

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1832	Press
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th October 1864.*

No. 43. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1864,
No. 5,195.

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated Sydapet,
3rd August 1864, No. 350 :—

1. In the Order of Government, dated the 6th July last, No. 1,167, sanction was given for a reduction in the present Punjab assessment of this District; and the Board in forwarding the order, requested me to submit detailed proposals for carrying out this revision, together with the opinion of Messrs. Ellis and Banbury.

2. Mr. Banbury, whom the Government authorized me to employ in carrying out the revision, having been appointed to act for Mr. Robinson in North Arcot, I request the Board will favor me with their instructions as to what arrangements should now be made.

3. If the revision is to be deferred until Mr. Banbury rejoins the District, I fear it will be too late to do any thing this year, and a large amount of land will, as last year, remain uncultivated.

4. Although the Government have acknowledged that there is a great necessity for reducing the Punjab rates throughout the whole of this District, and have accordingly sanctioned it, yet they now in paragraph 19 of their Order recommend that the revision should at first be confined to one Talook only, to be selected by the Collector in communication with the Board. I beg however the Board will obtain permission to introduce it throughout the District as, if done in only one Talook, the Ryots of the other Talooks would naturally be dissatisfied at the delay, which would take place before that which is an acknowledged necessity would be undertaken to their lands.

5. In revising all the District at once, I anticipate no great difficulty, as the accounts connected with the transfer of Manavari Nunjah to Punjab are already completed in three out of the six Talooks; and therefore in those three Talooks all that would have to be done would be to reduce the rates lately assessed upon the Manavari Nunjah to the scale now sanctioned by the Government.

6. The people in the District having entertained great hopes of a general revision this year, a delay now would cause them much disappointment. If it were carried out at once, a great deal of waste would be reclaimed, and thus an increase to the revenue at once realized. Mr. Ellis in his letter dated the 12th May 1863, No. 162, recommended that as certain villages transferred from North Arcot had not shared in the reductions effected in that District, they should now be re-assessed on the principle of the North Arcot revision. The Board in paragraph 24 of their Proceedings dated the 5th April last, supported Mr. Ellis's recommendation; but the Government have not remarked on that point in their Order of the 16th July last, although disposing in it of the whole question of revision of assessment in this District. I request therefore the Board will let me know whether I may give orders for revising the assessment of the North Arcot villages on the above-said principle. Even this portion of the work might be conveniently executed this year through the agency of the Tahsildars, with a Gumastah detached from the Establishment engaged in revising the Manawary Nunjah assessment.

7. There are twenty-five Amani villages in this District which have also to be assessed; and as they will have to be first surveyed and classified, I beg to suggest that a Deputy Collector be specially appointed to this District for this work, and he could, till Mr. Banbury's return, do not only the above work, but also superintend the revision of the Punjab assessment, and after Mr. Banbury's arrival could assist him in the current duties of the Sub-division.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government, with reference to their Proceedings quoted by the Collector. The Board think it highly desirable that the revision should be made under the supervision of a qualified Officer of the Covenanted Service; but they fear that Mr. Banbury's services may not be available for some time to come, and they are unwilling to lose the year.

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2. As regards the twenty-five Amani villages, the Board observe that they have been surveyed as accurately as the rest of the District by the old native system of Pymaish, and that the lands have been roughly classed by Azmaishdars, which classification doubtless needs to be tested; but the Board do not think it necessary that these villages should be scientifically surveyed and classified until the whole District is undertaken.

3. Mr. Fane has omitted to observe that the Government have sanctioned the revision of the classification of the Nunjah land as well as that of the Punjab assessment.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1864, No. 1,832.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government adhere to their decision that the revision of a single Talook should first be taken in hand. They will place the services of Deputy Collector M. Devasigamoney Pillay temporarily at the Collector's disposal for the purpose. The Deputy Collector will draw the allowances of the third grade while thus employed.

2. The Amany and North Arcot villages can be dealt with in the course of the present revision as parts of the Madras District. No survey of the latter is at present necessary as remarked by the Board.

3. The Board had better confer personally with the Collector and give him all necessary instructions, as from his present letter the Government do not gather that he understands that the revision is to be based on the productive powers of the chief classes of land.

Vide Paragraph 18 G. O. 6th July 1864, No. 1,167.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 5th October 1864 -
Read the following from the B of Revenue
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the arrangements should be made for carrying out
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16 July 1864. No 1167.

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Having also Collected the same money, I have delivered it to the Collector's Office at the College, and directed for the same to be paid for the purpose of the revision of the document with the Madras District.

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