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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th November 1870.*

No. 230. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 26th August 1870, No. 2,193-57 :—

In their Order marginally noted, Government call on me for information on certain subjects connected with the Survey, I now do myself the honour to submit a report on the points referred to.

30th June 1870, No. 1,002.

2. I beg to attach copy of two letters, addressed me by the Acting Deputy-Superintendent and by the 1st Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Cuddapah Survey, reporting the causes that have delayed the preparation of survey records, etc., in the district.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

15. The cost of sub-dividing fields in the four taluqs of the Kurnool District, referred to in paragraph 15 of the report, appears heavy, and the Government desire to be informed as to the period at which these operations will be concluded.

*I. Sub-division of fields, Kurnool.*—Only sixteen villages are incomplete. All, except one, will be finished by the end of the month. The remaining one will be ready when the alterations in the demarcation sketches have been completed, which are at present being made in the Settlement Office.

16. Classification by the Settlement Department in the district of Cuddapah must now be approaching completion, and the correct survey areas will, therefore, be required at no distant period. Colonel Priestley is requested to report how soon the whole district will be ready for settlement.

*II. Cuddapah areas.*—Some have been already furnished ; but changes in the demarcation have rendered alteration in the Survey Accounts necessary.

*Vide* letters from the Acting Deputy-Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent in charge of Cuddapah, Nos 618-240 and 615-258, of 1st and 12th August 1870.

Jammalmadoogoo and Prodatoor Taluq areas will be ready in a month.

Cuddapah Taluq areas by the end of the year.
Budwail and Sidhout Taluqs during 1871.

It is impossible to estimate the time survey areas will be ready of taluqs in some of which even demarcation has hardly been commenced.

18. It does not appear from the report that lithographed maps have, in all cases, been prepared for those taluqs which have been surveyed. As a general principle, mapping should keep pace with the progress of the Survey.

*III. Non-preparation of maps for surveyed taluqs.*—As explained in my letter to Government, dated 29th June 1870, No. 1,674-42, the tracts of unsurveyed land in most taluqs, consequent on the exclusion, by the Demarcation Department, of Zemindari and land unprofitable to Government, caused such unsightly gaps that I delayed printing these taluq maps, until I could complete the survey under the Order of Government, dated 11th March 1869, No. 720. A sketch to illustrate the detached nature of the demarcation in four northern districts is appended. A map of Salem was submitted with their Proceedings, dated 19th August 1868, by the Board of Revenue, No. 5,965.

19. In concluding his report, Colonel Priestley remarks that about 4,000 square-miles have been completed, and are "ready for settlement." The Government, however, observe that this aggregate is not compact, but includes isolated areas on which the Settlement Department cannot as yet commence operations. The Government suggest to the Superintendent whether it would not be advisable to concentrate work more than is at present done, so that tracts of country, sufficiently large and compact to admit of immediate settlement, should be ready for the Settlement Department.

*IV. Concentration.*—I beg to refer to Proceedings Board of Revenue, 9th June 1862, No. 3,690, containing a letter from Mr. Master. A perusal of the latter part of paragraph 5* will show that the proposal to employ two survey parties in one district has been discussed and decided in the negative, I have seen no reason to change the opinion I gave at the time.

*Vide Extract appended.

With special reference to the employment of two parties in Cuddapah, in addition to the serious delays and impediments referred to by Mr. Master in his letter just quoted, the following objections to the arrangement strike me :—

I.—The move itself of 200 miles would be expensive both to Government and to individuals.

II.—The division of the party by such a distance would cause confusion in returns and accounts.

III.—There would certainly be a difficulty with regard to accommodation.

IV.—That this separation will form the limited extent of country remaining to be surveyed in the Cuddapah District, probably be continued for some years. The Ameens will complete their work, and leave the district as the detail Surveyors enter it.

V.—That a sufficient area is not ready demarcated to keep the two parties at work.

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*Extract from paragraph 5 of letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement, dated 7th June* 1862, *No.* 760-51, *printed in Proceedings Board of Revenue, No.* 3,690, *of 9th June* 1862.

MAJOR Priestley is, however, of opinion that two full survey parties cannot be efficiently worked in the same district, and I am inclined, from my experience, to agree with him. The operations would be carried on simultaneously in so many villages that the arrangements, which are now made to prevent, as far as possible, obstruction to the work during the Jamabundy and at other seasons when the village officers are called away by the Revenue authorities, would be impossible, and serious delays and impediments, which greatly increase the cost of the work, would be unavoidable.

(A true Extract.)

CHEPAUK,
*26th August* 1870.

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

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the Acting First Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Survey, in charge of No. 3 Party, to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, Chepauk, dated Cuddapah, 12th August 1870, No. 645-258.

IN reply to your letter, No. 1,998-119, dated 5th August 1870, calling for information regarding the circumstances which retarded the completion of the computation of areas and mapping in this district, I have the honour to inform you that one of the chief causes is the large proportion of corrections found to be necessary in the records received from the Settlement Department. I beg to enclose a list of these for your information ; even on this date there are a few of the sketches in the Settlement Office awaiting amendment.



2. I further beg to inform you that, since the receipt of your letter, No. 1,048-80, of 20th May 1869, every exertion has been, and is being made, to reduce the ratio in advance by the field over the office-work, with some measure of success. This station, through reason of its being unhealthy, is not popular, and much difficulty is experienced in *keeping* men of even ordinary intelligence when they are obtained, thus involving frequent changes ; this necessarily tells on the work to some extent.

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*Statement showing the number of villages returned from time to time to Settlement Department for corrections.*

| | Ta'uq. | Total No. of villages. | Number of villages returned for correction. | Date on which Demarcation records were originally received from Settlement Department. | Date of last correction received from Settlement Department. |
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| No. | | | | | |
| 1 | Prodatoor ... ... | 63 | 35 | 5th January 1866... | 14th June 1870. |
| 2 | Cuddapah ... ... | 124 | 59 | 21st August ,, ... | 25th July ,, |
| 3 | Sidhout ... ... | 75 | 47 | 2nd Nov. 1867... | 20th May ,, |
| 4 | Budvail ... ... | 98 | 83 | 17th Sep. 1868... | 23rd July ,, |
| 5 | Pullemput up to 30th June 1870 ... ... | 69 | 53 | 8th Feb. 1869... | 27th July ,, |
| | | 429 | 277 | | |

CUDDAPAH,
*12th August* 1870,

(Signed) T. A. TOMLINSON,
*Ag. 1st Asst. Supt. of Revenue Survey in charge.*

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ENCLOSURE No. 3,

From the Acting Deputy-Superintendent of Revenue Survey, No. 3 Party, Cuddapah, to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, Chepauk, dated 1st August 1870, No. 618-240.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings of Government, No. 1,002, of the 30th June 1870, and to furnish you with the information called for regarding the completion of areas of surveyed taluqs, and my views on the suggestion of Government that the work of the Survey should be more concentrated.

Circular, No. 1,765-109, of 12th July 1870.

2. The areas of the villages in the Jammalmadoogoo Taluq have been furnished to the Settlement Department, but in consequence of the vexatious changes made by the Demarcation Department in the Sub-division, and re-amalgamation of villages they were recalled for revision. This work will be completed by the close of the ensuing month.

3. The areas of the Prodatoor Taluq villages will be completed about the same time.

4. Those for Cuddapah Taluq will be ready for Settlement purposes by the close of the present year, and for Budvail and Sidhout before the end of 1871.

5. It would be doubtless, to the advantage of the Settlement Department, to have large compact tracts of country ready to operate upon, but unless the demarcation is far enough advanced to supply work for an additional or an enlarged Survey party in each district, concentration of Survey work is out of the question.

6. In the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 4,855, of 13th July 1870, it is proposed that the Kurnool Survey Party should be moved into Cuddapah on the completion of their present work.

7. I respectfully beg to submit that there is not work enough ready to last it six months.

8. It is stated in the Proceedings above alluded to that two taluqs in the south are already demarcated ; I presume Royachoty and Voilpad are the taluqs alluded to.

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9. All the records of the former have not yet been handed over to this department, and none of the latter. Had this party been working full strength for the last year, I should now be making application for fresh work.

10. I could now, if advisable, commence work in Royachoty; so only the taluq of Voilpad would be available for the Kurnool Party. The demarcation of Madenapalli, Kadur, and Pulivendla, has, I believe, hardly been commenced, and, judging from the past rate of progress, the Demarcation of the Cuddapah District, and the handing over of the records to the Survey, will not be accomplished under two years and-a-half.

No. 231. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1870, No. 1,791.

Land Revenue.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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