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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 935 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 7th April 1869

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th Apcil* 1869.

No. 137. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 28th January 1869, No. 186-9 :—

In obedience to the Order of Government, No. 2,900, of the 19th November, I have the honor to submit the following report.

REPORT.

Work was commenced by a detachment of No. 5 Party from Nellore, (about half its strength) in January 1867, under Major Barber. The rest of the Party remaining at Nellore under Captain Clay, the First Assistant Superintendent.

2. In any review of the work in the Madras District, it will be necessary to include that performed in Nellore since the beginning of 1867, as, being executed by the same Party, and under the same superintendence, it is difficult to separate the accounts of work and expenditure. This remark also applies to Coimbatore and Salem surveyed by No. 1 Party.

3. In Coimbatore the cause of my inability to state precisely to the Director of Revenue Settlement the probable date of completion of survey was, (as I informed him in the letter referred to by him in his communication to Government of the 9th October 1868,) the unsatisfactory state of the demarcation in the four talooks marginally noted. This department has, therefore, without extra funds or establishment, been compelled to renew and correct demarcation as well as to perform its own proper duties of survey.

No. 1,222-38.
Coimbatore. Sattamungalum.
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Vide report for 1867, considered in G. O. No. 97 of the 14th January 1869.

4. In Ganjam the party was under organisation till April 1867. The sanctioned establishment is only half the strength of that in other districts ; and the Officer in charge has also to supervise the demarcation. This district is very unfavorably viewed by Natives, and it has only been possible, even with the transfer of the Kimedy Establishment, and occasional drafts of surveyors, to keep the party at a level of about two-thirds of its proper complement. The outturn is small, and the cost high ; but, in justice to the Officers and subordinates, I must point out that the actual amount of work performed is not so deficient as it seems. In Ganjam every individual puttah holding is demarcated and surveyed. These holdings are very minute, numerous, and irregular in shape, and thus require infinitely more labor and time in their survey than in most other districts. For instance, the proportion of labor in Ganjam to that in Cuddapah of surveying a square-mile may be roughly estimated as one to four.

5. I may add that the outturn of a Survey Party in a new district is always small. With regard to the probable date of completion so much depends on circumstances over which we have no control, that no very trustworthy statement can be made. The seasons being favorable or the reverse, the prompt settlement of boundary disputes and their being numerous or rare, the temper and disposition of the inhabitants, the amount of support received from the District Officers, the size of fields and their configuration, the nature of cultivation, and its proportion to waste land, all exert an influence retarding or accelerating the progress of survey.

6. In conclusion, I beg to state that the Settlement Department, following closely on the heels of the Survey, has been productive of much inconvenience. For settlement purposes, the results of the last processes of survey are required, and their being demanded at an earlier date than its close is productive of disturbance, annoying to the Survey Officers, and detrimental to Government by the consequent loss of time.

7. Enclosed is a statement showing the amount of work performed, expenditure incurred, and what remains to be done in the districts of Madras, Coimbatore, and Ganjam.

*Statement showing work completed and remaining to be done, and expenditure up to 31st December 1868.*

| Districts. | Completed. | | | | Remaining to be done. | Time required for the completion of work. | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Surveyed in fields. | Surveyed topographically. | Total. | Expenditure. | | | |
| | Sq.-Miles. | Sq.-Miles. | Sq.-Miles. | Rs. | Sq.-Miles. | | * Area ready for settlement 378 square-miles. |
| Nellore, 1867-68 ... ... ... | 168·00 | 871·51 | 1,642·18 | 1,65,012 | ... | ..... | † Exclusive of the cost of re-demarcation in Coimbatore. |
| * Madras, do. ... ... ... | 410·23 | 192·44 | | | 2,497 | 3 years. | ‡ Area supplied 814·8 sqr.-miles. |
| Total .. | 578·23 | 1,063·95 | 1,642·18 | 1,65,012 | 2,497 | ..... | do. ready 1,095·5 do. |
| Salem... ... ... ... ... ... | 3,165·20 | 411·73 | 6,294·95 | ‡6,46,462 | ... | ..... | Total... 1,910·3 |
| †Coimbatore... ... ... ... ... | 2,690·66 | 27·36 | | | 2,697 | 4 years. | |
| Total... | 5,855·86 | 439·09 | 6,294·95 | 6,46,462 | 2,697 | ..... | Area ready for settlement 27·11 square-miles. |
| Ganjam ... ... ... ... .. | 149·02 | 1·64 | §150·66 | 67,963 | 836 | 3 years. | § This does not represent half the amount of work performed, but is all that has been completed. |

CHEPAUK,
*25th January* 1869.

(Signed) F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
*Superintendent of Revenue Survey.*

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No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1869, No. 935.

Land Revenue.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Fxd. F. R. Bantleman.

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From
The Superintendent of Revenue Survey

To
The Secretary to Government of

Dated 28th January
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Enclosure No. Nil

General No 186

Departmental No. 9

Subject.

Reference.

Submits, with reference to G.O. No. 2900 of 1868 (repeated and as stated) the work remaining to be completed in Madras, Ganjam & Coimbatore Districts, in explanation of the approximate date of the completion of the Survey.

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Revenue Survey Estimates.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF REVENUE SURVEY

*Dated April, 7th.*

*Read.*

*G. O., 7th April 1869, No. 135.*

APRIL.

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*Survey work in Madras, Ganjam, and Coimbatore Districts.*—Report of the Superintendent on the amount completed and remaining to be completed, recorded.