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No. 398. Read the following letter from the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 12th August 1870, No. 1,248-34:—

I HAVE the honour to submit the Quarterly Report, containing a summary narration of the work performed in each district by this department for the first quarter of the official year 1870-71 ending 30th June last. The expenditure incurred during the above period is also stated as usual.

2. *Kistna District.*—The Demarcation, Survey, and Classification of those lunkah or island lands, which have been deemed permanent, were carried on with the following results:—

Number of villages.	Demarcation.	Classification.	Measured.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
22	2,252	2,316	2,269

Similar operations were extended to those undemarcated tracts taken up subsequent to survey, and the outturn of this branch is as follows:—

Number of villages.	Demarcation.	Classification.	Measured.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
42	4,647	4,105	2,455

The total of both lunkah and uplands aggregates therefore—

Number of villages.	Demarcation.	Classification.	Measured.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
64	6,899	6,421	4,723

The demarcation marks, 2,155 in number, were all of stone, and are stated to be firmly fixed in the ground.

3. I must mention that there are only a few hands employed in this district, awaiting orders regarding the Guntoor Settlement, and that, as their present field-work is scattered and isolated, much time is lost in travelling, thus lowering our outturn. The Guntoor Settlement Report* is now before Government, and the financial results of the Board's

* Submitted with Board's Proceedings, dated 9th March 1870, No. 1,628.

emendations upon Mr. Master's proposal have been submitted from this Office to the Board after consultation with the local officers.

4. As regards Register Work, those for four villages were received in the Central Office, and six printed; there remain but very few registers to complete this district.

5. The expenditure of the quarter is less than that of the previous period by Rupees 139, owing to a less amount expended under the head of printing charges and mounting Maps, as the work is being brought to a close.

6. *Kurnool and Cuddapah Districts.*—I am happy to say that this quarter's report is more favourable for Mr. Cox's Party, which, having reached less feverish localities than they were hitherto engaged upon, now turns out a larger amount of work. The business that remained to be done in the Voilpaul and Royachoty Talooks was completed, and nearly all the villages of the Muddenapully Talook are now in hand, while some are nearing completion.

7. I must mention that during my late inspection I was pleased with the manner in which the Demarcation was performed: the stones are of large size and firmly planted; also the sketches are neatly drawn. Personally, I have never seen anything done so well in this department before.

8. The outturn of work shows tolerably well, and is as follows:—

	Square-miles.
Detailed field demarcation	193
Demarcation in blocks... ..	5
Classification	122
The boundary marks erected also exceeded those of the previous three months, and stand thus:	
Masonry boundary pillars... ..	953
Do. on Khandams	2,261
Field-stones	181,239
	184,456

Fortunately, stone of a superior quality is readily obtained in the Muddenapully Talook, and the ryots work with a considerable amount of good nature.

9. I am glad to say there was less difficulty in finding field-hands for Demarcation and Classification, and that some of the newly deputed southern men are found to answer; so that, in future, it is trusted there will be less trouble in filling vacancies—one of our great hindrances some time back.

10. The work of printing the Kurnool Diglot Registers went on as usual; those for twenty-three villages were received in Office, and those for ten struck off; but immediately after the close of the quarter fifty-one Village Registers were received from the printers' hands, which volumes really appertain to the quarter in question.

11. The expenditure shows the small decrease of Rupees 123 as compared with the previous quarter owing to less outlay in mounting Maps.

12. The information which was called for from Mr. Cox upon some essential points connected with the Pattikondah report has been furnished to this Office, and next week I purpose submitting the report from Pattikondah after consultation with the local Revenue-officers and chief ryots. Mr. Cox has, during the quarter, been making good progress in the preparation of the report for the four talooks of Koilguntla, Podatur, Jummalamadugu, and Cuddapah, which are to be settled as a whole, as previously arranged between Mr. Master and the Government. The compilation of this report and other duties connected with the Settlement furnish a very large amount of office-work to be got through.

13. *Nellore.*—In this district the outturn of field-work is smaller than that of last quarter, as the Ongole Talook, the last to be classified, was completed and examined, and there was no new talook to take up. Many of the field-hands were employed in the Office in preparing the numerous necessary details for the Settle-

ment Report of the six talooks forming the principal division of Nellore, and others were engaged in carrying out the Demarcation, Classification, and Measurement of lands taken up, or about to be taken up, subsequent to Survey. The outturn is as follows:—

Demarcation	7
Classification	178

14. The main work during the past quarter has been the compilation of all necessary information for the Settlement Report, so that the financial results for each class of villages and for the six talooks will soon be submitted to this Office.

15. The expenditure in Nellore is 356 Rupees less than last quarter owing to a diminished outlay in printing charges and mounting Maps.

16. Before quitting the subject of Nellore, I may remark that I had an opportunity in May last of inspecting the Classification which seemed carefully done by Mr. Rundall's Party; and that I trust early orders may be passed upon the proposal now before Government that the Nellore field-hands now available for other work may pass on into Chendragherry.

17. *SALEM.*—The revision of the Classification and Measurement of interstitial fields continued in Ahtoor, and was also carried on in the Salem Talook itself. Re-classification extended over 69 villages, comprising 85,431 acres. Interstitial holdings to the number of 15,174, contained in 5,579 survey fields, were measured out and recorded in the registers. Fresh Demarcation and Classification of tracts newly required for culture extended over 14 square-miles, and the rough Puttahs were distributed for 78 villages, whilst those for the remaining villages of Ahtoor were in a forward state of completion at the close of the quarter.

18. It is true that our anticipations that the new fair Puttahs would be issued during the quarter under review have not been realized; but Mr. Goodrich has had more to do in the way of revision than was expected; and had this important task been carried out hastily, discrepancies, errors, and considerable loss of revenue would have resulted. I saw the work of Mr. Goodrich's Party in the Ahtoor Talook in June, and thought the Classification had been well executed, and that the various Settlement details were being carefully carried out.

19. The cost of the Salem establishment was Rupees 1,282 in excess of the previous quarter, owing mainly to the Party having been brought up to its full working strength, and to an increased expenditure in travelling and batta occasioned by more moving about.

20. *CHINGLEPUT.*—On the 15th of June work was commenced upon the lands situated under the Cholaveram and Red Hill Tanks, agreeably to the recent orders of Government; but as the starting of the Party, the examination of soils, and framing the Classification Table, took up a considerable portion of the fifteen days available in the quarter, only 2,492 acres were classified. The work has subsequently begun to progress properly.

21. The charges cannot be exhibited for this district, as they are debited to the month of July after the close of the quarter under report.

22. *Tinnevely.*—The small Party working under the Collector, who acts directly under the Board's orders, cost the sum of Rupees 523; this is debitable to the Budget of this department by order of Government.

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23. To summarise. The small Party in Kistna is occupied in measuring the river-islands and new cultivation, whilst waiting for the final orders upon the Guntoor Division. Cuddapah work is looking better, Demarcation and Classification are going on more satisfactorily. The report for Koilguntla, Cuddapah, Podatur, and Jummalamadugu, is progressing towards completion, while that for Pattikondah will be submitted to the Board in a few days. The Nellore Party want new ground, and the Board have supported my proposal that Chendragherry may be accordingly taken up. Early orders on this point are solicited. Mr. Rundall is meanwhile hard at work at the report for the six talooks of the principal division, Salem requires more time and attention than we anticipated; but it must not be hurried unduly; and in a demi-official Mr. Goodrich states: "I go to Ahtoor the last week in the month, and shall give away the fair Puttahs there." Chingleput has only just been commenced, but I trust to be able to fulfil my promise of submitting the information required by Government by the time specified, viz., the 15th October.

Statement showing the Work and Expenditure in the Settlement Department for the first quarter of 1870-71, ending 30th June 1870.

Names of Districts.	Standard estimate for a quarter of a year.	ACTUAL WORK.		Total.	Differ-ence.	Expendi-ture.	Average cost per square-mile.
		Incom-pleted villages.	In vil-lages in progress.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DEMARCATION.							
	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
Kistna		11		11	...	1,982	
Kurnool		27	166	193	182	570	
Cuddapah	375	13	1	14		13,163	68 3 3
Salem		7		7		149	
Nellore						789	
Tinnevely						523	
Total	375	58	167	225		17,176	
CLASSIFICATION.							
Kistna		10		10		1,199	
Kurnool		25	97	122	253	1,819	
Cuddapah	375	13	1	14		9,602	78 10 3
Salem		178		178	197	16,283	
Nellore	375	2	2	4		12,007	
Chingleput							
Trichinopoly						144	
Tinnevely							
Total	750	228	100	328		41,054	
Add charges not debitable to parties						4,188	
Grand Total						62,418	

MADRAS,
12th August 1870.

(Signed) G. BANBURY,
Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.

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No. 399. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1870, No. 1,332.

Land Revenue.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.

Edw. F. R. Bantleman.

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To

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF
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Dated August, 26th.

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