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Government of Madras. MASTER, Esq., Director of
Government, Revenue
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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 361. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th October 1869, No. 1,528-39:—

REFERRING to paragraph 10 of the Order of Government, dated 28th ultimo, No. 2,681, directing me to submit proposals for the introduction of the new settlement in Salem on the scheme proposed by Mr. Puckle, modified by the adoption of the higher commutation-rate fixed by Government, I have the honour to state that Mr. H. St. A. Goodrich having been appointed a Deputy-Director of Revenue Settlement, I have requested him to proceed, without delay, to Sooramungalam to assume charge of the Settlement Office there. He will be accompanied by Native Uncovenanted Assistant T. Vencatacharry, who has been of late doing duty in the Office of the Public Works Commission, but has now rejoined this department. This officer having had long experience under Mr. Puckle, and being intimately acquainted with every process of the settlement both in Trichinopoly and Salem, will be of the greatest assistance to Mr. Goodrich in the execution of the duty entrusted to him.

2. In their Order of the 17th March last, No. 717, the Government authorized me to place a portion of the establishment of the Salem Settlement Party temporarily at the disposal of the Collector of Trichinopoly, for the purpose of making certain inquiries in that district. As these servants can now be no longer spared, I have written to request Mr. Banbury to send them back to Salem at the end of this month. A few Classifiers of the Salem Party have been for some months employed in the Central Office. These men also will now be directed to rejoin their head-quarters.

3. I have furnished Mr. Goodrich with instructions for his guidance, and have authorized him to make such additions to the sanctioned strength of the Office Establishment, which has, for some time past, been much reduced, as may be necessary, within the Budget provision. I will, under the authority granted to me by Government in their Order of the 25th May 1859, No. 706, sanction the entertainment of such number of extra Goomastahs as may be required for the preparation in Office of the detailed accounts connected with the settlement. I estimate that the existing strength of the field establishment will suffice, for the present, to carry out such examination and revision as may, from time to time, be found necessary in the field.

4. As regards the time required for the introduction of the settlement, I fear it will be impossible to effect it within the present fiscal year, in accordance with the wish expressed by Government in paragraph 10 of their Order. It will be observed, on reference to paragraph 4 of Mr. Puckle's first Report, dated 26th October 1865, No. 90, that he estimated a year as the time necessary for the settlement of the southern talooks alone, containing 666 ryotwary villages, and having an area of 1,724 square-miles. I am not prepared to say that the settlement of the northern talooks will take as long, and perhaps Mr. Puckle may have over-estimated the time required for the south. The experience to be gained by the settlement of a talook will serve to test the accuracy of the estimate. Meanwhile, I would observe that,

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though every effort will be made to push on the work, it is very undesirable that it should be hurried. I am anxious that it should be performed thoroughly and completely once for all, and that the necessity for the further inquiries, now being made by Mr. Banbury in Trichinopoly, should be avoided in Salem. Monthly reports of the progress of the work will be submitted to me, and, as each talook is completed, comparative statements of the estimated and final results will be prepared, and the progress made will be noticed in my quarterly reports to Government.

5. In connection with this subject I beg to annex copy of a letter, 20th July 1869, addressed to me by Mr. Puckle on the eve of his departure to England, bringing to notice the valuable services rendered by Uncovenanted Assistant T. Vencatacharry, and suggesting that they should be acknowledged by the grant of promotion. Vencatacharry at present draws the full salary of his office, (viz., Rupees 250 per mensem,) and his position is therefore equal to that of a Deputy-Collector of the 4th class. As the full sanctioned salary is drawn, there is of course no direct Budget provision for an increase, but should the Government approve of this officer being placed on the footing of a 3rd-class Deputy-Collector, the additional charge could probably be met from savings.

6. I avail myself of this opportunity to submit, for the favourable consideration of Government, the cases of Messrs. J. H. M. Cox and C. Rundall, in charge of the Cuddapah and Nellore Settlement Parties, respectively. Both these gentlemen, as the Government are aware, have served many years in the department with the greatest credit, but their appointments are "Officiating" only—a circumstance, which, it is apprehended, might injuriously affect their position in the event of their absence on sick or private leave. They are the only officiating officers in the department, and, as the Government have now determined, with the approval of the Secretary of State, that the special department shall be maintained, there seems no reason why the above two officers should not, with the approval of Government, be confirmed in their appointments.

G. O., 20th May 1868, No. 1,427.
Secretary of State's despatch, 8th April 1869,
No. 7.

No. 362. ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1869, No. 3,073.

Land Revenue.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council approves of the proceedings of the Director of Revenue Settlement, as reported in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the foregoing letter, and concurs with him in deeming it in every way desirable that the new settlement should be introduced into the Salem District with all due care and deliberation.

2. With advertence to paragraph 5 of Mr. Master's letter, His Lordship in Council regrets that, in the present state of the imperial finances, he does not feel at liberty to accede to Mr. Puckle's recommendation in favour of T. Vencatacharry. He is further of opinion that the adoption of special or personal rates of salary is objectionable on other grounds.

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3. Messrs. Cox and Rundall will be confirmed in their appointments as Uncovenanted Deputy-Directors of Settlement from the dates of their nominations to act in that grade, as recommended in the concluding paragraph of the Director's letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Salem Settlement.—Arrangements made by the Director of Nevada Settlement, approved the introduction of the new Settlement, confirmed in their appointments as Unincorporated Deputy-Directors.

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The Rt. Honble the Govt in
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