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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 457. Read the following letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 8th June 1866, No. 738-27 :—

1. I have the honor to forward the usual Return of work performed and expenditure incurred by the Settlement Department, during the first quarter of 1866.

2. GODAVERY DISTRICT.—In the Godavery District I was personally engaged, during the quarter, in introducing in the Eastern and Central Deltas and Upland Talooks, the new Settlement, sanctioned by Government in their Order of the 28th August 1865. By the end of March the Talooks of Ramachendrapoor, Amlapoor, and a portion of that of Nursapoor, the whole comprising the Eastern and Central Deltas, and aggregating some 300 villages, had been settled, besides a few villages in the Upland Talook of Rajahmundry. Progress was also made in the preparation of the accounts for the remaining Talooks to be settled in the current quarter. The expenditure is slightly higher than in the previous quarter, owing to increased establishments employed in connection with the settlement.

3. KISTNA DISTRICT.—In this District also the introduction of the new settlement in the Masulipatam Division was commenced early in January by Mr. Wilson. By the end of the quarter, the whole Division, with the exception of a few villages in Bezawada and Nandigama had been settled. In Gudivada some opposition was manifested to the settlement, which was introduced simultaneously with the Jamabundy settlement of the current Fusly; but this was soon overcome by the firmness of the Settlement Officer aided by the Acting Collector, and the Ryots were in a short time as anxious to accept the settlement tickets as they had before been to reject them. In some cases the increase of the new over the old assessment is considerable, the amount hitherto paid both for land and water assessment being insignificant and inadequate. The increase, however, when large, will, in accordance with the Orders of Government, be imposed gradually. Further progress has been made in the preparation of accounts connected with the settlement of the Guntoor Division, and a few Gumashtas have been detached to the Talooks to re-collect statistics and data, which though formerly accumulated, were lost in the cyclone. Survey areas for 509 villages were received during the quarter.

4. The extra party under Mr. Cox re-classified 124 square-miles in the Guntoor Division, besides accomplishing 13 and 14 square-miles of new classification and new demarcation respectively, in both Divisions of the District. The re-classification is now completed.

5. The increase of expenditure in this District is mainly attributable to the salary and allowances paid to Mr. Wilson, under Government Order dated 20th December last, No. 3,070.

6. KURNOOL DISTRICT.—The area demarcated during the quarter in the Pattikonda, Cummum, and Markapur Talooks of the Kurnool District was 286 square-miles, and that classified 381 square-miles. 5,353 masonry pillars were built on village and Khandam boundaries. The new settlement was introduced in 46 villages of the Nundial, Nundikatkur, and Sirwell Talooks of Kurnool Proper, for which survey areas had been received, and in Office progress was made in the preparation of accounts for the settlement of a further number of villages. The assessment was calculated for 14 villages; Asamiwar accounts and tickets were prepared for

13 and 18 villages respectively. Inám Registers were compared with the classification Registers of 23 villages, and Settlement Registers written out for 40 villages. Field areas for 35 villages were received from the Survey Department. The decrease of expenditure in this party is chiefly owing to the absence on leave of the Deputy Director, who was unable to draw his pay till his return to duty, which took place after the close of the quarter.

7. NELLORE.—The expenditure in Nellore consists of the pay of a small establishment retained for the correction of certain defects in the demarcation brought to notice by the Survey Department. It has since been dispensed with.

8. COIMBATORE DISTRICT.—The field work in the Coimbatore District, so far as it will be performed by this Department, had been nearly completed at the end of 1865. During the quarter the remaining villages were completed and made over to the Survey Department. 5,576 boundary and Khandam pillars were built, besides some 12,000 boundary and Khandam off-sets. Mr. Addis, Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement, was in accordance with Government Order, 3rd March, No. 553, transferred to the Survey Department, and Major Smith's establishment was greatly reduced, a few hands only being retained for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the party. The reduced expenditure is thus accounted for.

9. TRICHINOPOLY DISTRICT.—In Trichinopoly the work of printing the Settlement Registers was completed during the quarter; 142 Diglot Registers were written, and 30 copies, each of 190 villages, were printed. A full set of the Registers for the remaining two Talooks has been received in the Central Office, and after being bound will be handed over to the Board. The Registers of 22 villages transferred from Trichinopoly to the South Arcot District were forwarded to the Collector in manuscript, none of the Registers of the Chidambaram Talook having been printed. The extra party was finally broken up at the close of the quarter. Printed Registers were distributed to the Curnums of four Talooks, and some were supplied to private parties on payment.

10. In the Salem District the establishment was occupied with the accounts connected with the Settlement Report for the Northern Talooks, which has since been received and is under consideration. Alphabetical Lists of villages for the Talaghaut Talooks have been prepared and are now being printed.

11. TINNEVELLY.—In Tinnevelly a small establishment has been placed under the orders of the Deputy Superintendent of Survey, for the purpose of restoring marks which have disappeared in the Talooks first demarcated to the south of the District.

12. The item of Rupees 11,238 at the foot of the statement consists of expenditure on the establishments noted in the margin. The first four of the items are debitable to the Settlement Budget, under Government Orders, dated 24th January, 9th June, and 19th July 1865, Nos. 108, 1,258, and 1,665. The sum set opposite Tinnevelly includes the pay of Mr. Symond's and his establishment employed during the quarter under the Collector's orders. The fifth item of Rupees 424 is the pay of a Supervisor

| | Rs. |
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| Madras Deputy Collector's salary ... | 1,050 |
| Nellore Settlement Establishment ... | 6,036 |
| Tinnevelly do. ... ... | 3,590 |
| Vizagapatam do. ... ... | 138 |
| Madras Demarcation Establishment ... | 424 |
| | 11,238 |



and a few subordinates, placed by Mr. Puckle temporarily at Major Hessey's service for employment in the demarcation of the Madras District.

Return of work and expenditure in the Settlement Department for the first Quarter ending 31st March 1866.

| Names of Districts. | Standard estimate for a quarter of a year. | Actual work. Incomplete villages. | Actual work. In villages in progress. | Total work. | 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 ... ... ... | ..... | 4 | 10 | 14 | ..... | 832 | 59 6 10 |
| Kurnool ... ... ... | 375 | 202 | 84 | 286 | — 89 | 11,350 | 39 11 0 |
| Cuddapah ... ... ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 314 | ..... |
| Godavery ... ... ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 85 | ..... |
| Nellore ... ... ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 595 | ..... |
| Tinnevelly ... ... ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 561 | ..... |
| Coimbatore ... ... ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7,053 | ..... |
| Total... | 375 | 206 | 94 | 300 | ..... | 20,800 | ..... |
| Add cost of Boundary Pillars ... ... ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5,162 | ..... |
| Total... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25,962 | ..... |
| Total of Kistna and Kurnool ... | 375 | 206 | 94 | 300 | ..... | 12,182 | 40 9 8 |
| | | | *Classification and Assessment.* | | | | |
| Kistna... { Classification | 125 | 128 | 9 | 137 | +12 | 4,546 | 33 2 11 |
| Kistna... { Settlement. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8,798 | ..... |
| | 375 | 318 | 63 | 381 | + 6 | 11,986 | 26 11 4 |
| Kurnool ... ... ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4,338 | ..... |
| Godavery ... ... ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 11,427 | ..... |
| Trichinopoly ... ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 6,041 | ..... |
| Salem ... ... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | | |
| Total... | 500 | 446 | 72 | 518 | + 18 | 47,136 | ..... |
| Total of Kistna and Kurnool ... ... ... | 500 | 446 | 72 | 518 | + 18 | 16,532 | 31 14 8 |
| Add charges not debitable to Parties ... | | | | | | 11,238 | ..... |

MADRAS,
*6th June* 1866.

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

No. 458.

Land Revenue

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1866, No. 1,515.

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.

24 Sept/65 — F 225.
4 Oct — 186-188
19 & 24 July — 329-330
28 Aug — 477-478
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3 March — 49-50
1 June — 4-5

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Letter from Dep. Clerk of Privy Council

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W.O. Transmitting the annual return of quarterly proceedings and expenditure incurred by the Settlements Departments during the first quarter of 1865.

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