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From,

R. B. Master Esq^{re},

Officiating Director of Revenue Settlements

To,

J. D. Sim Esq^{re},

Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department,

Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward the usual return of work performed, and expenditure incurred by the Survey and Settlement Departments during the Quarter ending the 30th June last.

Settlement

2. In the Eastern District for the reasons given in para 2 of my report for the previous Quarter, no regular field work was carried on, and the expenditure entered against it consists of the pay of the establishment retained at Head Quarters and employed on the preparation of Settlement Registers and in such other minor duties as could be found for them, or detached to the field to revise or correct demarcation where required. The expenditure has however been much smaller

smaller than it otherwise would have been, owing to my having, as already reported, reduced the field branches of the party. The reduction did not take place till the middle of the Quarter. The charge has been further diminished by the employment of the two Assistant Directors, in Sturmoal, to which District their salaries and the salaries of their establishments have consequently been debited.

3. The original field operations, in Sturmoal had been virtually brought to a close by the end of the 1st Quarter, and the Establishments were chiefly employed during the second Quarter, in receipt duties. The Government will recollect that this party worked through the whole of the previous year without a receipt, and it was consequently entitled to a double one on the completion of the field work. The increased expenditure in demarcation in this party is attributable to the transfer of Assistant Directors from the Kistna District in order to strengthen the Superintending European Agency and to expedite the work. The measure was reported in my letter of the 26th January last No 89 and was approved

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approved by Government in their order of the 30th idem No 209. The Settlement report has been received from the Deputy Director, is now in the Draft, and will shortly be submitted to Government through the Board.

4. In the Godavery District, further progress has been made in the preparation of the Settlement Registers for the Central and Eastern Deltas. Correct areas have been received for a large number of villages and as soon as the remainder are furnished, the results of applying to them the rates already proposed will be calculated and submitted.

5. The outturn of work in Nellore shows a marked improvement over that of the previous quarter though it is still below the standard. That the full area has not been demarcated is attributable partly to the causes mentioned in para 5 of my letter of the 17th February last, No 201, but in a great measure also, to the extreme apathy and indifference of the ryots, the long distances which the establishments have had to travel, and to the unprecedented number of boundary

boundary disputes.

6. In Salem, in addition to the correction of demarcation going on in the low Country where the Survey operations are in progress, the demarcation of the Estates on the Sheraroy Hills was revised during the Quarter, and the expenditure includes the Military allowances and Staff pay of an Assistant Director and the pay of his Establishments employed on the duty.

7. In Tinnevely, the estimated standard has been very nearly attained, and the work is reported to be of a permanent character, both village and field marks being for the most part constructed entirely of stone, the use of Eastern mounds being of rare occurrence.

8. The out-turn of work in Coimbatore is considerably below the estimated standard. The work was greatly impeded by the difficulty of obtaining the attendance of the Gurnasms, the services of a great number of whom were simultaneously required by the Settlement and the ordinary Revenue Departments, as well as by the Income Commission. There has always been a greater difficulty in procuring good men for the Department in Coimbatore, than in any other District and it

it has been no easy matter to replace subordinates dismissed for incompetency.

9. In the Wynad the work was almost brought to a stand still by the unusual heaviness with which the South West Monsoon set in, and was afterwards impeded by sickness and the difficulty of obtaining labor.

10. In Trichinopoly the expenditure on Assessments has been Rs 9,631. As regards this District, I beg to refer to the remarks made in para 7 of my letter of the 19th June. The Deputy Director has been anxiously awaiting the orders of Government on the Settlement. As those orders might be expected at any moment, it was not considered expedient to discharge the establishments, which had been kept in readiness for the introduction of the new assessment. Mr Luckie has utilized them as far as possible by employing them in the preparation of rough puttahs, in effecting the numerous alterations required in the Registers to make them represent the state of affairs as at present existing, and in other miscellaneous and preliminary work, but I need hardly

hardly say that the results are inadequate to the large expenditure incurred. I fear I shall have to make a similar unfavorable report for the quarter which has just closed. The current Fund has now too far advanced to admit of the New Settlement being introduced this year, and though it may be explained to the ryots in anticipation, it cannot now be brought into force till July 1864.

11. I venture to take this opportunity respectfully to bring to the notice of Government the very mischievous effect which the present uncertain state of the Department has on all who belong to it, and this uncertain state has now lasted more than a year. Not only do the prevalent rumors of the intended & speedy abolition of the Department deter men who have the slightest chance of obtaining employment of a more permanent character elsewhere, from entering it, but, those already in the service embrace every opportunity of leaving it, willingly accepting offices of very inferior emolument to those they at present hold,

11. Hold, in consideration of the permanency of employment. I cannot well refuse permission to resign, to those who ask for it on the above account, though as no fit successors can be found for them, the establishments are necessarily crippled in consequence. Those who remain, knowing that their services may be dispensed with at a moment's notice, and being without the stimulus which permanent tenure of office, and the hope of promotion give to employees in other Departments of the Government service, work with diminished energy and zeal.

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12. The decrease in the out-turn of work in Salem is attributed to a good number of Amiens being employed in office.

13. In Furnool, and Godavery, the survey operations were much impeded by the heavy fall of rain the number of days lost in travelling, and the absence of the villagers.

14. There is a great improvement in the work of the Mistra Party in the current Quarter, the estimated standard having been

exceeded

exceeded by about 35 square miles.

15. In the party working in Coimbatore, Wynad, and Sinnerelly, the full number of Amiens was not employed.

16. In Nellore, the work was much impeded by rain, travelling, and the absence of the villagers.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

M. M. M.

Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement

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S. D. Sin Esqre

Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department

For St. George

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Return of work and expenditure in the Settlement and Survey Departments for the 3^d quarter ending 30th June 1803.

Names of Districts	Standard Actual work				Differ- ence between Col. 2 & 5.	Average Cost per square mile.	Average Cost per square mile.
	1	2	3	4			
	by 2 miles	by 3 miles	by 4 miles	by 5 miles			
<u>Demarcation</u>							
Kistna	"	"	"	"	"	212.23	"
Kurnool	375	0	"	0	- 369	10,542	"
Godavary	"	"	"	"	"	56	"
Nellore	375	180	94	274	- 101	10,547	38 7 11
Salem	"	"	"	"	"	3702	"
Sinnerelly	375	188	174	362	- 13	11,470	31 11 9
Coimbatore	375	109	71	180	- 195	11,185	02 2 3
Wynad	44	17	"	17	- 27	1,569	92 4 8

Classification and Apportionment.

Kistna	"	"	"	"	"	7158	"
Kurnool	"	"	"	"	"	9887	"
Godavary	"	"	"	"	"	2938	"
Sinnerelly	"	"	"	"	"	7631	"
Total	"	"	"	"	"	29,614	"

Survey.

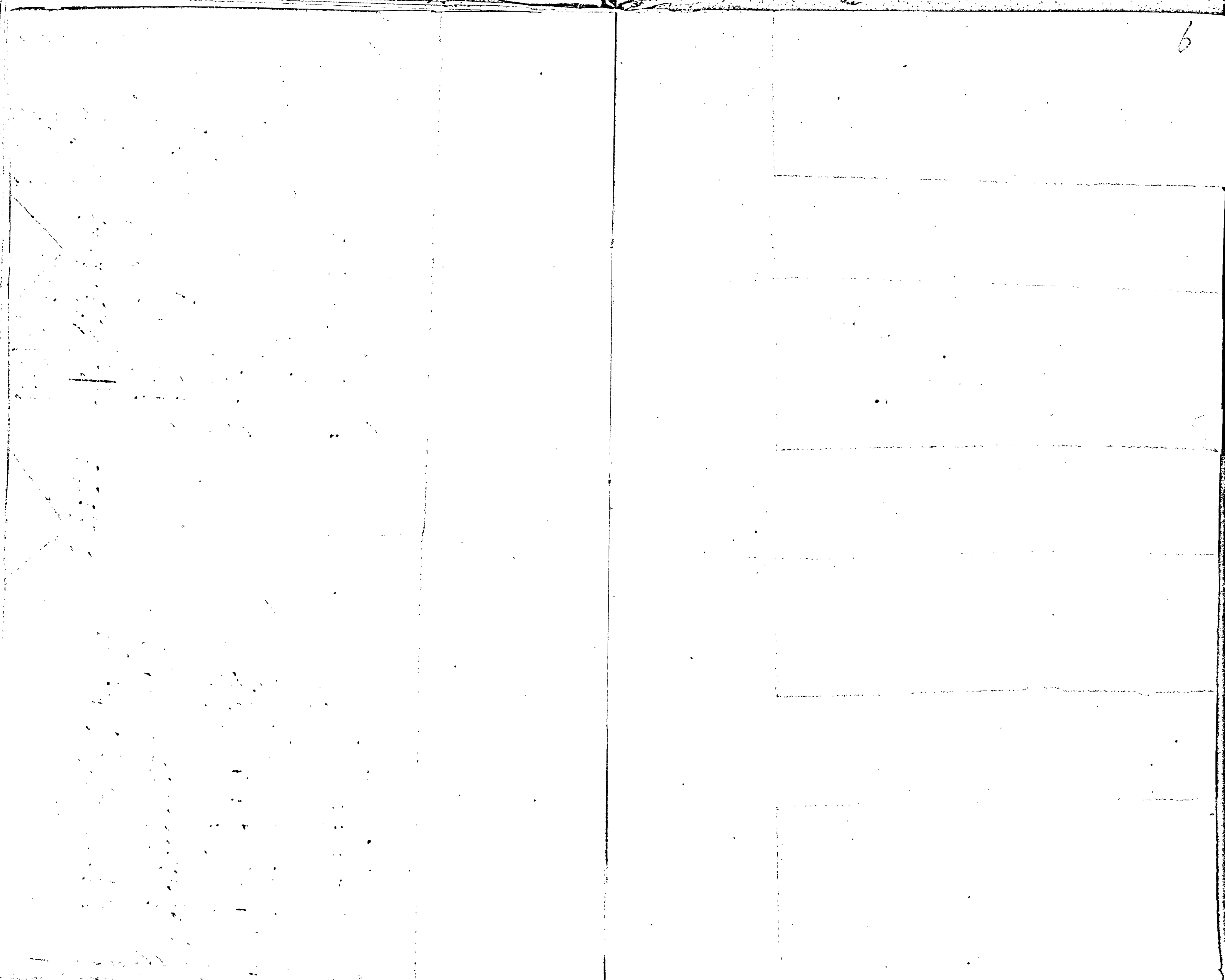
Particulars	Definitive Area per actual				Differ- ence between Col. 2 & 3.	Average cost per square mile.	Average cost per square mile.
	1 by 2 miles	2 by 3 miles	3 by 4 miles	4 by 5 miles			
1. Salem	350	108	182	18,081	111 3 2	"	"
2. Sinnerelly	350	269	01	15,776	54 9 5	"	"
3. Kurnool	350	385	35	21,394	55 9 1	"	"
4. Coimbatore	350	114	1	7,911	09 0 4	"	"
5. Wynad	350	9	200	567	"	"	"
6. Sinnerelly	350	30	3	7,633	212 0 5	"	"
7. Nellore	350	220	130	17,011	80 0 10	"	"
Total	1750	1212	538	99,287	81 14 9	"	"

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The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
John W. Lewis

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2^d Quarter of 1863.

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