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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 22-10-1866.

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No. 491. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th September 1866, No. 6,994.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1866, No. 19 :—

1. The Board having submitted the establishment, they would propose for carrying out the Orders of Government of the 12th December 1864, No. 2,243, the sanction of Government was accorded on the understanding that this special establishment should be entertained only as required ; that the permanent establishment was to help to the full extent of its power; the Collector was to carry on his operations in not less than two Talooks at a time, and a full report was to be made at the end of one year on the working of the establishment, which, till then, should be considered an experimental arrangement.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th June 1865.

2. In communicating the Orders of Government, the Board directed that Monthly Progress Reports should be submitted ; and probably, with these reports, further information from this Office may be unnecessary. As I am, however, proceeding on leave, and the Board may be desirous of knowing whether I would recommend any change in the existing arrangements, I will do myself the honor to state what occurs to me ; and I shall trust to be excused, should I be addressing the Board unnecessarily.

3. The Board are aware that the Orders of Government, as regards the entertainment of the Special Establishment, have been adhered to, and, in my report of the 11th, I should have done more justice to the help I have received from the permanent establishment, from my Sheristadar, Head English Clerk, Head Vernacular Clerk, downwards; an oversight I am glad to have this opportunity of rectifying ; and having received from the permanent establishment all the help that could be given in respect to the special points noted by Government, and referred to in the first paragraph of this letter, it is only, as regards the area to which my operations should have been extended, that a change has been made, and is necessary still in my opinion.

4. The Government expected that the Collector would "carry on his operations in not less than two adjoining Talooks." I have been unable to obey this order, with reference to supervision. At first starting, I found it was essential to success that the men should be kept together ; that uniformity should be secured by constant supervision ; and till greater accuracy is obtained in original classification, I doubt whether two Talooks, as a rule, can, with safety, be taken in hand at the same time. I am doing it now as regards Nellore and Guduru, and propose to do it next year as regards Guduru and Rapuru. But this is with a special object, in the one case of classifying the whole of the anicut area at the same time, and the other of measuring of crops. I would otherwise have taken the Talooks separately.

5. As regards other points than those noted by Government, one important change has been already proposed and sanctioned, viz., raising the Classifiers from 20 to 25*; and as regards field work, the only further change that occurs to me as advisable is an increase to the establishment of the Special Assistant, and the Supervisor of a Clerk and Masalji in addition to the three Peons given to the former, when the number of Classifiers was raised. In their Proceedings of the 9th August 1865, the Board refused the change I still recommend, as they wished me distinctly to understand that the work is to be done by the regular establishment, and nothing like a separation of departments is contemplated. But I think that the combination of establishments can be effectively maintained, and yet the additional establishment applied for given with advantage. There is a mass of details, such as supervising rate of work week by week, receiving, checking, and handing over classification records to the Revising Officers, &c., which had better be done in the field, than in the Office of the Collector or the Tahsildar's; and giving the Special Assistant and the Supervisor the requisite establishment* for this work, much of which must be done at night; as regards all important accounts, full control would be retained in the Collector's Office.

* Proceedings of the Madras Government, 29th January 1866.

* Office of Special Assistant.

1 Clerk...	Rupees	15
1 Masalji...	,,	5
		— 20
Office of Supervisor.		
1 Clerk...	Rupees	15
1 Masalji...	,,	5
		— 20
Total...		40

6. Mr. Rundall, who submitted his views on the working of the special establishment, before he went on leave, is of opinion that more provision should be made for supervision. I do not, however, propose to make a recommendation to this effect, as I hope the necessity will diminish as the Classifiers improve, and meanwhile, such help as is required can be obtained by employing the best hands among the Classifiers for the purpose of revision. I would rather pay Classifiers higher, could I get more experienced men, than secure correctness by revision; and the extent to which original classification is changed on revision, and the diminution of these changes, as far as possible, is one of the most important points, I consider, to which we have to attend.

7. At our present rate of working, we are turning out upwards of 30,000 acres, or in round numbers 50 square-miles of detailed classification a month, and shall finish the Talooks on the Pennair,* and the two Southern Talooks of Guduru and Rapuru by the end of July 1867. Moving north then, and taking up Udayagiri, we should have finished that Talook and be engaged with Kavali and Kandukuru in time to measure the crops in those Talooks in 1868; and Kanigiri and Ongole would take us into 1869, and so arrange our work that full advantage could be taken of four years' harvests to ascertain the relative productive powers of the soils we have to classify. The Survey areas will, however, I believe, be ready by the end of 1867; and should the Board think it advisable, a small increase in the establishment would enable us to keep pace more closely, and close our operations in 1868.

* Nellore and Atmakuru.

8. For the Talook of Atmakuru, the cost of classifying has been Rs. 0-1-4 per acre of detailed classification, Rupee 0-0-10 per acre, including general classification, as shewn in the margin; and I similarly shew the probable cost of classifying the whole District, taking the longer period referred to in the preceding paragraph, for the collection of the requisite information and the dates referred to by Government in paragraph 5. The Board will observe that, exclusive of the share debitable to the permanent Budget, the cost for classification would thus be, according to the area marked off in detail, Rupees 1,50,000.*

The total expenditure from 1st July 1865 to 31st March 1866, is—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Special Assistant Collector's salary	5,400	0	0
Do. Travelling Allowance ...	534	0	0
Office Establishment	1,526	14	0
Field Establishment	8,582	8	0
Batta to Office do.	276	14	0
Contingent Charges	220	15	0
Total...	16,541	3	0

The area classified in detail for that expenditure is 200,483 acres, or 1⅓ Annas per acre; and the area, including general classification, is 324,518 acres, or 10 Pies per acre.

* Atmakuru 313 square-miles, at Rs. 16,541, or 50 Rupees the square-mile.
The District square-miles 3,000 × 50 = 1,50,000.

9. As regards the introduction of the settlement, and the cost of this operation, it is difficult to form an opinion. Much depends on the extent to which the work can be undertaken by the Village Accountants or Curnums. In some Talooks, these men, as a body, are good Vernacular Clerks; elsewhere, the man who could be entrusted with writing out the land register of his village, is the exception. Perhaps, however, I should not be far wrong if I were to estimate that fifteen Vernacular Clerks on 15 Rupees, and five English Clerks on Rupees 20, would be equal to preparing the Registers in three months for an ordinary Talook. This would be an additional cost, under this head, of Rupees 1,200 per Talook; and I would take this opportunity of respectfully requesting that, in passing orders on my Report of the 11th, to this extent sanction may be accorded for Atmakuru.

	Rs.
20 Vernacular Clerks, at Rupees 15 ...	300
5 English ,, at ,, 20 ...	100
Total ...	400

10. For the cost of paper, &c., further provision would be required; but for such details the information available in the Board's Office, with reference to Districts already settled, is of a more satisfactory and reliable nature than any calculations I could furnish.

11. And to these incidental expenses must be added the provision for chains, mounting maps, &c., which items may be roughly taken, for the whole District, at Rupees 4,776, as shewn in the margin.

	Rs.
There are 597 Ryotwar villages in the District, and at a chain per village, and 4 Rupees per chain, the cost is	2,388
For mounting the maps of the Ryotwar villages, four copies for each village, and a Rupee per map, is	2,388
	4,776

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1. Submitted to Government, with reference to Government Orders dated 9th ne 1865, No. 1,258, and 29th January 1866, No. 253, Revenue Department, and

with the Board's recommendation that the *additional* establishment for Settlement purposes proposed by the Collector be sanctioned, as shewn below :—

For Special Assistant.

	Rs.
1 Clerk	15
1 Mussalji	5
	20

For Supervisor.

The same	20
	40 Monthly.

2. The Board think it very desirable that the completion of the revision should be expedited as much as possible, and, with reference to the concluding remark in paragraph 7 above, they desire that Mr. Dykes will, on his return from leave, report precisely the nature of the small increase to the establishment which he there suggests.

No. 492. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1866, No. 2,847.

Land Revenue.

Sanctioned.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 28th September 1866

Rec'd 3 Oct.
Rep. 5th.

No. 6,994.

Recommending that sanction be granted to to entertainment of additional Survey establishment proposed by Collector of Nellore for Special Assistant and Supervisor at a monthly cost of Rupees 40, and requesting Collector to report nature of small increase of establishment for completing Survey operations in 1868.

No. 2847.
Sanctioned.
22 Oct 1866.

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