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Government of Madras.

Commerce DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 20th August 1867.

No. 334. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th July 1867, No. 4,180 :—

With advertence to the Order of Government, under date 22nd November 1866, No. 3187, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to notice the several forms proposed by the Statistical Committee, with the difficulties which occur in this Presidency in the preparation of each.

1. STATEMENT A No. I.—The area, cultivated and waste, of all *Ryotwary* lands except in two districts, can be given with particulars of the proportion of the waste which is culturable and unculturable. In respect, however, to Zemindary lands and Inams of all descriptions, no particulars of cultivation and waste or of the culturable and unculturable area are available. The gross area of these lands might be given approximately but no more. Thus the statement can be properly filled up in respect only to about three-fifths of the Presidency. The column headed "Unappropriated culturable waste," appears to be intended to shew the extent of land "available to settlers." There are such lands in the hill tracts and in several districts, but the area of them is unknown. In the plains the ryots have the preferential right to all waste in their village, and such waste, therefore, is not "available to settlers" in the ordinary acceptation of the phrase.

2. A No. 2.—Much of the information required is not to be had. The mountains and forests of this Presidency have not been surveyed, and within the compass of any statement that could be conveniently handled, it would be impossible to give the required particulars, except in so general and cursory a way as to be practically useless. A good Map, shaded so as to shew the geological and other features of the country, and a descriptive memoir, would alone meet the object in view; and inasmuch as no changes are likely to occur in these physical features, this would be a more suitable method of supplying the information than an annual return.

3. A No. 3.—The fall of rain is registered at all Tahsildary stations, and can be given in any form desired. The proposed division of the year into thirds is unsuited to this Presidency. No observations of the temperature are taken in the Revenue Department. The establishment recently sanctioned for meteorological observations will hereafter be in a position to supply the details required in this statement, but a diagram would be a better method of furnishing the information.

4. *B.—Political relations.*—The only Native States in this Presidency are Travancore and Cochin; Poodoocotta, Bunganapilly, Sundoor, and Joypore are petty Chief-ships rather than Native States. The Administration Reports of Travancore and Cochin contain ample information regarding those States.

5. *C.*—The details required in this Return can doubtless be obtained; but inasmuch as the Executive and Judicial ranges materially differ, the columns in the Return would require re-arrangement.

6. *D.*—The Census taken during the present year does not admit of all these details being supplied. There would, however, be no difficulty in obtaining them at the next Census in 1872.

7. *E.—Nos.* 1 *and* 2.—These Returns can be filled up by the Survey and Settlement Departments.

8. *No.* 3.—This Return might be prepared by the District Officers, but inasmuch as the cultivated area of the Zemindary estates cannot be given with accuracy, the revenue per acre could not be given, nor would there be any probability of obtaining the information requisite to fill up the last column of the Return.

9. *No.* 4.—The information necessary for the preparation of this Return is not obtainable in this Presidency.

10. *Nos.* 5 *and* 6.— These Returns can only be partially filled up.

11. *Class II—Statistics of Protection.*—The Returns under this class have no connection with the Revenue Department.

12. *Class III—Letter A.*—These Returns can be prepared by the departments concerned.

13. *Letters B. and C.*—The Public Works Department of the Government Office might perhaps obtain these statements.

14. *Letter D.*—Some only of the details requisite for the preparation of these Returns are at present available. They might, however, be obtained by the District Officers.

The Quinquennial Returns prepared in this Presidency give some of the information required for the preparation of statement No. 2. Any attempt to fill up No. 3 would be fruitless.

15. *Letter E—Nos.* 1 *and* 2.—The information required in these statements can be roughly furnished; but to carry the price list down to articles of daily consumption varying in every village, seems quite useless.

16. *Letter F.*—This Return might be prepared without difficulty by the District Officers.

17. *Letter G.*—The information necessary for the preparation of this statement might also be collected.

18. *Letter I.*—This Return might be prepared at the Mint.

19. *Letter K.*—This statement could without difficulty be prepared in each district.

20. The remaining statements do not apply to the Revenue Department.

21. It will be observed from the foregoing remarks that it will be quite impossible to append Returns in the forms desired to the quinquennial Report of the present year, and that there will be considerable difficulty in supplying much of the information required until the next quinquennial Returns are received. It will also be necessary to incur some additional expense, as the existing Revenue Establishments are quite unequal to carrying out such elaborate and extensive inquiries as will be needed.

22. The Board would also suggest for consideration whether a descriptive memoir of each district, such as those now being prepared, would not be a better means of giving the public the information which it is the object of these statements to supply. They are unable to understand how such varied and extensive and minute details can, for an Empire so extensive as British India, be usefully condensed and tabulated as proposed.

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20th August 1867.

No. 385. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1867, No. 1,938.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered that copy of the above letter be forwarded for the information of the Government of India, with reference to Mr. Secretary Bayley's letter, dated 31st October 1866, No. 450, Home Department, and that the Board of Revenue be requested to furnish every Collector with a set of the forms relating to their Department, with instructions to put in hand at once the work of filling in the details so far as the information is available on record, or easily procurable.

2. The Board will cause the District Returns to be posted up in the general forms as received, and will forward the Statements to Government in as complete form as they may be able to attain, for transmission to the Government of India.

3. When progress to this extent has been made, a more accurate idea may be formed how far the design of the Statistical Committee can be carried out, and whether it will be worthwhile to re-print the information annually to accompany the Administration Report.

4. The Board will also furnish the Survey and Settlement Departments with the forms relating to those subjects, which will be filled up as far as possible, and similarly forwarded to Government.

5. The other Statements which relate to the Statistics of Protection, including the working of the Legislature, the Courts, Prisons, Police, Military, and Marine Departments, to the Financial and Mint Departments, the Ecclesiastical, Educational, and Medical Departments, and the Public Works, will be considered in the Departments of the Secretariat to which they refer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Department.
,, the Judicial do.
,, the Marine do.
,, the Financial do.
,, the Ecclesiastical do.
,, the Educational do.
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,, the Military do.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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in this date the 20th August 1867.

Read the following
letter from the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue:

Revenue Circle
Overall forms prepared by
the Collectors of Tanjore
Trichinopoly Madura Coimbatore
Salem Malabar South Canara
and Nilgiris and the
Superintendent of Census

(Dated Ootacamund 4th July 1867
No. 1,807—

Forwarding a blank copy
of the above letter for the
Overall forms for the enumera-
tion of the Country which
will be required to be filled
up by the Secretary to the Board
of Revenue and returned
to the Board of Revenue
with instructions to fill in
the Overall returns of the Country
filling in the Statistics for
each Zillah from returns received
from the Collectors of Zillahs

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procurable:-

The Board will cause the District returns to be posted up in the Educational forms as received and will forward the statements to Govt as complete as forms as they may be able to obtain for transmission to the Govt of India:-

When progress to this extent has been made, a more accurate idea may be formed how far the design of the Institution can be carried out - and whether it will be worth while to print the information annually to accompany the Administration Report:-

The Board will also transmit the Survey and Settlement Departments with the forms relating to that subject which are to be filled up as far as possible - as in Bengal, Bombay &c.

The other statements which relate to the Statistics of

of Protection including the working of the Legislature, the Courts, Prisons, Police, Military and Marine departments - to the Education Dept - the Ecclesiastical Establishments - Ports - and on Public Works - will be considered in the Departments of the Secretariat to which they refer:-

[signature]

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