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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 214-15 Press Mis.

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Dated 15-2-1870 18

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No. 132. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 28th January 1870, No. 178-4 :—

In the G. O. of the 11th November 1869, No. 2,950, I am furnished with the copy of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, and have the honour to supply information regarding the Madras Revenue Survey on the following points :—

2. The system recommended for adoption by Colonel Thuillier in his letter to the Government of India, dated 6th May 1857, No. 13, has been, as far as possible, carried out. Indeed, this letter furnished many valuable and practical suggestions, of which, it is hoped, good use has been made.

How far the survey has been carried on in a mode which will make its records available for the construcion of Topographical Maps ?

3. Great care has been taken to connect survey operations with the stations of the Great Trigonometrical Survey. The average error by the test of comparison with the latter is eight feet per mile. The true azimuth ascertained by astronomical observation is always used for computation.

4. Such villages as are not surveyed in detail are laid down by plane table from fixed points.

5. The records are preserved. The Maps are, however, plotted on the completion of the survey, and lithographed as soon afterwards as convenient.

Whether all these records are systematically preserved so as to be ready for use for the above purpose when required ?

6. The demand for Maps of any description is confined to Europeans or Natives in Government service.

Whether there is any great demand for fresh Topographical Maps at present, or such a demand as to warrant expenditure for their production ?

7. Applications have been received for Topographical Maps of the undermentioned districts :—

Godavery,	Madras,
Kistna,	South Arcot,
Kurnool,	Coimbatore,
Cuddapah,	Trichinopoly,
Nellore,	Tinnevelly.

8. I consider the demand sufficient to warrant their being made for the simple reason that, if accurate Maps be not provided by the Madras Survey Department, a probably much larger expenditure will be made for less accurate surveys undertaken by Engineer Officers in the service of Government, or of Public Companies guaranteed by Government. It stands to reason that, with the existing machinery of a large Government Department, surveys can be performed more accurately and cheaply than by individual Surveyors; Engineer Officers in applying for Maps have stated this to be case.

9. The necessity for the Madras Revenue Survey combining a Topographical Survey with the operations carried on by it for facilitating a revision of the settlement, is so forcibly urged in Colonel Thuillier's letter* above quoted, that it would seem unnecessary to enlarge on the subject. I may, however, in

* (Paragraphs 21 to 39 inclusive, and paragraph 51.) Selections from the Records of the Government, No. LIII., from 213 to 221 and 226 pages.

conclusion refer to the Extract Minutes Consultation, Madras Government, dated 14th August 1857, No. 815, in which it is stated that the survey is to be a perfect one which certainly would not be the case, if Topographical details were omitted.

10. Government, in their Proceedings, dated 17th March 1869, No. 720, were pleased to approve of my proposition for filling up the gaps in Talook Maps, viz., that these interlaced and isolated patches of land should be taken in hand by the officer in charge of the District Revenue Survey during its progress, and whilst both establishment and officers were on the spot.

If there is such a demand what method the Madras Government would propose to meet it, and what would be the cost ?

11. The expense was estimated at Rupees 20 per square-mile, but hitherto has cost much less.

No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1870, No. 214.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the following letter be despatched to the Government of India :—

(Here enter No. 215, dated 15th February 1870.)

(True Extract.)

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

REVENUE DEPARTMENT;
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
15*th February* 1870.

No. 215.

No. 134.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

Miscellaneous.

From Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 28th January 1870, No. 178-4.

SIR,—In compliance with the request conveyed in your letter, dated 26th October 1869, No. 373, I am directed to forward, for submission to His Excellency the Viceroy in Council, the marginally noted letter which contains the information called for.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Dated 15th February 1870.
Read
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REVENUE.

Govt. of India Secretariat

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 1 to 156.

Madras Revenue Survey.—Information furnished by Superintendent, Revenue Survey, connected with his application, entered in Register forwarded to Government of India.

Post Office Telegraphs.

Dated 15th Feb 1870

From Government of India

To Secy of State for India

No. 215

Rec'd 15th Feb 1870

D. No. [illegible]

R. No. [illegible]

FEBRUARY

No. 104.

Government Telegram.

Post Office Telegraphs.

Government Telegrams take rank next after Despatches.

Government Telegrams are liable to be delayed by the pressure of Private Business, but every exertion is used to avoid such delay.

Government Telegrams are liable to be repeated on the request of the Sender, and will be charged with the Repetition.

No 214.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Govt of India

15th July 70.

Revenue Department
15th July 1870.

No. 215.

To
The Secretary to the Government of India
Home Department

Sir,

In compliance with the request conveyed in your letter dated 26th Oct. 1869, No. 373, I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of India* marginally noted D letter which contains the information called for.

I have &c.

* From Supt. Rev. Survey to Secy to Govt Rev. Dept. d/28th Jany 1870 No. 178

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on hand by the officer on charge of the Survey during the progress & until the settlement of differences were finally adjusted at Rs 30 per cpt.

No expenses were entailed on the Govt.

Name illegible
Superintendent Rev. Survey

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