which the Registers have been prepared lands rightly bearing aggregate assessments of about Rupees 50 and 70 respectively, but which had not previously been brought to account, have been discovered in the late examination; and I believe an increase in the Land Revenue of about Rupees 5,000 annually, due to this cause, may be looked for.

I trust that this may be taken into consideration.

10. I believe the Registers for the whole District may be efficiently prepared in about two years.

* A sketch Map of one of these (the Nagaram Amshom) has just been completed.
I send it for inspection, and request it may be speedily returned as it is required for reference here.
I cannot expect that many of the sketches will be as good as this one, but they will be good enough to be of much practical utility. This sketch has been prepared by a Gumastah and Menon. The sketch is minutely accurate though, as will be seen, it conveys a very fair general idea of the ground.
An example of the Register prepared is also sent.

I can only say that if the expenditure I have proposed is sanctioned, no effort shall be spared to have work done that will be well worth it, and to have it done as speedily as possible.

11. Provision will be made in my next Supplemental Budget Estimate to meet the proposed expenditure.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Account Particular of Stationery required for preparing the Village Register A.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Register A of lands, &c.

In the above letter, the Collector in applying for certain extra Temporary Establishments for the preparation of the Land Registers in his District, states that the work is now being commenced in earnest, and will be finished in about two years. The Board have, however, observed from the late Collector Mr. Grant's letter to the Honorable Mr. Pelly, dated 25th July 1861, No. 2,135, paragraphs 2 to 4, that the Village Land Registers were then in progress, and in paragraph 6 of the same letter, Mr. Grant expressed his hope of being able in the next season to send up to the Board a fairly correct Land Register of Malabar. The Board request to be informed what difference will exist between these Registers and those which Mr. Ballard now proposes to draw up, and also what progress has been made with those to which Mr. Grant referred. More than two years having elapsed since the date of that report, it is reasonable to suppose that the work must have been completed, and if this is not the case, the Collector will explain fully why the work is still incomplete.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No. 1863. Department.

Dated 13*th October* 1863.

Despatched

Received

No. 6,585.

Calling for explanation on the delay of the preparation of the Land Registers in the Malabar District.

No. 7,004.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th November 1863.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 26th September 1863, No. 214:—

1. In reply to your Official Memorandum No. 753, dated 22nd instant, I have the honor to observe that I wish to commence expenditure at once as the work has already commenced.

2. I was under the impression that a Supplemental Budget Estimate could be submitted for this year's charges, but I have now to state that the expenditure proposed can be met from the sum of Rupees 15,000, provided for the refund of stamps if no objection exists to the measure.

Accorded, with reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 13th October 1863.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. A. Ballard, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3d Decem 63.

Read the following Progs of
the Board of Revenue

Submitting with pro
-marks letter from the Collector of
Malabar explaining the difference
between the Land Register & proposed
of by Mr Grant and the Register
Ll adverted to in their letter of 18th
September

(Rec'd under 12th November 1863)

The Governor in
Council sanctions a grant of
Rupees 12,000 for the prepara-
-tion of the Register with the
sketch maps as proposed.

The Board will ar-
-range all details with the
Collector and provide the
sum required for 1864/5 in
the Budget. The expenditure
of the current year must
be met out of savings under
the head of Land Revenue
and the Board will com-
-municate with the Accountt
General

Transmitted to the Board of Revenue
for Rec'd & the Records
Fort St. G. Dated 12th
Nov/63. SR—

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Rd 29 Dec 63—

Dated 4th November 1863.

No. 7,004.

Recording letter from the Collector of Mala-
bar, stating with reference to the Board's
Official Memorandum, No. 753, dated 22nd
instant, that he wishes to commence expendi-
ture at once, as the work has already com-
menced and that the expenditure proposed can
be met from the sum of Rupees 15,000 provided
for the refund of Stamps.

General on the subject

The Collector will submit a report of progress accompanied with a few maps at the end of each year.

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Dt 3d December 1863.
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No 2637.

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A grant of Rs 12,000
for the preparation of
Village Registers in
Malabar, sanctioned.

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