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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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inserted after the final completion of the Settlement and the preparation of the Registers. The Maps, consequently, cannot be issued at the actual introduction of the Settlement, when they are so much required, and for many Districts their completion must be indefinitely postponed. If the symbols are dispensed with, the lithographic establishment may be kept in full work. Each Village Map will be lithographed as it is received from the Deputy Superintendent, and the requisite number of copies struck off at once. As for the future, the survey of a district will always be completed long before its Settlement is taken in hand, the settling Officer will be put in possession of all the Village Maps before, instead of after, introducing his Settlement. Although the Maps will thus be only in outline, there will be nothing to prevent any person from coloring or inserting symbols in his copy at pleasure, and in one respect the blank Map will be a positive advantage. The Collector will be able to color one copy to shew the different kinds of cultivation, another to exhibit the different kinds of soil in the village, and so on. Something

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Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2.—Maps.

1. Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted for the Orders of Government.

2. On re-consideration, the Board are of opinion that it will be decidedly advantageous to omit the symbols from the Maps. It is obvious that if they are inserted, the Maps will every day become more incorrect as means of irrigation are improved with the progress of years. The convenience of the Officer introducing the Settlement will also be materially consulted by supplying him with copies of the Maps at an early stage of his proceedings.

No. 226.

Land Revenue.

Order thereon, 14th July 1865, No. 1,613.

1. The omission of symbols is sanctioned as proposed.

2. It is observed that the Registers furnish all, and more than all the information the symbols were intended to afford; that that information was only technically correct, as for instance, wet cultivation under a private well would have been symbolized as dry; that the information can never long continue to be correct; that the omission of symbols will greatly expedite the work; and that the most experienced Settlement Officers have found them practically useless and often a positive obstacle.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 3,155.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th June 1865.

Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 30th May 1865, No. 527-17:—

1. In their Proceedings of the 14th October 1863, No. 6,590, the Board approved the proposal made by me, in communication with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Mr. Puckle, that such of the Trichinopoly village maps as required numerous corrections, to make them correspond in all respects with the estate of affairs at the time of the settlement, should be re-lithographed, as well as the further proposal that for the future, the printing of the maps should be deferred till the final preparation of the Registers. In accordance with the first of the above named arrangements copies of the Settlement Registers, now in course of being printed for the villages in the Trichinopoly District, have from time to time, been forwarded to the Survey Office, and from them, the maps have been corrected, being re-lithographed where the alterations to be made were numerous, and the maps originally struck off being corrected when the alterations were few. Corrected copies of numerous village maps have been forwarded to Mr. Puckle, but much still remains to be done, and a long time must elapse before the work is completed, for the printing of the Registers is likely to last nearly a year longer, and it is obvious that the maps can only be corrected as the printed Registers are received.

2. In the meantime Mr. Puckle is most anxious to be put in possession of maps for all the villages, that he may complete his settlement. He states that the entry of the symbols for wet and dry, cultivation or waste, &c., are not necessary for settlement purposes; all that he requires being an outline map showing the number of each Survey field, and exhibiting also the tanks, roads, village site, &c.

3. The Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey at this stage comes forward with a suggestion of so practical a character, and one which so immediately and completely removes the difficulty in which we are placed, that, with the concurrence of Mr. Puckle, I have at once authorized its adoption in anticipation of the Board's sanction. Captain Hessey proposes, that, instead of correcting or re-lithographing the remaining maps, those already lithographed, should be made use of, being treated as if they were mere outline maps, a small printed slip intimating that the symbols are to be ignored being pasted on each. By the adoption of this simple plan the maps, instead of being furnished gradually during the next fourteen months, will be available for Mr. Puckle at once, and he will be enabled to complete his settlement without further delay.

4. It is my intention shortly to address the Board on the question of the manner in which the maps should in future be lithographed, and to suggest some modifications in the system at present in force.

Under the circumstances represented by the Officiating Director, the Board approve of the course which he has adopted. On receipt of the communication referred to in the concluding paragraph of his letter, the matter will be re-submitted for the consideration of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To R. E. Master, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

Copy to Captain W. H. Hessey, Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. J. Wright.

Enclosure in the Ofg Letter
from Revd to the Asst Secy to
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 12th June 1865.

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No. 3,155.

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