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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th January 1866.*

No. 68. Read the following letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th December 1865, No. 1,583-50 :—

1. I have the honor to forward the usual return of work performed and expenditure incurred by the Settlement Department, during the third Quarter of the current year 1865.

2. In the Godavery District the preparation of the Settlement Accounts, &c., for the Central and Eastern Deltas and Upland Talooks occupied the chief attention of the Establishment. The assessment at the sanctioned rates was calculated for the Central and Eastern Deltas and Upland Talooks occupied the chief attention of the Establishment. The assessment at the sanctioned rates was calculated for forty fieldwar for 296 villages, and Asamiwar accounts and tickets were prepared for forty-six and twelve villages respectively. Further progress was made in the correction of erroneous entries of wet and dry in the Settlement Registers of the Western Delta Talooks. The increase of expenditure during the past as compared with the average of the previous Quarters, is owing to a larger establishment having been employed in order to the early completion of the work. I anticipate that every thing will be in readiness for the introduction of the Settlement by the end of the year.

3. The compilation of Asamiwar Accounts, &c., for the Masulipatam portion of the Kistna District, the postponement of which till the beginning of the current Fusly I reported in my letter of 23rd August last, No. 1,014, paragraph 2, was recommended during the Quarter. Accounts for 188 villages in the Gudiwada and Bandar Talooks were completed, and those for 171 were tested. Tickets for seventy-four villages were written out, and the assessment was calculated for eight more. The calculations for sixty-six villages previously prepared were also examined. Rate books for the Gunttoor portion of the District were prepared for 298 villages; Classification Registers were re-written for two others, and the Registers of nine villages were examined.

4. Early in July Mr. Cox, Assistant Director, arrived at Masulipatam for the purpose of organizing a party, under the arrangement approved in the Proceedings of Government, dated 10th May 1865, No. 970, to re-classify the villages, the accounts of which had been destroyed in the cyclone. An area of 233 square miles was re-classified during the Quarter, and 432 acres taken up since the original demarcation were newly demarcated and classified. I consider the amount of work performed in spite of the hindrances caused by heavy rains and freshes in the Kistna, which temporarily put a stop to the operations in some of the low lying villages, very creditable. The organization of this party sufficiently accounts for the increase of expenditure in the Kistna District.

5. The report on the financial results of the Trichinopoly Settlement, alluded to in paragraph 14 of my letter of the 23rd August, No. 1,014, was submitted to

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the Board of Revenue, on the 14th of the following month. The Registers of 204 villages were written in diglott, and those of 222 were printed. Considerable progress was also made in mounting the Village Survey Maps of the Perambalur, Musiri, and Kulittalai Talooks. The extra party employed in this District has been greatly reduced, and it is expected that the work will be completed by April or May next.

6. The establishment in Salem has been employed in Office, in preparing the accounts necessary for a preliminary report on the District. Those for the Talaghaut Division have been completed, and a proposal, submitted by Mr. Puckle for the settlement of this part of the District, is under consideration. Village Survey Maps and Land Registers were distributed to the Curnums of Ahtur, to enable them to ascertain the particulars of each survey number before coming up for registry.

7. In Kurnool progress has been made in writing up the Settlement Registers and accounts. The Registers for fifty-nine villages of Kurnool proper have been completed, Classification Registers have been compared with the Inám Registers for thirty-nine villages, while abstracts of classification and calculations of assessment have been made for nine villages. The Survey areas were entered in the Registers of sixteen more villages.

8. As regards field work, the out-turn of Demarcation and Classification in the Kurnool and Cuddapah Districts is considerably in excess of the average of the two first Quarters of the year, though still somewhat below the standard. In the former District the work was impeded by heavy rains, the rocky nature of the country operated upon, the large sizes of the villages, and the paucity of village servants; and in the latter by sickness, cholera having been very prevalent in the early part of the Quarter. The field work of the four northern Talooks of Cuddapah may be pronounced complete, with the exception of the alterations in demarcation rendered necessary by the line of Railway recently marked out in the Jamalmadugu Talook.

9. As in previous Quarters, the bulk of the establishment in Coimbatore has been employed on revision, which, however, I hope will now shortly be brought to a close. The slight increase of expenditure in this District is owing to additions made to the party by the transfer of hands from Tinnevelly.

10. With the exception of a few villages, the field demarcation of the Tinnevelly District has been completed, but the non-adjustment of boundary disputes keeps the accounts of numerous villages still open. Mr. Puckle visited the District in September last, and reported favorably of the demarcation which he inspected. Arrangements have been made for the settlement of the disputes, in which the Collector has kindly undertaken to assist, and it is anticipated that they will all be disposed of by the end of the year. The decrease in the expenditure in Tinnevelly is caused by the gradual reduction of establishments.

11. The expenditure in Nellore consists of the pay of the small establishment retained to assist the Survey Department, and to correct such trifling errors in the Demarcation as may from time to time be discovered.

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Return of work and expenditure in the Settlement Department for the quarter ending 30th September 1865.

Names of Districts.	Standard estimate for a quarter of a year.	ACTUAL WORK.			Differ-ence.	Expen-diture.	Average cost per square mile.
		In com-pleted villages.	In vil-lages in progress.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	S. Miles.	S. Miles.	S. Miles.	S. Miles.	S. Miles.	RS.	RS. A. P.
DEMARCATION.							
Kistna ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	101	... ..
Kurnool	375	55	210	265	— 66	11,306	42 10 8
Cuddapah		44	.....	44		1,469	33 6 2
Godavery ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	389	... ..
Nellore ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	491	... ..
Tinnevelly	187	.....	52	52	— 135	6,841	... ..
Coimbatore	187	.....	68	68	— 119	10,083	... ..
Total ...	749	99	330	429	— 320	30,668	... ..
		Add cost of boundary pillars ...				1,379	
						32,059	
Total of Kurnool and Cuddapah...	375	99	210	309	— 66	12,775	41 5 6
CLASSIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT.							
Kistna	125	202	31	233	+ 108	7,484	... ..
Kurnool	375	33	171	204	— 124	9,441	46 4 6
Cuddapah		47	.....	47		1,494	31 12 7
Godavery ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,850	... ..
Trichinopoly...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23,528	... ..
Salem ... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,4*1	... ..
Total ...	500	282	202	484	— 16	47,278	... ..
Total of Kurnool and Cuddapah...	375	80	171	251	— 124	10,935	43 9 1
Add charges not debitable to any District						2,116	
Do. debitable to Settlement Budget by Order of Government						6,957	

MADRAS,
20th December 1865.

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

No. 69.

ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1866, No. 35.

Land Revenue

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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11. The expenditure in Nelson consists of the pay of the small establishment retained to assist the Survey Department and to correct such trifling errors in the demarcation as may from time ^{to time} be discovered.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

W. Massey

Off. Director of Public Settlements.

