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No. 5. Read the following letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st December 1869, No. 1,793-47 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward the usual Return of work performed and expenditure incurred during the second quarter of the official year 1869-70 ending 30th September 1869.

2. *Kistna District.*—The field-work, accomplished by the few hands retained in this district under the Uncovenanted Assistant in charge, was 5,088 acres of new demarcation and 4,828 acres of new classification; they also measured 7,833 acres. The examination of the lankas in the bed of the river was continued; 116 lankas of twenty-three villages in the talooks of Guntoor, Sattenapalli, Nandigam, and Bezwada having been gone over. The three first-named talooks were completed, and the examination commenced in the last. The establishment in Office was engaged in calculating and comparing areas of newly demarcated fields; in the examination of sub-division measurements; in the preparation and comparison of field-books for the newly demarcated fields; and in correcting and comparing Settlement Registers. Diglot Registers for thirteen villages in the Masulipatam Division were received in the Central Office, and those for sixteen printed during the quarter. Eighty-four Diglot Settlement Registers for the Guntoor Division were partially written in addition to the above. The expenditure of the quarter compared with that of the previous one shows a decrease of Rupees 588, chiefly in the item of printing charges.

3. *Kurnool and Cuddapah Districts.*—The field-work in this district comprised 247 square-miles of demarcation and 193 square-miles of classification. Operations were continued in the talooks of Voilpad and Royachoty, in which they have been very nearly brought to a close. The outturn in both branches is below that of the previous quarter. During the first part of the quarter sickness abated, but in September both cholera and fever prevailed extensively in the talooks under operation; and, on the whole, the collective number of days lost from sickness was greater than in the previous quarter, viz., 861 against 727. It is not to be expected that the field-servants will work with a will when cholera is about in the villages, nor will the ryots at such times assist them. The same cause prevented the Deputy-Director from finding substitutes for the men incapacitated by sickness. I consider that the comparatively short outturn is fully accounted for, though judged by the number of field-marks put down, the result is not a decrease but an increase.

4. Three thousand three hundred and eight masonry pillars were built during the quarter, of which 1,089 were on village boundaries, and the remainder on those of khandams. 251,126 field-stones, or 32,061 more than in the previous quarter, were put down.

5. Kyles to the number of twenty-three were made—all in dry grains. Thirty Diglot Settlement Registers for villages in Kurnool proper were received in the Central Office, and sixteen printed; the usual number of copies being struck off.

6. The expenditure in this partly shows an increase of Rupees 2,608, owing chiefly to the disbursement of arrears of pay to the Deputy-Director on his return from leave, and partly to the filling up of vacant posts, and to greater outlay on boundary pillars.

7. *Nellore District.*—Two hundred and eighty-one square-miles of classification were accomplished in this district during the quarter. Operations were carried on in the talooks of Kandakur and Kanigirri, both of which have been completed. The outturn is below that of the previous quarter by ninety-eight square-miles. This is attributable to the classifiers having, with my sanction, moved into head-quarters, as they completed their villages in the two talooks abovenamed, to be employed for awhile in office, as it was not considered advisable to break ground in the Ongole Talook, the soil of which is chiefly black cotton, during the strength of the monsoon.

8. Demarcation to a small extent was also performed by the party in the talooks of Nellore, Repur, Gudur, Kovali, Udayagirri, Kandakur, and Kanigirri, the area of work aggregating eight square-miles.

9. The expenditure shows an increase of Rupees 612, arising chiefly under contingent expenses, mounting maps, and batta.

10. *Salem District.*—Settlement operations in this district were in abeyance during the quarter pending the orders of Government. Those Orders, dated 28th September, No. 2,681, were received on the last day of the quarter, and the steps taken in consequence have since been separately reported, and will be further alluded to in the report for the current quarter. The expenditure set opposite this district represents the salaries of a few hands at Salem; the bulk of the party being engaged under the Collector of Trichinopoly as in the previous quarter.

11. *Tinnevelly District.*—The expenditure in this district consists of the pay of a small establishment employed under the orders of the Collector and the Survey Department on the revision of demarcation.

12. *Trichinopoly District.*—The expenditure set opposite this district is the pay of the portion of the Salem Establishment alluded to in paragraph 10, aggregating 2,376 rupees.

13. The sum of Rupees 5,502, at the foot of the Statement, is the cost of the separate Settlement Establishment working under the Collector of Tinnevelly, but debitable to the Budget of this department by order of Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd February 1870.

Return of Work and Expenditure in the Settlement Department for the second quarter of 1869-70, *ending 30th September* 1869.

Names of Districts.	Standard estimate for a quarter of a year.	Actual Work.		Total.	Difference.	Expenditure	Average cost per square mile.
		Actual Work.	No. of villages 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	.....	8	.....	8	.....	1,410	.....
Kurnool	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	565	.....
Cuddapah		8	239	247	128	14,616	59 2 9
Nellore	.....	6	2	8	...	719	.....
Tinnevelly	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	497	.....
Total ...	375	22	241	263	.....	17,807	.....
Add cost of boundary pillars	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	866	.....
	375	22	241	263	.....	18,673	.....
CLASSIFICATION.							
Kistna	.....	7	.....	7	.....	4,016	.....
Kurnool	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,479	.....
Cuddapah		48	145	193	182	11,848	61 6 2
Nellore	375	215	66	281	94	13,035	46 6 2
Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,001	.....
Trichinopoly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,377	.....
Tinnevelly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	.....
Total ...	750	270	211	481	.....	33,815	.....
Add charges not debitable to parties	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,502	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57,990	.....

MADRAS,
21*st December* 1869.

(Signed) R. E. MASTER,
Director of Revenue Settlement.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1870, No. 156.

Land Revenue.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.

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