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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1169 Press Mis.

626-627

Dated 29th April 1869

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No. 626. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1869, No. 2,160:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 26th February 1869, No. 243.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 8th May 1868, No. 3,431, I have the honor to submit the following report on the working of the temporary Survey Establishment in the district during 1868.

2. The establishment was employed, as during the preceding years, only in the talook of Kassergode, and continued its operations even in the monsoon, as the Surveyor considered that he and the other servants would be able to do more outdoor work in the cool days of the rainy season than they could in the hot weather; and I am glad to find that this arrangement has proved more advantageous. The total area of the land surveyed by the establishment from January to December 1868 is acres 1,321, or 322 more than the amount for the year immediately preceding. Out of this, after deducting what may be the legitimate amount of land belonging to private holdings already assessed, the quantity surreptitiously enjoyed is acres 991, which, when charged with assessment, will yield to Government an annual revenue of about Rupees 2,320.

3. The operations of so limited an establishment are not likely to come to a close in less than a quarter, if not half a century; it seems, therefore, somewhat strange to be annually seeking its continuance for one year only. The latest estimate of the probable quantity of concealed cultivation in that one talook of the district where it has been at work with some interruptions, since the date of its organisation in 1864, amounts to not less than 10,000 acres, which will engage the present establishment for nearly ten years more. The same amount of work, or thereabouts, may be found in each of the remaining four talooks. The profits derived by the working of the establishment are of a permanent character, and form a permanent addition to the Imperial revenues.

4. From my personal experience of the working of this small establishment, and the amount of work devolving on it, I am of opinion that no reduction can be made in its numerical strength without seriously affecting its efficiency. Though it has been at work for more than four years, but little has been accomplished in comparison with what still remains to be performed throughout the district.

| | Rs. |
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| 1 Surveyor ... ... ... ... ... | 70 |
| 1 Draughtsman ... ... ... ... | 25 |
| 1 Computor ... ... ... ... ... | 20 |
| 1 Head Peon ... ... ... ... | 7 |
| 4 Peons, on Rupees six each ... | 24 |
| Total | 146 |

5. Under these circumstances, the continuance of the Survey Establishment in its full strength* as long as there may be work for it is indispensably required, and is highly advantageous to the interests of Government, and I would strongly recommend that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the same.

* Government Order, 1st May 1868, No. 1,197, Revenue Department.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, with the recommendation that the establishment at the full rate at present obtaining be sanctioned for a further period of one year.

2. The circumstances described by the Acting Collector tend to show that an increase in the strength of the party is desirable, and should the Government approve, the Collector will be directed to submit proposals to that effect.

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No. 627. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1869, No. 1,169.

Land Revenue.

THE continuance of the temporary establishment for another year is sanctioned.

2. The Board will, as proposed, call for and submit proposals for completing the survey within a reasonable period.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

# Govt. of {1869} Madras.

## REVENUE.

*To*

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

*Dated April 29th.*

*Recd.* Encl.

*G. O., 29th April 1869, No. 1,169.*

**APRIL.**

**Nos. 626-627.**

*Temporary Survey Establishment of South Canara.*—Its continuance for another year, sanctioned. Board to submit proposals for completing the survey within a reasonable period.