

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th July 1866.*

No. 329. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1866, No. 4,713.

Read again letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated 19th May 1866, recorded in Board's Proceedings, 2nd June 1866, No. 3,800.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th June 1866, No. 108:—

I have communicated to the Acting Collector of Tanjore, the wish expressed by the Board of Revenue, and I agree with that Officer in thinking that the employment of a Record-keeper, to take sole charge of the Settlement records of the District, is most desirable.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letters be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that sanction be granted for the entertainment, on the establishment of the Collector of Trichinopoly, of an extra Record-keeper, on a salary of 25 Rupees per mensem, for the special and sole charge of the valuable settlement records of the District.

2. The Acting Collector will be requested to forward a Tabular Statement, prepared according to Form No. 1, printed at page 528 of Volume 1 of Board's Circular Orders, that the same may be laid before Government.

No. 330. ORDER THEREON—18th July 1866, No. 1,773.

Miscellaneous.

The Government desire to know what is the present strength of the Trichinopoly Record Department, and what arrangement for the proper custody of the survey and settlement records has been made in the other Districts in which these operations have been carried out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 3,800.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 2nd June 1866.

Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 19th May 1866, No. 658-23:—

I have the honor to forward, for the Board's consideration and orders, copy of a letter with enclosure from the Deputy Director, Trichinopoly, dated 17th instant, No. 47. I agree with Mr. Puckle that the preservation of the valuable Settlement records is of importance.

Letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, Trichinopoly, to the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, dated 17th May 1866, No. 47.

I have the honor to inform you that seventy-four boxes of Maps and Registers, carefully packed and labelled, have been handed over to the Collector of Trichinopoly; in addition to these boxes, there are about two hundred dusters of Survey Field Books, Diaries, Correction Lists and other records connected with the Settlement now put away on shelves in the same room with the boxes. I am not aware that application has been made for the services of a person to have special charge of these records; but I enclose a copy of my letter to the Collector in December last, and beg that you will bring the great importance of preserving these records to the notice of the Board of Revenue.

Letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, Trichinopoly, to the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 11th December 1865, No. 187.

1. I have the honor to advise you of the despatch of twenty-two boxes, containing fifteen spare copies of the Registers and Maps of four hundred and two villages, in the Perambalore and Musiri Taluks.

2. The Maps have been folded to a uniform size, and both the Registers and Maps are carefully tied and labelled in separate packages for each village. The Maps and Registers of the 852 villages of the remaining three Taluks will occupy forty or fifty boxes, making a total of about seventy boxes of spare copies of the Maps and Registers. These spare copies might be preserved exclusively to replace those now in use, as the latter are destroyed, or become defaced by wear and tear.

3. Thirty copies of each Register and Map have been struck off. Of these, a moiety are now being forwarded to you for record, and the remaining fifteen copies will be disposed of as under:—

For	Number of copies of	
	Registers.	Maps.
Board of Revenue... ..	1	1
Civil Judge	2	
Collector's Office	1	1
Superintending Engineer	2	2
Tahsildar... ..	1	1
Curnum	1	1
Deputy Director	1	
	9	6

leaving six Registers and nine Maps available for private sale.

5. Three Registers, and the same number of Maps for each village, will probably be sold at once, leaving three Registers and six Maps, or for the entire District about twelve more boxes of records, to be consigned to your care.

6. These Maps and Registers are very valuable; for, independently of the time and labour expended on their preparation, they have actually cost the Government about five lakhs of Rupees. You have, moreover, about two hundred dusters of Classification Registers, Ameen's Field Books, Diaries, Correction Lists and other records connected with the Settlement; and if these are not

carefully looked after, I fear they will soon be damaged by the damp and insects. These records would, collectively, fill a good-sized room, and ought to be in the sole charge of some responsible person, the Maps and Registers cannot be placed on presses, where they are liable to be soiled, but must be kept in boxes, which should be opened every few days, and the contents spread out and aired at least once every month.

There will be a constant demand for Maps and Registers for sale or issue, and the Field Books, Correction Lists, &c., will often be required for reference.

The person in charge should be well acquainted with all the Settlement accounts, and should be able to put his hand at once on any thing required. The Trichinopoly party is about to be broken up, and as, under the circumstances explained above, it seems highly desirable that the

* Amadallagam Pillay.

Gumastah,* who has attended to this general duty for the last six years, should continue in charge of the records, I beg to suggest that

application be made to Government for sanction for an extra Record-keeper, on 25 Rupees a month, to have the sole charge of all documents relating to the Settlement and Survey.

(True Copies.)

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

Forwarded to the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly for report, after communicating with Mr. Banbury.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Trichinopoly.

Copy to the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement,

Exd. J. Wright.

Forwarding to Acting Collector of Trichinopoly for report, after communication with Mr. Banbury, letter from Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, forwarding one from Deputy Director, suggesting employment of an extra Record-Keeper on Rupees 25 per month for taking care of records relating to Settlement and Survey handed over to Collector.

No. 3,600.

Dated 2nd June 1866

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No.

1866.

Department

2 copies of this report to be forwarded to the Secretary, Government, dated 11th July 1866 No. 4713.

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