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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st October 1865.*

No. 404. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th
October 1865, No. 6,444.

Read Order of Government, dated 11th June 1863, No. 1,023.

1. On the recommendation of the Honorable Mr. Pelly that a small Survey Establishment be entertained permanently in each District, the Government, in paragraph 3 of the above Order, desired the Board to consult a few of the Collectors as to the need of such Establishments in their Districts, and the nature and amount of survey work which might annually be expected. The Board accordingly addressed a few of the Collectors on the subject, but the Honorable Mr. Pelly having circulated the Order of Government to all the Collectors, requesting them to report to the Board on the question, replies have been received from the Districts.

2. A file of these replies will now be submitted to Government. It will be seen, that all the Collectors, except those of the Districts noted in the margin, consider that a small Survey Establishment, such as that proposed by the Honorable

Vizagapatam.	Salem.
Nellore.	North Arcot.
Bellary.	Tanjore.

Mr. Pelly, would be of great service to them, if placed at their disposal, and that ample work for such an Establishment could be found throughout the year.

3. The Collector of Cuddapah would employ the Survey Establishment in surveying channels, new district roads, old ruined tanks set aside for repair by private enterprise. He states that it would be of service in the settlement of channel disputes, and in bringing to light concealed cultivation, &c. &c.

4. The Collector of Kurnool considers that the Survey Establishment would at once meet a great want in his District in connection with the lands to be made over to the Irrigation Company. The Collector of Madras states that the Establishment, if sanctioned would be employed in several ways, first, in surveying immemorial waste lands when they are required for actual cultivation, or for planting topes; secondly, in surveying the lands in the vicinity of towns when applied for building purposes; thirdly, in surveying lands in proprietary estates, and villages held on rent-free and other favorable tenure when they revert to Government; fourthly, in measuring lands when the occupants complain of an extraordinary deficiency or excess in their holding; and lastly, to measure concealed cultivation, or to settle, by correct measurement of actual areas, long pending boundary disputes.

5. The Collector of South Arcot attaches very great importance to the services of a Survey Establishment. He considers that such an Establishment would be a very valuable and useful adjunct to the Collector's office in every District. He reports that at present there are frequent boundary and other disputes, and numerous applications for immemorial and unoccupied waste lands, and that many of these, to the loss of Government, remain sometimes for a lengthened period undisposed of, simply from the want of adequate means to ascertain the correct facts, or any accurate information as to the area and various measurements necessary to enable the Revenue Officer to arrive at an equitable and satisfactory conclusion.

6. The Collectors of other Districts speak in similar terms of the proposal. In the Board's Circular, Collectors were desired to inquire from the Zillah Judges of their Districts, as to whether they would be willing to avail themselves of the services of trained Surveyors, charging the cost to the litigants in the suits concerned, but a few only of the Civil Judges are of opinion that the services of such persons would be of great assistance to the Courts. The Board, however, think that sufficient work can be found in the Revenue Department alone to keep the establishment fully occupied.

7. The Board have carefully considered all that has been said on the proposal by the Collectors, and they are of opinion that it is decidedly advisable to carry the proposal into effect. The increased attention which has been of late paid to Local Funds, and the large sums which are now placed at the Collector's disposal from this source, render it very desirable that an establishment of the sort should be attached to his Office. Mr. Pelly proposed two Surveyors, two Clerks, and two Peons, but the Board would recommend one Surveyor on seventy Rupees, one Clerk on twenty Rupees, and one Peon on seven Rupees, the whole cost amounting to Rupees ninety-seven a month. Whenever there may be much survey work in any District, in connection with applications for waste lands, the Collector might apply for a temporary establishment for such period as might be required, to be employed under the Surveyor. The Board understand that an additional number of Revenue Inspectors for each District has recently been applied for by Mr. Pelly; and when sanctioned, the Collector should find no difficulty in occasionally attaching one or two Inspectors to the Surveyor when any urgent work has to be carried out.

8. The cost of the establishment, as now recommended by the Board for the nineteen Districts, would be Rupees 1,843 per month, or Rupees 22,116 per annum. As the Board learn that the Tabular Statement of the General Revenue establishment has not yet been finally closed, they request that Mr. Pelly may be desired to include the cost in his Statement, as it properly forms part of the Revenue establishment. This will obviate the necessity of submitting the proposal to the Government of India for separate sanction. The establishment might be entertained by the Collectors from 1st May 1866, as the necessary provision will be made in the Budget for 1866-67, if it is sanctioned by Government.

No. 405.

ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1865, No. 2,572.

Land Revenue

The Government desire that the Board will obtain and submit, with their own remarks, the opinion of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey on the proposed constitution of the Survey Establishment for each District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 5th May 1863, No. 1,523:—

SIR,

1. In my Report to Government, dated 5th September 1860, paragraph 12, when submitting a revised scale of Land Revenue Establishment, I brought to the notice of Government that besides the Establishments there treated of, there were certain other Establishments retained in some of the Districts for special purposes, which could not be properly included in the Land Revenue Establishments and that a separate report would be submitted about them, after revising them in communication with the Collectors. Pending the submission of this report I applied in my letter, dated 13th September 1860, for the sanction of Government for some of these special Establishments objected to by the Civil Paymaster, and this was granted in the Order of Government, dated 29th September 1860, No. 1,741. I have since communicated with Collectors, and I have now the honor to submit my report on the special Establishments.

2. I do not intend to take notice of such Establishments as are of a temporary character, as they will be included in the list of extra Establishments annually submitted by the Board for the sanction of Government. I will confine myself to those Establishments which it is necessary to maintain on a permanent footing, as far as they have come under my notice. Some though belonging to other than the Revenue Department are under the control of the Collectors, and paid for by them; and consequently I am obliged to take them up, and revise some of the rates of pay, so that they may accord with the general rates of pay allowed to the Revenue Establishments. A Statement showing the present Establishments and those proposed by me is enclosed. I will notice them in the order of the Districts.

3. *Ganjam*.—The Collector of Ganjam has reported that he has an Establishment of Samastanam Paiks entertained on the resumption of the Estate of Mohery at a monthly cost of Rupees 119, but it is not a regular Establishment maintained for any special purpose, as it is to be ultimately dispensed with as lapses occur. It is properly debitable as pensionary allowance to the "Allowances and Assignments under Engagements and Treaties" as already reported by the Accountant General in his letter to Government, dated 3rd September 1862, No. 191, and I have, therefore, not included it in my return of special Establishments.

4. *Kistna*.—In the Kistna District there is a Survey Establishment maintained on a permanent footing at a monthly cost of Rupees 79. It is required among other purposes to survey the Zemindary lands irrigated by the Anicut channels. The necessity for this was reported to Government in the Board's Proceedings dated 7th June 1862, No. 3,656, and on this occasion the Board advised that the Superintendent of Revenue Survey be requested to arrange for testing the qualifications of this District Establishment, and to report the result with his opinion as to the best mode of providing for the future discharge of the duties, to be required of the District Survey Establishments. In their Order dated 23rd June 1862, No. 1,378, this was approved by Government and Major Priestley was requested to submit his opinion on the subject.

5. In connection, however, with the subject of surveying Waste Lands to be sold under the new rules, the Board submitted with their letter to Government, dated 20th December 1862, a scale of Establishments which, in the opinion of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, it would be necessary to entertain in certain Districts, of which the Kistna District is one. For this District an Establishment of Rupees 186 per month was proposed, but in their Order, dated

25th February 1863, Government considered that no addition was necessary to the survey class already at work, and that the Establishment originally sanctioned at a monthly cost of Rupees 115* would be quite sufficient, when any extension or re-modelling of the Survey Class may be found necessary. They also sanctioned similar Establishments for the Districts noted in the margin.† For the District of Malabar a temporary Establishment of Rupees 907-8-0 was sanctioned for one year. The permanent Establishment noted in the margin is to be entertained after the bulk of the work has been done by the temporary Establishment. In the tabular Statement called for by Government, and about to be submitted by the Board, the Establishment of 115 Rupees a month for the Kistna District has not been included, as it had been formerly sanctioned by Government; but I have put it down in my Statement in view to the renewed sanction being granted, as all the old sanctions have become obsolete in consequence of the revision of the Revenue Establishments. For Fasli 1272, or 1862-63, a temporary Establishment at an annual cost of Rupees 384 was sanctioned by Government on 27th March 1863 for measuring lands irrigated by the Kistna Anicut in the Zamindary villages, but this will not, I think, be necessary hereafter, as the Collector himself proposed in his letter to the Board, dated 17th May 1862, to allot this work to the Survey Establishment.

6. The Establishment sanctioned for the Kistna District on a permanent footing requires revision. The rates of pay allowed for the Ameens, Gumashtas and Peons, are very low compared to those sanctioned for other Districts; the permanent Establishments recently sanctioned for Ganjam, South Canara and Malabar, are also not quite uniform in regard to nomenclature and rates of pay. The amount of Saderwarid is included in the Establishment, and that item ought to be kept distinct. In the case of Malabar batta also is included in the amount of permanent Establishment, though it is payable only at certain periods. Whenever any new Establishment is allowed, it is desirable to put it on a proper footing in point of nomenclature and rates of pay, so as to correspond with the general Establishment in which it is to be included. In the Kistna District the pay of the Gumashtas is 6 Rupees a month, and that of the Peons, 3 Rupees; and such anomalies should be corrected whenever they come under consideration, so that all the Establishments may, in some degree, accord with the general scale.

7. But I do not propose to revise the items of these Establishments, but would propose an entirely new Survey Establishment for each District. In paragraph 10 of the Order of Government, dated 11th August 1855, No. 951, it was contemplated that a Survey Establishment should hereafter form part of the permanent Establishment of every District, and I think this is very desirable. I would recommend that two Surveyors on 70 Rupees, and 40 Rupees, be attached permanently to each District with two Clerks on 15 Rupees each, and two Peons on 6 Rupees each. Their services will, in many ways, be most useful to Collectors; and they should be trained men, and have a good certificate of qualification from competent authorities. I do not recommend this only in connection with the survey of Waste Lands, as this work is not in any District likely to occupy the time of these men throughout the year, or permanently. I am of opinion that a moderate permanent Establishment having been sanctioned, it will be sufficient to allow every year a small temporary Establishment of Peons and other servants for such a period, as their services may be actually necessary in any District for surveying Waste Lands applied for under the new rules. As the charges of this survey are to be recovered from the purchasers of lands, it should be done at certain fixed rates, and the amount so realized should be carried to the credit of the State; the charges also both permanent and temporary being in the same manner debited under proper heads of account. I believe this will be the simplest plan. If these views should meet with the approval of Government, the Establishment required for each District can be added to the revised Land Revenue Establishment, and included in the general list of Establishment about to be submitted to the Government of India. In my report to Government, dated 5th January 1863, I alluded to this subject, and pointed out that

1 Amcen	...	...	...	Rs. 25
1 Deputy do	...	...	...	13
8 Gumashtas at 6	...	...	...	48
10 Peons at 3	...	...	...	30
				115

† Ganjam	...	...	...	Rs. 163
South Canara	...	...	...	163
Malabar	...	...	...	816

the addition required can be met from the general savings in the old Establishment. If this course is followed it will not be necessary to apply to the Government of India for a separate sanction on account of the Survey Establishment, and all the Collectors will at once be provided with a permanent Establishment, which will prove to them highly useful in various ways. The addition that will have to be made to the general Establishment will be Rupees 34,656 per annum for nineteen Districts, at the rate of Rupees 152 per month for each District; and with this expression of my views I beg to leave the matter for the consideration of Government.

1 Surveyor...	...	...	...	Rs. 70
1 Do.	...	...	...	40
2 Clerks at 15 Rupees	...	...	...	30
2 Peons at 6	...	...	...	12
				152

8. *Kistna*.—There is also in the Kistna District, a small Establishment at a monthly cost of Rupees 16, for the protection of the Mangrove jungles at Mangrove Jungles. Devi and Rapully, which was sanctioned by Government on a permanent footing in their Order, dated 1st December 1862, No. 2,514. It does not seem expedient to transfer this to the Forest Department, it should be continued in the Revenue Department. The pay of the Naikevadies or watchers should be raised from 4 to 5 Rupees; at this rate the monthly cost will be Rupees 20 which has been entered in the present return.

9. There is also a Scavenger's Establishment at a monthly cost of Rupees 19, which the Collector says was sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 21st February 1862, No. 278; it appears that the Establishment in question is considered necessary only as long as European Troops continue to be quartered in the fort of Masulipatam. But in a town like Masulipatam it is no doubt necessary, whether European Troops are located there or not. I have, therefore, retained it in my present return.

10. In some other Districts also there is a Scavenger's Establishment employed for cleaning the town, sanctioned by Government at different times. These Establishments are entertained at various rates by the Collectors. They are charged to F Civil Service, IX Miscellaneous. I have, therefore, included them in my return, but I have not thought it necessary to revise them. Similar Establishments are, I believe, entertained in some other Districts by the Municipality, but as they are charged to Municipal or Local Funds they are not included in my return.

SCAVENGER'S ESTABLISHMENTS IN OTHER DISTRICTS.				Rs.
Bellary	...	...	...	231
Tanjore	...	...	...	443
Trichinopoly	...	...	...	73
Madura	...	...	...	40
Coimbatore	...	...	...	177

11. *Cuddapah*.—In this District and Salem, there is a Lascar employed for watching the Burial Ground, they are under the control of the Collector and paid for by him, though the charge is debitable to the Ecclesiastical Department. Their present pay is Rupees 5½ and 4 Rupees respectively; and I have made them both Rupees 5 to bring them under the general scale.

12. *Kurnool*.—There is a Superintendent of Kandans employed in this District on 100 Rupees pay for mustering and examining the Mussulman pensioners, and this charge is debitable to the Political Department, the necessity of which was admitted by Government, in their Order, dated 18th October 1830, No. 1,905, paragraph 6; it is, therefore, included in my return in view to the formal sanction being granted.

13. *Madras*.—A small Establishment of Gardeners and Peons is maintained at a monthly cost of Rupees 14 for the Roshom Bagh Garden where the Collector's Cutcherry is held. It was sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 26th March 1861, No. 703, and as the maintenance of this Establishment on a permanent footing appears necessary, I have entered it in the present return. But I think for the purposes for which it is entertained a couple of Peons on 6 Rupees would suffice, and I have entered this Establishment only.

Burying Grounds in Cuddapah and Salem.

Kandan.

District Gardeners.

14. There is an Establishment, at a monthly cost of Rupees 167 for the collection of tolls in Cochrane's Canal. The amount realized from this was credited to Land Revenue, and subsequently to Sayer, but as it has been directed by the Auditor General of India that the amount should be carried to the credit of the "Public Works," I believe that the Establishment also will be debited to the same head, and in that case it will probably be necessary to transfer the whole Establishment to the Public Works Department; as I am not, however, certain how the matter may be decided by Government, I have allowed the Establishment to remain in my return under the head of "Proposed" also. It will be for the Government to pass orders whether it shall or not be transferred to the Department of Public Works.

15. There is, lastly, a special Establishment for keeping Devastanum accounts. It appears from the Collector's letter dated 2nd October 1860, that this Establishment is paid out of the resumed Merah allowance payable to the Trustees of the different Institutions, and that this was allowed in the Order of Government, dated 11th September 1858, No. 606, and 13th July 1859, No. 383. The Establishment referred to consists of two Writers and two Gumashtas costing Rupees 56 a month, for the ostensible purpose of keeping and preparing accounts connected with Devastanums.

16. There is a similar Establishment in Tinnevely also. Gumashtas are entertained in the Collector's and Sub-Collector's Hoozoor Cutcherries and also in all the Talooks. In his letter, dated 29th June 1860, the Collector states that on the 21st February 1816, the Government sanctioned a Tasdeek allowance of Rupees 1,81,368-11-8 per annum for 310 Devastanums, and the entertainment of an Establishment to keep the accounts connected with them. A sum of Rupees 2,389-12-4 is annually deducted from the Tasdeeks of 143 Devastanums at rates varying from four Annas and one Pie to Rupees 400-13-1 from each Institution and set apart on account of the Establishment. The annual cost of this Establishment, as given by the Collector, is Rupees 2,188, including a sum of Rupees 100 being the average travelling batta to Hoozoor servants. The Collector also states that these Gumashtas were attending to all the Devastanum affairs until the transfer of the Devastanums to the Trustees, and that since then they have been employed in keeping the accounts of Government Tasdeek paid to the pagodas, and that they also assist in the ordinary revenue duties of the Collectorate. The Collector finally recommends that this Establishment be allowed to stand, as it has existed for a long time, and the services of the men are necessary for keeping the Tasdeeks accounts and for general revenue duties which are heavy in the District.

17. I am of opinion that the retention of these Establishments from the fees collected from the Trustees, is irregular, and I think they should at once be abolished. These Tasdeeks are simply periodical payments to certain parties according to sanction. The Collectors of the two Districts state that these Gumashtas are required to keep accounts, but I do not understand what accounts they are to keep, and none such are required in other Districts in which similar payments are made. All that is necessary in the matter is to have a list of the recipients kept in the Collector's Office, and the issue of general orders for the payment of the allowances as they become due, and to debit them as any other payments in the accounts. There is certainly no necessity for a separate Establishment to be retained by Government for the purpose at the cost of the recipients of the Tasdeeks, who should merely give a stamped receipt for their money. In point of fact the Establishments now kept up in the two Districts have little to do in connection with the Devastanums. They are chiefly employed on Government work which I consider very objectionable, I would, therefore, beg to recommend the abolition of these Establishments.

18. *South Arcot*.—There is a special Agency Department consisting of one English Writer on 70 Rupees, and one French Writer on 42 Rupees, to conduct the correspondence between the Collector and the French Government at Pondicherry; it is maintained as a permanent Establishment and ought to be retained. The only alteration I would propose is to raise the pay of

the French Writer from Rupees 42 to 45 Rupees and then the whole cost will be 115 Rupees a month. But the Establishment ought perhaps to be debited to the Political Department.

19. *Trichinopoly*.—In this District there is an Establishment for the Conservancy of channels in Kuluttalay and Moosery Talooks at a monthly cost of Rupees 18-10-0, sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 7th February 1843, Public Works Department, No. 13. In those Talooks in which an irrigation cess has been introduced since the passing of the above Order, the necessary Establishments are paid from that fund, but as no such cess exists in the Talooks under notice the Establishments now retained must be continued and paid from general funds. A trifling alteration of the rate of pay of one of the Monigars has been made.

20. *Tinnevely*.—Besides Devastanum Establishment which I have already disposed of, there is another for taking care and lighting Soolochana Moodelia's Bridge in Tambrapurny river. It consists of two Masalchies and two Peons all at 3½ Rupees each, costing 14 Rupees a month. The Collector states that the two Peons may be dispensed with, but that the two Masalchies must be retained on a monthly pay of 5 Rupees each. By this arrangement which appears to be good the monthly cost will be only 10 Rupees a month instead of 14 Rupees.

21. *Coimbatore*.—There is an Establishment for cutting Sandal-wood at a monthly cost of Rupees 55, which was hitherto sanctioned as a temporary Establishment. I contemplated to recommend the transfer of this Establishment to the Forest Department, as already reported to Government in paragraph 9 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd March 1863, and as the Government have sanctioned their transfer from 1st May 1863, in their Order, dated 25th April 1863, no further notice appears necessary on the subject. I have omitted this Establishment in my return under the head "Proposed."

22. *South Canara*.—For the sale of Amandevi Coir of the Laccadive islands there is an Establishment of 42½ Rupees a month at Amandevi, and of 50 Rupees a month at Mangalore Depôt. The Collector recommends an Establishment for Amandevi alone at a cost of Rupees 90 a month, viz., an Ameen on 30 Rupees and 10 Peons on 6 Rupees each. I do not think so large an increase necessary, I would propose that the pay of the Monigar (to be called Ameen) be raised from 17½ Rupees to 25 Rupees, and that of the Peons from 5 to 6 Rupees. The pay of the Gumashta at Mangalore Depôt (who may also be called Ameen) may be raised from 10 Rupees to 15 Rupees, and that of the Kolkars (to be called Peons) from 4½ to 6 Rupees. The total cost of my proposal would be Rupees 119 a month involving only an increase of 26½ Rupees a month.

23. The several special Establishments recommended in this letter for the sanction of Government are given below for the sake of convenience:—

<i>Kistna</i> .—No. 1. Survey Establishment	115
„ 2. Establishment for the protection of Mangrove jungles at Devi and Rapully	20
„ 3. Scavenger's Establishment	19
<i>Cuddapah</i> .—No. 4. Burial ground Establishment	5
<i>Bellary</i> .—No. 5. Scavenger's Establishment	231
<i>Kurnool</i> .—No. 6. Superintendent of Kandans	100
<i>Madras</i> .—No. 7. Establishment of Roshambog Garden	12
„ 8. Cochrane's Canal Establishment	167
<i>South Arcot</i> .—No. 9. Special Agency Department for French correspondence	115
<i>Tanjore</i> .—No. 10. Scavenger's Establishment	418
<i>Trichinopoly</i> .—No. 11. Scavenger's Establishment	72
„ 12. Channel Conservancy Establishment	19
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<i>Malhara</i> .—No. 13. Scavenger's Establishment	40
<i>Tinnevely</i> .—No. 14. Establishment for Soolochara Moodely's Bridge.	16
<i>Coimbatore</i> .—No. 15. Scavenger's Establishment	17½
<i>Salem</i> .—No. 16. Burial Ground Establishment	5
<i>South Canara</i> .—No. 17. Establishment for the sale of coir in Laccadive Island	119

24. Items Nos. 1 and 8 require the consideration of Government with reference to my remarks on them. If fresh sanction is granted for all these items the Civil Paymaster will find it easy to pass them. Should any other Establishments be still retained under any of the old sanctions, they will necessarily come under the notice of Government, as they will not in future be passed by the Civil Paymaster, all of them being considered obsolete.

25. The only other Establishments which remain under the control of the Collectors are Bungalow, Chuttrum and Vaccine Establishments, which are paid from General Funds, and I have not interfered with them.

ORDER THEREON, 11th June 1863, No. 1,023.

1. In this letter Mr. Pelly reports on various miscellaneous Establishments retained in some Districts for special duties. The Government proceed to pass orders on such of these Establishments as are connected with the Revenue Department.

2. The "Samastanam Paiks" in Ganjam, as explained in G. O. dated 29th August 1862, Revenue Department, No. 1,843, are really the pensioned retainers of the Moherry Zamindary and as each dies, his allowance lapses finally. The charge on account of these men was originally Rupees 187 monthly, but is now only Rupees 119, and is debited in the Budget to "B II Allowances and Assignments under Treaties and Engagements." No orders on the subject are now required. It would be desirable to commute these allowances when the recipients are willing, and likely with the proceeds to betake themselves to agriculture or trade.

3. The Government request the Board to consult a few of the Collectors as to the need of small Survey Establishments in their Districts and the nature and amount of survey work which may annually be expected. Meanwhile, the Kistna party will stand sanctioned at its present amount.

4. The increase of 4 Rupees monthly to the Establishment maintained for the conservancy of the Mangrove jungles in the Kistna District is approved.

5. The Government sanction the employment of two Peons on 6 Rupees each in lieu of the four men on Rupees 3½ each now employed in looking after Homes' Gardens and the Roshan Bág.

6. The Establishment at Cochrane's Canal is maintained solely for the collection of the tolls levied on boats. There is, therefore, no occasion to transfer it to the Public Works Department. The Collector should be instructed to report on it. The pay of the Superintendent seems very high.

7. The Devastanum Establishment referred to in paragraphs 15 to 17 should be abolished from the end of the current Fasli year.

8. The revised Establishment for Sulochenna Moodelliar's Bridge at Tinnevely is approved.

9. The Sandal-wood Establishment in the Coimbatore District has been transferred to the Forest Department in G. O. 25th April 1863, No. 717, and no further orders are required on the subject.

10. Before sanctioning the proposed increase to the salaries of the Ameendevy officers in the Islands and at Mangalore, the Government wish to have a report from the Board of Revenue on the present state of the Islands, the management of the Coir monopoly, &c.

11. With reference to paragraph 24 of Mr. Pelly's report, the Government remark that it is only in the case of Establishments which have come within the scope of Mr. Pelly's revision that existing sanctions will become obsolete.

Paragraph 9, Public Department.
Do. 10, Do.
Do. 11, Do.
Do. 12, Political.
Do. 18, Do.
Do. 19, Department Public Works.

12. The Establishments mentioned in the marginally noted paragraphs of Mr. Pelly's report, will be considered in the Departments with which they are connected.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Honorable C. Pelly.

„ Board of Revenue.
„ Accountant General.
„ Civil Paymaster.
„ Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
„ Public Department.
„ Political do.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 3,801.

From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To H. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

„ E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District.

„ H. G. SMITH, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah.

„ J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool.

„ J. FRASER, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot.

„ C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.

„ W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore.

„ M. J. WALHOUSE, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly.

„ V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura.

„ P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

„ A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Head Assistant Collector in charge of South Canara.

„ G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar.

Sir,

1. The Honorable Mr. Pelly having recommended to Government the permanent provision in each District of a Survey Establishment as noted in the margin, and the subject having been referred to the Board for their opinion, I am directed to request that you will inform the Board whether you consider that this establishment is necessary, or can be usefully employed in your District continuously for general purposes. The establishment would of course supersede any temporary establishment for the Survey of unassessed waste sought under the new Rules; but if found temporarily unequal to the pressure of work, could be supplemented by temporary additions.

2. In the case of ordinary Durkhasts for land, and in connection with District improvements by means of the Local Fund, a trustworthy survey and plan would often be very valuable, as also in connection with boundary disputes. And it would probably be found that the Courts would often be willing and anxious to avail themselves of the services of the trained Surveyors, charging the cost to the litigant in the suits immediately concerned.

3. On this last point it would be well that you should communicate with the Zillah Judge.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Chepauk,
24th June 1863.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. SCHARLIEB,
First Assistant.

Exd. J. Wright.

CIRCULAR.

No. 1,564.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 11th June 1863, No. 1,023, Revenue Department, passing orders on Mr. Pelly's report on the special Establishments maintained in the Districts.

1. Communicated to all Collectors for their information.
2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Order, the Collectors of the several Districts will please to report to the Board as to the necessity of small Survey Establishments in their Districts, and the nature and the amount of survey work which may be expected from them each year.
3. The Collector of the Kistnah District is informed that the pay of the Naickwadies or watchers employed for the protection of the Mangrove Jungles has been raised from 4 to 5 Rupees, making the total cost of the Establishment Rupees 20 instead of 16.
4. The Establishment for looking after Homes' Garden and the Rosham Bag at Madras, has been reduced to two Peons on 6 Rupees each, in lieu of four on 3½ Rupees.
5. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Proceedings of Government, Mr. Ellis is requested to report on the Establishment entertained at the Cochrane's Canal. He will also state the nature of the duties performed by the Superintendent, who is paid at Rupees 105 per month, and whether that pay is susceptible of reduction.
6. The Collectors of Madras and Tinnevely are informed that the Devasthanum Establishment, maintained in their Districts from the Devasthanum fees, should be abolished from the end of the current Fasli.
7. In Tinnevely the Establishment of two Masaljies and two Peons at 3½ Rupees each now entertained for lighting the Soolochana Mudaliar's bridge has been reduced to two Masaljies on 5 Rupees each.
8. In regard to paragraph 10 of the Proceedings, the Collector of South Canara is requested to submit to the Board a complete report on the present state of the Amendevi Islands, and the management of the Coir monopoly, &c.

(Signed) C. PELLY,
Member.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
24th June 1863.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No.

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To certain Collectors.

Dated 24th June 1863.

Despatched

Received

No. 5,801.

Requesting certain information about the
Permanent provision made by the Honorable
Mr. Pelly for a Survey Establishment.

From A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Head Assistant Collector in charge of South Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 4th July 1863, No. 118.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 24th ultimo, No. 3,801.
2. In my letter of 24th June, I stated that the temporary establishment proposed by the Board for the survey of unassessed wastelands, could be usefully employed in this District on general duties as well. The permanent establishment proposed by the Honorable Mr. Pelly would be equally useful, and would always be fully employed.
3. I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter received from the Civil Judge, from which you will perceive that he has no objection to charge the cost of surveys undertaken by the proposed Establishment to the litigants in the suits immediately concerned.
4. As the question of a small Survey Establishment for this District has formed the subject of my letter above alluded to, I would only here add that the Establishment contemplated by the Honorable Mr. Pelly would serve as a training school for volunteers, who, when the regular Survey is instituted, would be able to take part in that work. The desirability of having trained local Surveyors for this District has often been adverted to.
5. I hope however that the entertainment of the temporary Establishment, approved of by the Board will not be withheld, but that we shall be allowed to avail ourselves of their services, pending the sanction of the permanent establishment proposed by the Honorable Mr. Pelly.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. G. THOMPSON, Esq., Officiating Civil Judge of Mangalore, to A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Head Assistant Collector in charge of South Canara, dated Mangalore, 1st July 1863.

1. With reference to your letter, No. 39 of this day's date, requesting my opinion as to whether the cost of work undertaken for the Courts by the Survey Establishment proposed to be entertained, could be recovered from the litigants, I have the honor to state that I see no objection to charge litigants with the cost of Survey by the new Establishment, whose services, if the rate of charge be moderate, would be more valuable to them than those of the temporary establishment hitherto entertained on the requisition of the Courts.

2. The enclosure received with your letter, is herewith returned.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER, Head Assistant Collector.

Ed. J. Wright.

CIRCULAR.

No. 1,564.

From the Honorable C. Pelly,

Member of the Board of Revenue.

To All Collectors, except Sea Customs.

Dated 24th June 1863.

Despatched

Communicating the Order of Government on Mr. Pelly's report regarding the revision of the special Establishment maintained in the Districts.

From H. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 7th July 1863, No. 183.

1. In reply to your letter, No. 3,801 of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to state that I think a Survey Establishment such as Mr. Pelly proposes would be most useful, and I am sure that in a District like this, where there are continual disputes regarding the extent of irrigation, it would never be unemployed.

2. The Civil Judge is of opinion that the services of trained Surveyors would be of great assistance to the Courts.

Exd. J. Wright.

From H. G. SMITH, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Rayachoti, 10th July 1863, No. 110.

1. With reference to the Board's letter, No. 3,801 requesting to know whether I consider a Survey Establishment is necessary in this District, I have the honor to reply that I consider it would be of the greatest use particularly now

Dated 24th June 1860.

the Department of Public Works Establishment is so reduced.

2. Some of the chief works of usefulness they could be employed in, would be surveying channels, new District roads, old ruined tanks, now being repaired by private enterprise, settling channel disputes and surveying new channels to see if they would interfere with old ones, assisting in bringing to light concealed cultivation, and a number of other ways.

3. I feel certain I could give them constant employment.

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of the same letter, I beg to enclose a copy of Mr. Child's reply.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From F. S. CHILD, Esq., Civil Judge of Cuddapah, to H. G. SMITH, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, dated Cuddalore, 8th July 1863, No. 229.

Board's Circular No. 3,081 returned.

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, No. 391, I have the honor to state that there are but few, if any, suits in this District, in which the services of a trained surveyor would be likely to be desired.

Exd. J. Wright.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th July 1863, No. 223.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular No. 1,564, and state that in my opinion, instead of a small Survey Establishment, it would be preferable to get Survey work done by the job.

2. The size of the District precludes the effective use of an establishment, and the opposite system would soon create a qualified agency.

Exd. J. Wright.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Rumbah, 20th July 1863, No. 135.

1. I have the honor to report as directed in Board's Circular Order, No. 1,564, dated 24th June, on Mr. Pelly's suggestion that a small Survey Establishment should be attached to each Collectorate. I believe such a measure will be found of the greatest practical use especially in Districts not hitherto visited by Colonel Priestley's parties. The Board are aware that an Establishment consisting of a Surveyor, Draughtsman, Computer, Gumastah, and nine Lascars, has been already sanctioned in this District for the measurement of waste lands previous to sale. The Establishment has been at work since the early part of May, and have completed the Survey of 2,000 acres. The plans are very neatly executed.

2. Out of 17,000 Acres applied for to purchase, less than half now stand on my Register for measurement, the issue of the new rules, and a recent order regarding the purchase of land by public servants having led to the withdrawal of application for about 10,000 Acres. Nevertheless after the survey of the residue is completed I shall have ample work for the Surveyor. The Zemindars of this District have an extraordinary fondness for boundary disputes; there are in general several such on hand, and I shall be enabled with the help of the Surveyor to settle them finally according to the limits assigned to the different estates in the Topographical Survey of 1830-32. I have also informed the Zemindars that (on payment of the cost of the work) I shall be able to furnish each of them with a transcript from the Survey Map showing the boundaries of his estate. I propose that the Surveyor should employ his available leisure in drawing out these Maps, the cost of which will be credited to Government in defrayment of the expense of the Establishment. Besides this I anticipate that much occasion for the services of the Surveyor will arise out of the issue of freehold titles to Inamlars by the Commissioner; these documents will define the extent of the freehold under the terms of the old grant, and it will be necessary both in the interests of the occupant, and in those of Government, to make the existing occupancy conformable to the terms of the Title Deed by Survey measurement.

3. I would further propose for the approval of the Board that all future applications for tracts of land under the Cowle rules should be measured by the District Survey Establishment on the same terms (as to cost) as waste lands put up for sale.

4. With these tasks in view, and the certainty that others similar to them will arise for the employment of a Survey Establishment, I feel no hesitation in expressing an opinion in favor of its permanent retention.

Exd. J. Wright.

From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st July 1863, No. 158.

1. In reply to your letter No. 3,801 dated the 24th June, I have the honor to report that the proposed Survey Establishment could be usefully employed in this District for general purposes

Vide letters to Board, dated 27th May 1861, for a length of time, in surveying cultivated lands
No. 139, and 28th October, No. 278. in several villages which were unsurveyed at the settle

ment, in surveying waste lands applied for under the
Freehold rules, and in the case of ordinary Durkasts, &c.

2. The Session Judge is of opinion the services of a Surveyor would not be required by the Courts oftener than probably five times a year, and that an Amin would be preferable and quite able to do the Court's work as at present whose service also would be available at once by the Court.

3. I think it very necessary that there be a Survey Establishment at the disposal of the Collector, as there is likely to be a large demand for hill tracts, and great inconvenience would be experienced if a Surveyor was not at hand. I had great difficulty in getting the plots of land applied for at Kodykanel surveyed, and have still two applications undisposed of. The Public Works Department are unable to afford me assistance in the matter.

Exd. J. Wright.

From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd July 1863, No. 115.

1. With reference to your letter of the 24th June, No. 3,801, I have the honor to state that in my opinion the Survey Establishment proposed by Mr. Pelly can be most usefully employed in this District, and I believe the necessity for their services will be continuous.

2. Colonel Ludlow, the Consulting Engineer to the Irrigation Company, in view of the difficulty experienced in correcting errors in the ground plans submitted by the Company's Officers, has recommended the appointment of a Surveyor to be attached to the office of the Deputy Collector employed in making over land. The Survey party proposed by Mr. Pelly would at once meet this want, and the work that would thus devolve on it, would not be of a mere temporary nature as the gradual developement of the Irrigation works, will for some years require land to be made over to the Company for branch and Irrigation Channels.

3. No temporary establishment for the Survey of unassessed waste was sanctioned for this District, the Government directing that the Revenue Survey parties now at work in the District, should be called upon to perform this extra duty.

4. Although the Revenue Settlement and Demarcation of the four Taluks of Kurnool Proper is completed, the survey is by no means in so advanced a state, and I should not feel myself justified in stopping a work of such urgency as the Survey of the portion of the District, which will come under the operations of the Irrigation Company, to meet a private demand for the purchase of land.

5. Mr. Wright, who is in charge of the Revenue Survey in this District, has informed me that he could not spare a party for the Survey of unassessed waste, without great hindrance to his own work, and the few applications that have been made for waste land must therefore be postponed.

6. Mr. Pelly's proposed establishment would enable this work to be at once taken in hand.

7. I believe that when land has once been granted on the new rules, applications for unassessed waste will become numerous, and afford constant work for a Surveyor.

8. On the completion of the regular Survey of the District, I believe that employment would always be found for a small party in keeping up their work, rectifying possible errors, and bringing yearly under Survey the newly cultivated land.

9. I need not dilate upon the ordinary uses for such a party, alluded to in paragraph 2 of your letter under reply. Such will be found in all Districts, and under all circumstances, while in Kurnool there are special causes that would give more than ordinary usefulness to the proposed establishment.

10. I have communicated with the Acting Civil Judge on the subject, and he is of opinion that the occasions in which the services of trained Surveyors are likely to be required by the Courts in this District will probably be of rare occurrence.

Ed. J. Wright.

From J. FRASER, Esq.; Acting Collector of North Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary
to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 31st July 1863, No. 147.

1. I have the honor with reference to your letter of the 24th ultimo, No. 3,801, to inform you that I do not consider a Survey Establishment such as that proposed by Mr. Pelly to be absolutely necessary for this District, as I do not think that unassessed waste to any extent will be applied for under the recently published rules. If one be sanctioned, I have no doubt that I could employ it usefully on miscellaneous work in the District.

2. I have communicated with the Zillah Judge, who informs me that the services of trained Surveyors would be but seldom required either in the Civil Court, or in the Courts of the District Munsiffs.

Exd. J. Wright.

From C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 31st July 1863, No. 209.

1. In your letter of the 24th June, No. 3,801, the Board desire to know whether in my opinion a permanent Survey Establishment as proposed by Mr. Pelly can be usefully employed in my District continuously for general purposes to be supplemented on necessity by temporary additions.
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|---------------------|--------|
| 1 Surveyor at... | Rs. 70 |
| 1 do. ... | 40 |
| 2 Clerks at 15 each | 30 |
| 2 Peons at 6 do. | 12 |
| Monthly Rupees... | 152 |

2. In the 2nd paragraph of your letter the uses to which such an Establishment might be applied, are pointed out; and it is observed finally that the Courts might be willing and anxious to avail themselves of trained Surveyors, charging the cost to the litigants in the suits concerned.

3. I consider that the proposed Survey Establishment would be a very valuable and useful adjunct to the Collector's Office in every District. At present there are frequent boundary and other disputes, and the applications for immemorial and unoccupied waste lands are very numerous; and many of these to the loss of Government remain sometimes for a lengthened period undisposed of, simply for want of adequate means to get at the correct facts, and that accurate information as to the area and various measurements necessary to enable the Revenue Officer to arrive at an equitable and satisfactory decision.

4. Cases of concealed cultivation, which are likewise not unfrequent, as well as of attempted frauds on the revenue by the village accountants and others in the infinite variety of ways, which will be known to the experienced Members of the Board, will thus be brought to light with a facility and readiness heretofore quite impossible. The reduction of all Establishments to a minimum renders it impracticable to depute Taluk or Huzur servants on every occasion to a distance without very seriously impeding the ordinary public business, which now-a-days cannot be left to accumulate, while such servants are necessarily at best very imperfectly qualified for work of the kind, and often their own family interests may happen to clash with a truthful representation of the actual circumstances.

5. I am not however of opinion that for the disposal of ordinary petty Durkhasts, for land, a Survey Establishment such as that proposed would be of any great utility; nor would I think of so employing it; but in special instances where considerable tracts are applied for its services would undoubtedly be valuable, and there would be no delay as at present in at once dealing with such applications.

6. The Board will, I presume, agree that the delegation of such labor to the ordinary servants of a Taluk to the interference of their prescribed duties could not be justified as a rule, and therefore it is that cases of the kind so often lie over to the injury of the revenue, and the no less injury of the Ryots desirous of taking up fresh land for cultivation.

7. It is my belief that the interests of Government will in every way be promoted by the Establishment of a Survey as proposed, and at all events its usefulness might be tested for one or even two years when results might be reported on, and the continuance or otherwise of the system be determined.

8. I conclude that it will be within the functions of the Survey Establishment when carrying out their more immediate duties, to listen to complaints or objections, and under the authority of the Collector, to inquire on the spot into their merits. I think this combination of duty will greatly enhance the value of the Survey if it be not actually essential to their efficiency irrespective of extraneous aid from the regular revenue servants, and this almost induces me to suggest that the second servant of the proposed Establishment be designated a Head Clerk or Gumastah instead of Surveyor, or at all events the individual nominated should, in my opinion, be

one to whom on necessity the Collector might delegate the task of investigating questions immediately connected with the land or boundary or other disputed point respecting which the services of the Survey Establishment may at the time be engaged. I merely would ask for a discretionary power to this effect in the belief that its exercise would tend very greatly to increase the usefulness of the Survey Establishment, and to facilitate the disposal of matters so intimately and directly concerned with their sphere of operations, which must otherwise devolve on a separate and distinct agency.

9. I have ascertained from the Zillah Judge that the occasions on which during the past year Ameens were employed by the entire Courts of the District for surveying lands, and preparing plans in connection with suits numbered only 16, and the present remuneration allowed is very trifling varying from only 5 Rupees to 2½ in each instance; and the Civil Judge adds "although the Court will be glad to avail themselves of the services of a professional Surveyor, yet it is doubtful whether the remuneration given by the Courts will be sufficient, or on the other hand whether the services of these Surveyors will, looking to the small Establishment it is proposed to (sanction) be always available when required."

10. Thus so far as the Courts are concerned there is little to be expected in the way of assistance, nor am I disposed to think that we shall lack sufficiency of work in our own Department to keep the Establishment fully occupied, so that as remarked by Mr. Ellis their services might not be always available to the Court when required.

11. In conclusion, I desire to take the opportunity of stating that I had long since contemplated addressing the Board on the almost necessity of some special Establishment in each Taluk for the disposal of the innumerable applications for land now annually made in this District, for it is clear that the want of adequate hands to dispose of these Durkhasts as rapidly as they are presented, tells injuriously on the revenue, and it is my conviction that the cost of the additional Establishment to be employed would at once be far exceeded by the immediate additional revenue, which through their instrumentality would be brought to the public credit, and notwithstanding the present proposed survey may in a measure meet this object, yet I am satisfied that its utmost labours will be able to effect but a small proportion of what is needed to be done in order to keep pace with the demand for land.

12. From statistics before me, it is my impression that even if an Establishment of Rupees 100 a month were sanctioned for three years in each Taluk of the District for the express purpose of dealing with all Durkhasts that the revenue would be greatly advantaged, while it is possible that within the period named all assessed land available for cultivation throughout South Arcot might by this means become appropriated and be brought under the plough. It is mainly from the want of adequate means for arranging for its disposal as applied for, that so much land still continues waste and unoccupied.

13. Should the Board desire it I shall be prepared to furnish them with the statistics referred to, together with all other particulars bearing on the subject.

Exd. J. Wright.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th August 1863, No. 293.

1. In reply to your letter of the 24th ultimo, No. 3,801, I have the honor to state that I am of opinion that no permanent Survey Establishment such as that proposed by the Honorable Mr. Pelly is required in Tanjore. The waste lands in this District are but inconsiderable in extent, nor are there many important cases of Durkhast or of boundary dispute on which such an establishment could be employed with advantage, while those of an ordinary and routine character (and which do frequently occur) are so numerous that an establishment of Surveyors such as that contemplated would be utterly inadequate to the work required of them.

2. Further, the Civil Judges both of the Tanjore and Negapatam Zillahs to whom I referred on the subject, do not consider, that practically, any considerable advantage would be derived from the proposed Survey Establishment in the transaction of judicial work.

3. Under these circumstances I am not prepared to recommend the entertainment of such an establishment in this District.

Exd. J. Wright:

From M. J. WALHOUSE, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Voityalgudaloor, 11th August 1863, No. 152.

1. With reference to Board's Proceedings dated 24th June last, No. 3,801, I have the honor to inform you that I consider a Survey Establishment of the scale given in the Proceedings will be of great use in this District. The extent of the unsurveyed area in this province is about 250 square miles. But as they will be taken up for cultivation gradually, I think the Establishment small as it is, will suffice for the present, the Board being willing to sanction any temporary additions to it on any emergency occurring.

2. As directed in the above Proceedings, I put myself in communication with the Civil Judge here on the subject. He informs me that the Civil Courts may often have occasion to avail themselves of the services of so useful an Establishment, and estimates the number of suits in which their services may be required at ten per annum.

Exd. J. Wright.

From E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 26th September 1863, No. 220.

1. With reference to your letter, No. 3,801, dated 24th June last, regarding the permanent provision of a Survey Establishment, I have the honor to annex copy of a letter from the Civil Judge dated 12th instant, from which the Board will observe that the services of a trained Survey Establishment would occasionally be found very useful by the several Courts in the District.

2. I consider that a Survey Establishment is very necessary, and can be very usefully employed in this District continuously, for general purposes. About four or five months in the year the establishment will be required to survey the Seri lands in the Zemindary Estates, and Inams, irrigated by the Kistna anicut channels. It can also be employed to survey the unassessed waste land applied for under the new rules.

3. The number of Surveyors and Peons is however in my opinion insufficient for this Delta District, and I would add two more Surveyors and two more Peons. Each Surveyor must have a Peon with him to call the Ryots, and to carry the instruments, &c. The establishment I beg to propose is as follows :—

1 Surveyor at Rupees.....	70
1 Do. at Rupees.....	30
2 Do. at 20 Rupees each.....	40
2 Clerks at 15 Rupees each.....	30
4 Peons at 6 Rupees each.....	24
	194
Cost of the Establishment proposed by the Board	152

Increase..... 42 per month.

From W. ELLIOT, Esq., Civil Judge of Guntoor, to E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, dated Guntoor, 12th September 1863, No. 150.

In reply to your letter of the 14th July last, No. 161, I have the honor to inform you that the services of a trained Surveyor would occasionally be found very useful by this, and the Courts subordinate thereto, such person being employed in matters now reported on by Amins and Commissioners.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. B. FOORD, Acting Collector.

Exd. J. Wright.

From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 2nd October 1863, No. 217.

1. I have the honor to reply to your letter dated 24th June 1863, No. 3,801.
2. A Survey Establishment as noted in your letter will certainly be exceedingly useful in this District for general purposes, and I should be glad to have it placed at my disposal immediately.

I would not, however, advocate the discontinuance of the present establishment entertained for the survey of unassessed waste in the Wynaad, &c. The services of this establishment are absolutely required, and must be retained until they can with advantage be dispensed with.

3. The Civil Judge of Calicut is of opinion that the proposed establishment of Surveyors would be highly useful in reference to Civil Suits. He states that there are many cases in which it is difficult to come to a satisfactory conclusion without the aid of good plans.

4. The Civil Judge of Tellicherry also agrees with me as to the usefulness of such an establishment; but fears that the financial aid to be derived, in that Zillah, towards its maintenance would be very small.

5. I do not anticipate that the financial aid derived from the Courts will be great; but I strongly advocate the appointment of the Surveyors.

Exd. J. Wright.

From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 6th October 1863, No. 187.

1. I have received the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th June 1863, No. 3,801.

2. So far as a Survey Establishment for the Hills is concerned, I will leave the subject for a future communication, as in practice an establishment for them will require to be on a much more expensive footing than one organized for work on the plains. I am somewhat at a loss as to the number of persons required to constitute a permanent Survey Establishment, but I am of opinion that there should be one Surveyor on 50 to 100 Rupees.

One Writer Rupees 20.

4 Peons at Rupees 7 each 28.

The Peons, I take it, would be used in carrying instruments and handling the chains. It would be well, I think, to consult Major Priestley as to the numerical strength of the party, and the rates of pay to be allowed. He could doubtless give correct information on these points at once.

3. When the rules for the redemption of the land tax begin to be taken advantage of, there will no doubt be a great demand for Surveyors, but in connection with the Durkhasts and improvements by means of Local Funds it will be limited in this Province. Our Durkhasts depend on the prospect of rain, which in Coimbatore under the most favorable circumstances does not seem to be encouraging. As to Local Funds until some new sources from which to raise them are found, their amount will be so small that they will hardly demand the services of a survey party in their utilization. The Civil Judge is of opinion that the services of a Survey Establishment will be most useful. I believe that if all lands under litigation were correctly surveyed, the survey would assist materially in aiding the Judge to come to a decision, and in preventing future disputes about the land decreed.

4. One permanent Survey Establishment to be temporarily supplemented when necessary on account of pressure of work, would suffice for the low country.

Ed. J. Wright.

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th October 1863, No. 145.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Honorable Mr. Pelly's Circular, dated 24th June 1863,
No. 1,564, requesting to report to the Board as to the necessity of a small Survey Establishment in
this District, I have the honor to state that there is no necessity for it, as all the lands in this
District have already been surveyed.

Exd. J. Wright.

From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1833, No. 792.

1. With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 781, dated 29th September last, I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Mr. Pelly's Circular, No. 1,564, dated 24th June 1863, regarding the Survey Establishments, not being applicable to this District, no answer was sent to it.

• 27th April 1863.

2. The Estimate for the Survey Establishment for this District was, under instructions* from the Board, included in the Statement of Extra Establishments required for this District for 1863-64, despatched on the 8th May last.

Exd. J. Wright.

From G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 13th October 1863, No. 15.

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of your Circular, No. 1,564, I have the honor to state, that although the waste land rules have not at present been extended to the Madras District owing to the unsettled state of the Mirasi question, I think, for the reasons hereafter detailed, an Establishment consisting of men who have a thorough knowledge of Survey details may with advantage be entertained in this District.

2. This Establishment, if sanctioned, will be employed; firstly, in surveying Anady Bunger lands when they are required for actual cultivation, or for planting topes under the rules issued by the Board of Revenue. Numerous respectable persons at and around Madras are, I may state, now very anxious to avail themselves of the advantages conferred by these rules; secondly, in surveying lands in the vicinity of towns when solicited for building purposes under the rules sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings of the 27th August 1863; thirdly, in surveying lands in proprietary Estates and villages held on rent-free and other favorable tenure, when they revert to Government; fourthly, in measuring lands when the occupants complain of an extraordinary deficiency or excess in their holding; and lastly, it would be most convenient and expedient to have at hand one or two trustworthy Amens to be despatched to measure concealed cultivation, or to settle, by correct measurement of actual areas, long pending boundary disputes.

3. All these duties, excepting that of surveying proprietary Estate, &c., when they have reverted to Government are at present performed by cultivation Inspectors, or Gumastahs, from the Taluk Office Establishment. This cripples the Tahsildar's Establishment considerably for the time being, and the legitimate duties of those officers are unnecessarily laid aside.

4. If an Establishment of the kind contemplated be sanctioned, Durkhasts for Anady Bunger, and other unassessed waste lands will be disposed of much more expeditiously than now, and the Tahsildars with the extended charge they now have will find their labors considerably lightened.

Fasli.	Rs.	A.	P.
1267.....	322	13	2
1268.....	38	0	0
1269.....	0	0	0
1270.....	14	0	0
1271.....	95	1	11
1272.....	128	7	5
	598	6	6

5. The temporary Establishment entertained as occasions require, will not be rendered necessary, should a survey party be permanently sanctioned for this District. The expenditure incurred during the last six years on account of this establishment amount to Rupees 598-6-6 as shown in the margin.

6. Although the waste land rules have not been introduced into this District, still considering the ample and important work of other kinds that is available for the party proposed, and as it is really necessary that the head of this party should be acquainted with the use of the Theodolite working traverses, drawing maps, and be an efficient Superintendent of the whole arrangement, I would not advocate a less amount of yearly expenditure than that sanctioned for other Districts.

Exd. J. Wright.

From the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 15th October 1863, No. 192.

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of Mr. Pelly's Circular, No. 1,564, under date 24th June 1863, calling on all Collectors to report to the Board as to the necessity of a small Survey Establishment, I have the honor to state that I do not consider that any fixed Survey Establishment is necessary whilst the regular Survey Department is at work in the District.

2. In my letter to the Board of the 7th August 1862, I recommended a large fixed Survey Establishment on account of the numerous applications for waste land under Lord Canning's Rules. Since the introduction of the present rules upwards of three-fourths of these applications have been withdrawn.

3. The small extent of land still applied for could be easily surveyed by the Survey Establishment now employed in the District, and on their departure the necessity for a small permanent Establishment might be considered.

Ed. J. Wright.

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th November 1863, No. 450.

With reference to paragraph 2 of your Circular, dated 24th June last, No. 1,564, I have the honor to report, that the entertainment of the proposed Survey Establishment is desirable in this District. They will be of great use in surveying Poramboke lands brought under cultivation, and Punjah lands converted into Nunjah, and *vice versa*, and in marking the same in the Plan. The nature and the amount of Survey work expected of them each year cannot be ascertained with any degree of precision, until after the completion of the General Survey, which is now under progress in this District.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 6,444.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th October 1865.

Read Order of Government, dated 11th June 1863, No. 1,023.

1. On the recommendation of the Honorable Mr. Pelly that a small Survey establishment be entertained permanently in each District, the Government, in paragraph 3 of the above Order, desired the Board to consult a few of the Collectors as to the need of such establishments in their Districts, and the nature and amount of survey work which might annually be expected. The Board accordingly addressed a few of the Collectors on the subject, but the Honorable Mr. Pelly having circulated the Order of Government to all the Collectors, requesting them to report to the Board on the question, replies have been received from the Districts.

2. A file of these replies will now be submitted to Government. It will be seen, that all the Collectors, except those of the Districts noted in the margin, consider that a small Survey establishment, such as that proposed by

Vizagapatam.
Nellore.
Bellary.

Salem.
North Arcot.
Tanjore.

it would be of service in the settlement of channel disputes, and in bringing to light concealed cultivation, &c. &c.

4. The Collector of Kurnool considers that the Survey establishment would at once meet a great want in his District in connection with the lands to be made over to the Irrigation Commission. The Collector of Madras states that the establishment, if sanctioned, would be employed

lands when the occupants complain of an extraordinary deficiency or excess of tax, or lastly, to measure concealed cultivation, or to settle, by correct measurement of actual areas, long pending boundary disputes.

5. The Collector of South Arcot attaches very great importance to the services of a Survey establishment. He considers that such an establishment would be a very valuable and useful adjunct to the Collector's office in every District. He reports that at present there are frequent boundary and other disputes, and numerous applications for immemorial and unoccupied waste lands, and that many of these, to the loss of Government remain sometimes for a lengthened period undisposed of, simply from the want of a competent person to examine them.

7. The Board have carefully considered all that has been said on the proposal by the Collectors, and they are of opinion that it is decidedly advisable to carry the proposal into effect. The increased attention which has been of late paid to Local Funds, and the large sums which are now placed at the Collectors' disposal from this source, render it very desirable that an establishment of the sort should be attached to his office. Mr. Pelly proposed two Surveyors,

two Clerks, and two Peons, but the Board would recommend one Surveyor on seventy Rupees, one Clerk on twenty Rupees, and one Peon on seven Rupees, the whole cost amounting to Rupees 97 a month. Whenever there may be much survey work in any District, in connection with applications for waste lands, the Collector might apply for a temporary establishment for such period as might be required, to be employed under the Surveyor. The Board understand that an additional number of Revenue Inspectors for each District has recently been applied for by Mr. Pelly; and when sanctioned, the Collector should find no difficulty in occasionally attaching one or two Inspectors to the Surveyor when any urgent work has to be carried out.

8. The cost of the establishment, as now recommended by the Board for the nineteen Districts, would be Rupees 1,813 per month, or Rupees 21,116 per annua. As the Board learn that the Tabular Statement of the General Revenue establishment has not yet been finally closed, they request that Mr. Pelly may be desired to include the cost in his Statement, as it properly forms part of the Revenue establishment. This will obviate the necessity of submitting the proposal to the Government of India for separate sanction. The establishment might be entertained by the Collectors from 1st May 1863, as the necessary provision will be made in the Budget for 1863-67, if it is sanctioned by Government.

(A true Extract.)

[Signature]

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudson, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with a file of Collectors' replies.

Copy to All Collectors.

No. 2572.

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Esq. J. Wright

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Submitting opinions of local Collectors to the Agent of the joint Survey and Survey establishment sanctioned for each District.

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