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No. 199. Read the following letter from the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 15th November 1870, No. 1,910-44 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward the usual quarterly report, containing a short narration of the settlement work performed, and expenditure incurred in each district by this department, from the beginning of July last until the end of September, or, in other words, for the second quarter of the official year.

2. *Kistna District.*—The small party engaged in finishing up the lunkah measurements and other remnants of settlement work, completed the following acreage under the several under-mentioned heads :—

Particulars.	Demarcation.		Classification.		Survey.	
	No. of villages.	Acres.	No. of villages	Acres.	No. of villages.	Acres.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Lunkah or Islands	8	425	8	418	8	419
Uplands	20	2,921	20	2,618	53	6,164
Total...	28	3,346	28	3,036	61	6,583

There is a decrease in demarcation and classification, owing to these operations drawing to a close, and to the floods in the Kistna, which prevented work being carried out upon the river islands. In the survey, there is an increase of area from work in the uplands having gone on more briskly, owing, doubtless, to the localities taken in hand being less scattered and isolated. 1810 demarcation marks were put down upon newly taken up cultivated tracts, and these marks are said to be of good stone, well planted. This small party attached to the Guntoor portion of the Kistna District is retained, awaiting the orders that have to be passed upon the Guntoor Settlement question; as immediately Government instructions are received, the introduction of the new rates can commence. The report was submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings, dated 9th March 1870, No. 1,628, with modifications which have considerably enhanced the rates of assessment as proposed by Mr. Master and the local settlement officers. The financial results of these modifications have been laid before the Board with report from this office.

3. Nine registers for the completed taluqs of the Kistna were printed during the quarter, and seven received. There remain only two registers to be received, and nineteen to be printed, to complete the whole of these records for the Masulipatam Division. Expenditure is less this quarter by Rupees 113-6-1, owing to the establishment having been decreased from lack of employment pending orders on Guntoor.

4. *Kurnool and Cuddapah Party.*—This quarter again shows more favourably as regards Mr. Cox's Party, and their health has been better, thus lowering the amount of days lost by sickness and by difficulty in filling up vacancies. The main work has been carried on in the Muddenapally Taluq, and only eight

villages remain to be taken in hand. Mr. Cox originally conjectured that the taluq would be completed by the close of the year, but I fear that this anticipation will not be realized, as more hands have to be detached and detailed to the hill boundary work as ordered by Government* for the completion of topographical details and to prevent blanks in the Maps. This is a task not contemplated originally, and not an actual revenue requirement. I annex a statement showing the outturn in each branch of duty.

G. O., 3rd September 1868, No. 2,318.
,, 17th March 1869, ,, 720.

Particulars.	Square-miles.
Detailed field demarcation	183
Demarcation in blocks	69
Classification	109
Boundary Marks.	
Masonry boundary pillars	899
Do. on khandams	3,040
Field stones	233,820

5. It must be noticed that there is an increase over last quarter of 64 square-miles in demarcated blocks, and of 776 in masonry khandam pillars, owing to the boundary demarcation having been pushed on as abovementioned. There is also an increase of 52,581 in the number of field stones put down. I visited the Cuddaph District in July, and found the demarcation work going on satisfactorily; the stones are shapely and firmly fixed in the ground. Fortunately, good granite is to be had close at hand throughout the taluqs.

6. The printing of registers for Kurnool proper still continues; twenty-seven were received from the Deputy-Director's office, and twenty-eight were printed. Mr. Cox has the taluqs of Royachoty and Voilpad ready for the survey to take up, and is engaged in completing his report for the four taluqs of Koilguntala, Proddatoor, Jummalamadagoo, and Cuddapah, which are to be settled *en bloc*. This report may be looked for during the current quarter. The expenditure is larger during the present three months by Rupees 3,862. This is caused by appointments, which had remained vacant from dread of the Cuddapah climate, having been filled up, from printing charges having been heavier, and by a larger outlay on building materials wherewith to construct the larger number of theodolite stations.

7. *Nellore District.*—Field-work has considerably fallen off in this district, owing to the completion of the demarcation and classification throughout the province, and to the field hands being consequently engaged in helping Mr. Rundall to prepare the numerous data for the Settlement of the principal division, as well as writing up the fair land registers. The report for the above taluqs is nearing completion, and Mr. Rundall hopes to submit it by the beginning of next month, or perhaps at the close of this. I must mention to Government that although when Settlement reports come up for final orders they look tolerably plain and ordinary official productions, yet the time and labour that it is necessary to spend upon their preparation and compilation are only known to those who have actually undertaken the task.

8. There is a decrease of Rupees 155 in outlay, owing to the Classification Establishment having been slightly reduced.

9. *Salem.*—Mr. Goodrich's outturn of work during the past quarter is largely in excess of that recorded in my last report. The revision of classification progressed as follows:—

Particulars.	Last Quarter.	In this Quarter.	Increase.
Number of villages	69	291	.....
Area inspected (in acres)	85,431	343,564	258,133
Interstitial fields of Survey Numbers	15,174	29,163	13,989
Survey Numbers containing above interstitial holdings ...	5,579	11,180	5,601

This shows an increase of 258,133 acres, or 405 square-miles in the task of inspection. The measurement of interstitial fields likewise exhibits an enhancement, the excess being 13,989 puttah holdings thus dealt with. The demarcation and classification of tracts newly taken up progressed as shown below:—

Taluqs.	No. of Villages.	No. of Fields.	Area demarcated.
			Acres.
Ahtoor	3	788	2,274
Salem	13	137	412
Trichengode	5	28	265
Total...	21	953	2,951

Rough puttahs to the number of 13,163 were issued for the remaining villages of the Ahtoor Taluq, whilst 20,731 fair puttahs for 123 villages in the same taluqs were prepared during the quarter. Arrangements have been made for preparing, if possible, the fair registers *pari passu* with the issue of fair puttahs, thus preventing this branch of settlement work falling into arrears, and causing great delay and difficulty hereafter. These diglot registers were accordingly prepared for 104 villages in Ahtoor, the columns for assessment being left blank until receipt of final orders regarding the inclusion of the one Anna Village-cess in the Land-revenue Demand.

10. There is an increase in the expenditure of Rupees 1,336 during the whole quarter. This is caused by more printing charges having been incurred for settlement register forms and puttahs.

11. Had nothing unforeseen and untoward occurred, the taluqs of Ahtoor, Trichengode, Salem, and probably Namcul, would have been completed during the present revenue year. The discussions about the mode of charging the Village-cess and concerning the proposed enhancement of assessment upon the good sandy red

soils, have delayed matters. These are, however, very important points affecting the district for the next thirty years, so must be carefully dealt with.

12. *Chingleput.*—Work was carried on in the Sydapet Taluq, and 47 villages, comprising an area of 37,618 acres, chiefly under the Red Hill Tank irrigation, were classified. Puttah holdings to the number of 4,800 were measured out and calculated. These interstitial fields were comprised in 1,968 survey numbers. Seventy-three experiments were also made in the outturn of the Kar crops. The report for the lands under the Madras Irrigation Project will be submitted to the Board this week, with the scale of approximate rates and financial results*. The outlay upon the Chingleput District amounted to Rupees 2,216, being savings from other parties as enjoined by Government.†

* *Vide* G. O., dated 17th May 1870, No. 729.
† *Vide* G. O., „ 3rd „ „ „ 630.

13. *Tinnevelly.*—The small Party are still working under the Collector, subject to the Board's supervision; but the cost is debited to this department. During the past quarter, the outlay for Tinnevelly alone was Rupees 4,976. This increase is partly owing to Mr. Symonds's salary, whilst he was on leave, having been debited to this quarter. The small outlay shown under "Godavery" and "Trichinopoly" is the cost of printing the selections appertaining to those provinces.

14. To summarize the few hands attached to the Kistna Party are being utilized in the most advantageous manner until orders are received regarding the important question of the Guntoor Settlement now before Board and Government. Cuddapah work is more satisfactory than formerly, but our *bona fide* revenue demarcation and other settlement work are hindered by the extensive hill and jungle boundary demarcation for topographical purposes. The settlement report for four taluqs will soon be forwarded by Mr. Cox to this office. The Nellore Party are hard at work at the report for principal division, which will be received in about a fortnight, and I have not liked to disband the field hands, pending receipt of orders from Government regarding their entering upon the Chendragherry Taluq as recommended by the Board.‡ In Salem, the inspection and revision of classification go on very briskly, and were we not unavoidably obliged to wait and discuss the matters of Village-cess and red sandy soils before issuing the Puttahs, the actual settlement work would look better. In Chingleput, the classification has been carried on, and other necessary details have been prepared so as to enable me to submit the report called for by Government. It will be forwarded to the Board in three or four days. In Coimbatore, I hope to be able to introduce the new areas, and begin settlement work at the commencement of next year; but the Collector seems to apprehend that the preparation of the census returns will necessitate our postponing operations until another year has passed, but I trust to be able to get over this difficulty.

‡ *Vide* Board's Proceedings dated 28th June 1870, No. 4,450.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th December 1870.

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

Names of Districts.	Standard estimate for a quarter of a year.	Actual Work: In completed Villages.	Actual Work: In Villages in progress.	Actual Work: Total.	Difference between columns 2 and 5.	Expenditure.	Average cost per square-mile.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.
Demarcation.	.....	5	.....	5	.....	1,506	.....
Kistna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	438	.....
Kurnool	375	138	121	259	116	12,711	49 1 3
Cuddapah...	.....	2	3	5	.....	653	.....
Salem	.....	6	.....	6	.....	933	.....
Nellore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	573	.....
Tinnevelly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total...	375	151	124	275	.....	16,814	.....
Cost of boundary pillars...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,947	.....
Total...	375	151	124	275	.....	18,761	.....
Classification.							
Godavery	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	258	.....
Kistna	.....	5	.....	5	.....	1,487	.....
Kurnool	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,368	.....
Cuddapah...	375	96	72	168	207	11,692	56 7 9
Salem	.....	2	3	5	.....	17,230	.....
Nellore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11,483	.....
Chingleput	.....	43	16	59	.....	2,797	47 6 6
Trichinopoly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	251	.....
Total...	375	146	91	237	.....	47,566	.....
Add charges not debitable to parties	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,977	.....
Grand Total...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71,304	.....

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

Madras,
15*th November* 1870.

No. 200. Order thereon, 9th December 1870, No. 1,986.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of India

REVENUE.

To

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF
REVENUE SETTLEMENT.

Dated December, 9th,

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