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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 4. Read the following letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 19th May 1866, No. 657-24 :—

1. I have the honor to forward the usual return of work performed and expenditure incurred by the Settlement Department, during the fourth quarter of 1865. This return would have been submitted earlier, had I not been absent on duty in the Godavery District till the middle of last month.

2. In the Godavery District the establishment was chiefly occupied in calculating the assessment, and preparing the various preliminary accounts required for the introduction into the Eastern and Central Deltas and Upland Talooks of the new Settlement, which was finally sanctioned by Government in their Order of the 28th August, 1865. During the quarter the assessment at the sanctioned rates was calculated, fieldwar, for 183 villages, and this portion of the work was completed for the Deltas by the end of the year. Asamiwar accounts and tickets were prepared for 191 and 205 villages respectively. In addition to the above, further progress was made in correcting the Settlement Registers for the Western Delta. The increase of expenditure is owing to the employment of an enlarged establishment, in view to the early completion of the work.

3. In the Kistna District the extra party, under Mr. Cox, re-classified 306 square-miles in the Guntoor Division, for which the accounts had been lost in the cyclone. In addition, ten square-miles of new classification, and twelve square-miles of new demarcation were accomplished by the same party. In Office, the preparation of the accounts for the introduction of the Settlement in the Masulipatam Division was continued. Rate books were written for sixty-seven villages, Asamiwar accounts were prepared for 194 villages, and tickets for 217 villages. Most of these were also compared and examined. The expenditure was slightly higher than in the third quarter, the establishment having been strengthened.

4. In Kurnool fair progress was made during the quarter, notwithstanding the difficulties caused by drought, and the scarcity of drinking water. The area demarcated was 364 square-miles, and that classified 339 square-miles; 7,506 masonry pillars were built on village and Khandam boundaries. In Office, progress was made in the preparation of accounts for the introduction of the Settlement already sanctioned, in a further number of villages for which survey areas had been supplied. The assessment was calculated, fieldwar, for forty-four villages. Asamiwar accounts were written for forty-three and tickets, for distribution to the Ryots, for

twenty-nine villages. The Inám Registers were compared with the Classification Registers for twenty-one villages. Field areas for thirty-three villages were received from the Survey Department.

5. In Coimbatore the area demarcated is below the standard, a portion of the establishment having been employed in revising back-work in the Bowany and Perundorai Talooks. This work had been nearly brought to a close at the end of the year. Active progress was made in the erection of boundary pillars. Including those re-built, the number of village boundary and Khandam pillars constructed during the quarter was 7,716, and the number of boundary and Khandam offsets, 16,555. The records of eighty villages in the Bowany, Perundorai, and Darapuram Talooks were handed over to the Survey Department, and at the close of the quarter only forty villages remained to be handed over.

6. In Trichinopoly the work of printing the Settlement Registers continued throughout the quarter. Registers for ninety villages were written in diglott, and thirty copies each for 366 villages were printed. A complete set of the Registers for three Talooks has been received in the Central Office, and bound in volumes in readiness to be handed over to the Board. The establishment, and consequently the expenditure, has been considerably reduced.

7. In Salem the establishment was principally employed in Office. The Deputy Director submitted a preliminary report on the Talaghaut Division, which has since been forwarded to the Board with my remarks. Maps and Land Registers were issued to the Curnums of that Division by the Deputy Director. Towards the end of the quarter, survey areas were applied to the fields of the Tripatoor and Utengharay Talooks. This work being completed, and there not being employment for all the hands, Mr. Puckle, with my approval, placed a party at the disposal of the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey for temporary employment in the demarcation of the Madras District.

8. By the end of December the demarcation of the Tinnevelly District had been brought to a close, and with the exception of two, all boundary disputes had been settled. The expenditure has greatly decreased owing to reduction in the establishment.

9. The expenditure entered opposite South Arcot is the outlay for binding three sets of Settlement Registers, and mounting on cloth four sets of Village Maps of the Chidambaram Talook.

Madras Deputy Collector's salary	Rs.	1,050
Nellore Settlement Establishment	do. ,,	5,233
Vizagapatam	do. ,,	1,036
Tinnevelly	do. ,,	514
		7,833

10. The item of Rupees 7,833 at the foot of the Statement is for expenditure on the marginally noted establishments, debitable to the Settlement Budget under Government Orders dated 24th January, 9th June, and 19th July 1865, Nos. 108, 1,258, and 1,665, but not controlled by this Office.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1866.

Return of work and expenditure in the Settlement Department for the Quarter ending 31st December 1865.

Names of Districts.	Standard estimate for a quarter of a year.	Actual work. Incompleted Villages.	Actual work. In Villages in progress.	Total.	Difference.	Expenditure.	Average cost per square-mile.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.
		Demarcation.					
Kistna	.....	10	2	12	.....	505	42 1 4
Kurnool	.....	231	133	364	—11	12,539	34 7 2
Cuddapah	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	497	
Godavery	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	
Nellore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	525	
Tinnevelly	85	32	.....	32	— 53	5,605	
Coimbatore	375	150	115	265	—110	11,204	42 4 6
Total...	835	423	250	673	—162	30,885	
Add cost of Boundary Pillars	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	661	
						31,456	
Total of Kistna, Kurnool, and Coimbatore ...	750	391	250	641	—109	21,218	37 13 3
		Classification and Assesment.					
Kistna	125	292	19	311	+186	8,475	27 4 0
Kurnool	375	216	123	339	— 36	13,578	40 0 10
Godavery	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,922	
Trichinopoly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,865	
Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,191	
South Arcot	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	472	
Total...	500	508	142	650	+150	51,503	.....
Total of Kistna and Kurnool	500	508	142	650	+150	22,053	33 14 10
Add charge debitable to Settlement Budget by Order of Government						7,833	.....

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

MADRAS,
19*th May* 1866.

No. 5.

Land Revenue.

ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1866, No. 1,290.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Office Director of
Revenue Settlements

To The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department

Dated 19th
Rd 21st May 1866.

No 657
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Forwarding the usual
returns of work performed
& expenditure incurred by
the Settlement Department
during the fourth quarter
of 1865. Rs 1290.

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