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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 709. Read the following letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 9th October 1866, No. 1,336-47 :—

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

2. GODAVERY DISTRICT.—In the Godavery District, at the beginning of the quarter, I was personally engaged in introducing the new Settlement in the Eastern and Central Deltas and Upland Talooks. The total number of villages to be settled was 577, of which some 300 were completed during the first quarter. The remaining villages were settled partly by myself, and partly by Mr. Cox, Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement, after my return to Madras, and the new Settlement was brought into force throughout the above tracts from the 1st July 1866. The whole district, with the exception of the jungle tracts excluded, and the islands in the Godavery, is now under the new Settlement. The increase in the expenditure is owing to the deputation of Mr. Cox to the higher rate of salary sanctioned for the Native Assistant, and to the outlay in mounting maps.

3. KISTNA DISTRICT.—In the Kistna District the introduction of the new Settlement in the Masulipatam Division, commenced in January by Mr. Wilson, as already reported, was completed by that Officer during the quarter. The total number of villages settled is 412, in all of which the new Settlement was brought into force from the 1st July, the commencement of the current Fusly, 1276. Early in April Mr. Wilson was appointed to the charge of the Sub-Collectorate, but he continued to supervise the Settlement Establishment, which was chiefly employed during the quarter in office work. Duplicate copies of the Asamiwar accounts for delivery to the Talook officials, in anticipation of the final Settlement Registers, were written for the villages in the Masulipatam Division, and considerable progress was made in the preparation and tabulation of accounts connected with the Settlement Report on the Guntoor Division. In addition to this office work, 12,000 acres were newly demarcated, and nearly 11,000 acres newly classified by a few field hands retained for the purpose.

4. The large decrease in the expenditure is owing to the transfer, to the Godavery District, of Mr. Cox and his establishment, and to the smaller proportion of Mr. Wilson's salary and allowances debitable to the Settlement Department under Government Order, dated 12th May last, No. 1,137.

5. KURNOOL AND CUDDAPAH DISTRICTS.—The area demarcated during the quarter in the Kurnool District was 245 square-miles, and that classified 183 square-miles. The work was performed chiefly in the Cumbum and Markapur Talooks. In both branches the outturn is considerably below the standard, but this is sufficiently accounted for by the unfavorable character of the season, the unprecedented drought, and the unusual prevalence of sickness.

6. Further progress was made in the introduction of the new Settlement in Kurnool proper, for which survey areas had been received, sixty-five villages having been settled during the quarter. The Nandikotkur Talook has now been completely settled. In office, the extra Establishment was employed in preparing Asamiwar accounts and tickets, and in writing out the Teloogoo portion of the Diglott Settlement Registers for the Press.

7. In the Cuddapah District a small establishment was maintained to correct trifling errors in demarcation, and to assist the Survey Department.

8. The increase in the expenditure is almost entirely owing to the return of the Officiating Deputy Director from three months' privilege leave, at the commencement of the quarter, and to his having consequently drawn in one quarter the pay and allowances of the half year.

9. Coimbatore District.—The field work in the Coimbatore District, so far as it will be performed by this Department, having been completed, the establishment was finally broken up during the quarter. The expenditure consists chiefly of the salaries of Major Smith, and of a small establishment for April and May, during which they were employed in closing the accounts, and winding up the affairs of the party.

10. Trichinopoly District.—The expenditure set against Trichinopoly consists of a proportion of the Deputy Director's pay; the pay of Major Leggatt and his establishment during April and a part of May; of the balance due to Messrs. Graves and Co., and paid to them for printing the Settlement Registers; and of a small sum for mounting maps. The Office at Trichinopoly has now been broken up, and all records connected with the Settlement of that District have been made over to the Collector.

11. Salem District.—The Settlement Report on the Talaghaut or Southern Talooks of Salem was submitted to the Board in March. The Deputy Director's report on the Baramahal and Balaghaut Divisions was received in April, and has since been forwarded to the Board with my own report. In May Mr. Puckle left the Department to take up his appointment as Collector of Tinnevelly. The expenditure in Salem has been very much reduced.

12. Tinnevelly District.—The small establishment, alluded to in paragraph 11 of my Report for the previous quarter, as having been employed in Tinnevelly, was continued during the second for the purpose named.

13. Nellore District.—The expenditure in Nellore consists of the pay during April and a part of May, of a small establishment for the correction of certain defects in demarcation. It is now dispensed with.

14. The sum of Rupees 12,308 at the foot of the Statement is made up of the items given in the margin. The first three are debitable to the Settlement Budget by Order of Government. The sum set opposite Tinnevelly includes the pay of Mr. Symonds and his establishment employed during the quarter under the Collector's orders, as well as the salary of the Native Assistant Vencatacharry during a portion of the time. The fourth item is the pay of certain Settlement Subordinates placed temporarily at the disposal of the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey for employment in the demarcation of the Madras District.

	Rs.
Nellore Settlement Establishment ...	6,635
Tinnevelly do. do. ...	3,724
Vizagapatam do. do. ...	26
Madras Demarcation Establishment...	506
Cloth purchased for Maps	1,417
	12,308

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31*st October* 1866.

Return of work and expenditure in the Settlement Department for the second quarter ending 30th June 1866.

Names of Districts.	Standard Estimate for a quarter of a year.	Actual Work.		Total Work.	Difference.	Expenditure.	Average cost per square-mile.
		Incomplete villages.	In villages in progress.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Demarcation.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles	Sq. Miles.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.
Godavery ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	286	... ...
Kistna	.....	16	1	17	.....	1,492	... ...
Kurnool... ...	375	42	203	245	—130	19,044	*69 4 5
Cuddapah ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	620	... ...
Coimbatore ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,053	... ...
Tinnevelly ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	522	... ...
Nellore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	307	... ...
Total ...	375	58	204	262	.....	25,324	... ...
Add cost of Boundary Pillars ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,850	... ...
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27,174	... ...
Classification and Assessment.							
Godavery ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,378	... ...
Kistna	.....	14	1	15	.....	5,952	... ...
Kurnool ...	375	63	120	183	—192	12,640	*49 3 2
Cuddapah ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	... ...
Trichinopoly ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,819	... ...
Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,246	... ...
Total ...	375	77	121	198	.....	39,095	... ...
Add charges not debitable to parties	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,308	... ...
Grand Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78,577	... ...

* In calculating the cost per square-mile, the Deputy Director's pay for three months only has been included.

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

Madras,
9*th October* 1866.

No. 710. Order thereon, 31st October 1866, No. 2,941.

Land Revenue

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From
The Offg Accountant of
Revenue Dept
To The Secretary to
Government
Revenue Department

Dated 9th
Rec'd 10th October 1866

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Forwarding with
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mark for arms and ex-
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Settlements Departments
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No 2941.

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