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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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30th April 1864.*

No. 469. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th April 1864, No. 2,530.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Madras, 21st April 1864, No. 497-20 :—

1. Referring to paragraph 11 of the Order of Government dated 5th instant, No. 577, directing me to ascertain the special aid which will be required by the Deputy Director to enable him to meet the wishes of Government for the immediate introduction of the new settlement in Trichinopoly, I have the honor to forward correspondence as per margin, and to request that the Board will submit it to Government with their remarks.

From Dy Director to Offg. Director, 9th April 1864, No 38.
From Offg. Director to Collector, 12th " " 457.
From Collector to Offg. Director, 16th " " 40.

2. It will be seen that Mr. Puckle does not ask for further additions to his own establishment. He requests merely that the services of the Tahsildar and Head Gumashta of each Talook may be placed exclusively at his disposal during its settlement (calculated to last three months in each case), and that if convenient, the Collector's Sheristadar and Head Revenue Jawabneviss should be alternately attached to the Settlement Cutcherry to aid in the work.

3. Before submitting Mr. Puckle's proposal I deemed it advisable to consult the Collector upon it, and his reply forms one of the enclosures to this letter. Mr. Fraser, it will be observed, concurs generally in Mr. Puckle's proposals, only in place of sending his Sheristadar and Head Moonshee alternately to do duty in the Settlement Office, he would detach the former Officer for the whole period required for the introduction of the settlement. I am disposed to think Mr. Fraser's proposal an improvement on Mr. Puckle's, and for the reason given in paragraph 4 of the Collector's letter, beg to recommend it for adoption, the services of the Tahsildar and Head Gumashta of each Talook being also granted for the time being.

4. I shall have no difficulty in providing from the Settlement Budget for the pay of the substitutes for the revenue servants, who will thus be temporarily employed on other duty, if the Board approve the arrangement, and if the Government will sanction the disbursement.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Deputy Director Revenue Settlement, to R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated Trichinopoly, 9th April 1864, No. 38.

1. I have the honor to return the original Proceedings of Government that accompanied your Proceedings, No. 402-75, dated 6th instant, and as requested, to report on the amount of aid I shall require to carry out the settlement of the Trichinopoly District.

2. As soon as a form of proclamation has been approved of, I shall be able to issue rough Puttahs for the Konad division of the Trichinopoly Talook. Many of the Curnums are already in possession of the village maps and field books, and from ten to fifteen days will be time quite sufficient for the people to compare the entries in the new Puttahs with those of former years; to detect all errors in them; to complete all pending arrangements for the sale or transfer of property; and generally to determine whether or no they have any complaints to make; the Curnums of four or five villages at a time will then attend on a certain day, to return the rough Puttahs of all those who are satisfied with them; and to furnish all information needed regarding complaints preferred.

3. As each village is disposed of the Puttahs will be fair copied, and the Register printed or written as may be determined on, and in this manner I calculate on settling an average of four villages daily, or 1,000 villages in the year of 250 working days.

4. The District contains 1,254 villages, and supposing I am able to commence on the 1st proximo, it will be completed by about the end of the coming Fusly (1270), Captain Leggatt will as heretofore remain in office, and relieve me of the supervision of the establishment, and of all details connected with the correction and copying of Registers and Puttahs.

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5. I doubt whether I could advantageously employ the services of another European Assistant, particularly in actual settlement, for which local experience and a knowledge of all the preliminary processes of the work are above all things necessary, yet at the same time there probably will be many stereotyped complaints that require no special orders, and which might be handed over to an Assistant for inquiry and disposal; but on this subject I shall be able to report with greater certainty when the Jamabundy of a few villages has been made.

6. It is however of the first importance that the services of the experienced native Revenue officials of the District, should be placed at my disposal. The Tahsildar and Head Gumashta of each Talook should be relieved of all other duty while the settlement of their Talook is being made, and if convenient to the Collector, the Head Sheristadar and Hoozoor Revenue Jawabneviss alternately should be attached to the settlement Cutcherry to aid in the conduct of the work.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, dated Madras, 12th April 1864, No. 457-70.

1. I have the honor to annex copy of a letter from my Deputy in Trichinopoly, and with reference to paragraph 6, to request you will inform me whether you will be able to afford him the assistance therein asked for. You will observe that Mr. Puckle estimates that the settlement of the District will occupy fifteen months, or about three months to each Talook, during which time he wishes to have the services of its Tahsildar and his Head Gumashta placed at his disposal. I shall be prepared to provide out of the Settlement Budget for the pay of an Acting Tahsildar and an Acting Gumashta to re-place the permanent servants who will thus be temporarily employed on other duty, and if you agree to the arrangement, I will report it to the Board for their approval.

2. I shall also be glad to be favored with your opinion on Mr. Puckle's further proposal that the Head Sheristadar and Hoozoor Revenue Jawabneviss should alternately be attached to his Cutcherry. I think the arrangement a most desirable one if it can be made. By the Order of Government of the 11th April 1862, No. 816, Mr. Puckle was appointed a Special Assistant to the Collector of Trichinopoly for the express purpose of introducing the settlement, and in their subsequent Order of the 7th May 1862, No. 996, the Government approved of the settlement being made with the aid of the Collector's establishment.

3. As no time should be lost in commencing the introduction of the new settlement, I request the favor of an early reply.

(True Copy.)

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

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly, to R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated 16th April 1864, No. 40.

No. 457-70, dated 12th April 1864.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter noted in the margin.

2. I have no objection whatever to offer to the Tahsildar and Head Gumashta of each Talook being placed at Mr. Puckle's entire disposal during the settlement of it. I do not anticipate any difficulty in finding efficient substitutes for them.

3. I also agree with Mr. Puckle that it would be most advisable to have the aid of an experienced Hoozoor Revenue servant, like the Head Sheristadar or Revenue Jawabneviss to aid him. But as I should lose the services of one or other during a period of fifteen months, I beg to state that I cannot do without a substitute for so long. I would therefore propose that the Head Sheristadar be attached to Mr. Puckle's Cutcherry, during the whole time that the settle-

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4. I need hardly point out how advantageous it would be to the Collector of the District in future that his Sheristadar should, under the supervision of Mr. Puckle, help in the introduction of the new assessment. By this the Sheristadar will have the new system at his own fingers ends, and thoroughly understanding it himself, will be of the greatest use to the Collector in working it and explaining any of its minutiae.

Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the arrangements proposed by Mr. Puckle, and approved by the Collector of Trichinopoly and by the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, be sanctioned, the additional expense involved by the employment of substitutes in the Collector's Department being charged to the Settlement Department.

No. 470.

ORDER THEREON 30th April 1864, No. 748.

Sanctioned as proposed by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Director of Revenue Settlement.

„ the Accountant General.

„ the Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to R. E. Master, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement,
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Exd. J. Wright.

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