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No. 516. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd August 1865, No. 1,014-34 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward the usual return of work performed, and expenditure incurred by the Settlement Department, during the first and second quarters of the current year 1865. No return is forwarded for the Survey Department, the Acting Superintendent having been instructed in Proceedings of Government, dated the 1st June last, No. 1,171, to submit his return in future direct.

2. In the Kistna, Godavery, Nellore, and Salem Districts, no fresh field work was carried on during the quarters under report. In the first named District the assessment at the sanctioned rates was calculated for all the villages in the Masulipatam portion, for which the necessary records were forthcoming; and the calculations for many villages were also tested. Asamiwar accounts for seventeen villages were prepared, but as the introduction of the new Settlement could not be effected in the past Fusly, for reasons with which the Government are acquainted, it was considered advisable to postpone the further preparation of these accounts, till the commencement of the current revenue year, in order that they might be framed on the basis of the occupation of the year in which the Settlement will be introduced. Now, however they are in active progress.

3. During the second quarter fresh Classification Registers were partially prepared for all the villages, the records of which were lost in the cyclone, with the view of lightening the work of the Classifiers, and expediting the re-classification which has been commenced in the current quarter under the orders of Government, dated the 10th May 1865, No. 970.

4. Abstracts of the Classification Registers for 209 out of 517 villages in the Guntoor portion, which were recovered after the inundation, were also prepared. The trifling increase in the expenditure during the half-year is owing to the additional establishment entertained to prepare accounts for the introduction of the new settlement.

5. In Kurnool the particulars of the new Settlement were explained to the Ryots of 151 villages of the Ramalakota, Nandikotkur, and Nundial Talooks, for which the survey field areas had been received. In the Office, the Inám and Classification Registers were compared, and Abstracts of Classification prepared for a number of villages. The Telugu portion of diglott Settlement Registers for thirty villages were written and transmitted to the Central Office, where the English entries are being made preparatory to the Registers being sent to the Press. The decrease in the expenditure is attributable to the establishments employed on revision in this District during the second half-year of 1864, having been transferred to Cuddapah in the first quarter of 1865.

6. As regards field work the Talook of Patticonda was taken up in the second quarter under the Order of Government, dated 18th February, No. 366, and its demarcation and classification commenced.

7. In the Godavery District further progress has been made in the correction of the erroneous entries of wet and dry in the Settlement Registers of the Western Delta Talooks. The orders of Government on the proposed Settlement of the Central and Eastern Deltas and Upland Talooks were received on the 29th May

1865, but certain of the rates proposed being objected to, a further reference to Government became necessary, and was made on the 6th July last, No. 747. In the meanwhile, and pending the receipt of final orders, the calculations of Fieldwar assessment and the preparation of Asamiwar accounts for the Delta Talooks have been commenced and will be pushed on as far as possible. I hope there will be nothing to prevent the introduction of the new Settlement simultaneously with the Jamabundy of the current Fusly. The expenditure incurred during the half-year is on the whole less than in the previous one.

8. In Nellore the bulk of the establishments was placed during the half-year at the disposal of the Collector for Settlement operations under the Orders of Government, 12th and 27th December 1864, Nos. 2,243 and 2,326, pending the organization of the Collector's separate Settlement Establishment. This latter having been raised on the 1st July, the Nellore Demarcation Party was broken up from the same date, a few hands only being retained for a time to assist the Survey Department. The expenditure incurred during the half-year is less than in the previous one, owing to the gradual reduction of the Establishment.

9. In Salem 179 square miles were re-demarcated, and the revision of work completed during the half-year. The decrease in the expenditure here also is owing to the reduction of Establishments.

10. In Cuddapah the area accomplished both in demarcation and classification is below the standard. The short work is attributed to the time taken up in writing the village accounts which, in consequence of the paucity of the Curnams, had unavoidably fallen into arrears; to the progress of the Jamabundy; to the time lost in travelling; and to the small sizes of the fields in the Sidhout Talook. There have also been severe out-breaks of cholera.

11. Attention was paid during the first quarter to experiments of produce, of which 405 were made chiefly in Jonna, Raghi, and Paddy. More experiments would have been made in the first named crop, had it not failed in many villages. The increase in the expenditure in both branches of the operation is attributable to the establishments having been maintained at full strength.

12. In Tinnevelly the work during the half-year is stated to have been impeded by the absence of the Curnams at the Jamabundy, and at the Office of the Inám Deputy Collector, and also by a portion of the establishment having been employed in the revision of back work. The expenditure of the half-year is about the same as in the previous one.

13. In Coimbatore the bulk of the establishments having been employed on revision, the out-turn during the half-year was necessarily small. The decrease in the expenditure is owing to the dismissal of many incompetent Gumashtas, whose places could not be immediately supplied.

14. In Trichinopoly Puttahs were distributed for the Musiri, Kulatalai, Perambalur, Trichinopoly, and Odiarpolliam Talooks, and the Settlement of the District was finally completed by the end of May. A report shewing the actual financial results has been sent in, and on receipt of certain further information, which the Deputy Director has been requested to supply, will be submitted to Government through the Board. The Registers of 416 villages were written in diglott, and 299 were printed during the half-year. The increase in the charges is chiefly in the item of printing.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th August 1865.

Return of work and expenditure in the Settlement Department for the first and second Quarters of 1865.

Names of Districts.	Standard estimate for the 1st and 2nd quarters of a year.	Actual work.		Total work.	Difference.	Expenditure.	Average cost per square mile.
		In completed villages.	In villages in progress.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	S. Miles.	S. Miles.	S. Miles.	S. Mls.	S. Miles.	RS.	RS. A. P.
			Demarcation.				
Kistna	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	315	... ...
Kurnool	750	3	51	54	— 325	2,871	53 2 8
Cuddapah		345	26	371		21,264	57 5 1
Godavery	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	172	... ...
Nellore	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	4,733	... ...
Salem	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	3,253	... ...
Tinnevelly... ...	750	143	142	285	— 465	19,304	67 11 9
Coimbatore ...	750	49	32	81	— 669	19,965	... ...
Total...	2,250	540	251	791	—1,459	71,877	... ...
Add cost of boundary pillars...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	2,906	... ...
						74,783	
Total of Kurnool, Cuddapah, and Tinnevelly ...	1,500	491	219	710	— 790	43,439	61 2 11
			Classification and Assessment.				
Kistna	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	3,868	... ...
Kurnool	750	.....	24	24	— 357	4,047	... ...
Cuddapah		345	24	369		22,204	60 2 9
Godavery	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	3,129	... ...
Nellore	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	15,204	... ...
Trichinopoly ...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	48,999	... ...
Total...	750	345	48	393	— 357	97,451	... ...
Add charges not debitable to any District	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	1,487	... ...
						98,938	

Madras,
23rd *August* 1865.

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

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30th August 1865.

No. 517. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1865, No. 2,033.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Pro 12th Dec 64 No 120 to 127
" 27th Dec 64 " 292-293
" 15th February 65 " 374-375
" 10th May 65 " 170-171
" 1st June 65 " 14-15

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From
The Obj Director
of Native Settlement
To The Sec to
Government
Native Department

Dated 73d Augt 1865
Recd 24th "
No 1014/34

Submitting with remarks the usual return of work performed and expenditure incurred by the Settlement Department during the 1st & 2d Quarters 1865 No 2033.

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30th Augt 1865

1 To Col Obj Dr Chief Engineer
14 Obj Officers
1 Chief Clerk

No 516 & 517

Exd. S. T. Augustin.