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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th October 1871.*

No. 156. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th September 1871, No. 4,124 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 22nd August 1871, No. 1,690-49.

THERE is one portion of Colonel Priestley's letter contained in Board's Proceedings dated 9th August 1871, No. 3,349, this day to hand, which may possibly create a wrong impression, and thus I have the honour to request that this brief explanation may be forwarded to Government.

2. Colonel Priestley writes that I represented the excess by survey over Curnum's areas to be small in Pattikondah, whereas it is really 8 per cent. Colonel Priestley should also have added that when I wrote my letter the information furnished gave only $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. increase as then represented ; and Colonel Priestley should also have stated that I showed him the letter wherein this rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. was mentioned, and that thus he might have corrected what is now termed " an erroneous statement ;" but which, according to our then lights, was perfectly correct. It was, moreover, upon these very data that Mr. Cox based his settlement report.

3. Similarly the Acting Deputy-Superintendent, No. 2 Revenue Survey, in his letter to Colonel Priestley, should have been careful to state that he did not supply the more recently calculated areas until long after my communication of 19th May 1871, to which he refers, had been sent on. In fact, some of these areas only reached me in March last, and I have not received the whole talook from him yet.

4. However, later experience shows that the main argument that I adduced regarding the accuracy of Sir Thomas Munro's measurements remains stronger than ever. This will be seen from the following extract from paragraph 62 of Mr. Cox's last settlement report. Comment is needless :—

Statement showing increase by survey over Curnum's areas.

	On cultivated land.	On cultivable waste.	On both.
	Percentage.	Percentage.	Percentage.
In Koilguntla for 81 villages	+ 2.79	— 13.30	+ 2.19
In Jummalamadoogoo for 106 villages	+ 1.77	— 16.29	+ 0.56
In Poddatur for 34 villages	+ 1.02	— 8.11	+ 1.76
In Cuddapah for 10 do.	+ 2.94	— 20.93	— 0.16

NOTE.—Areas have yet to be received for only three villages in Koilguntla, and one in Jummalamadoogoo ; but the other talooks are as yet incomplete.

5. I may finally add that from more inquiry in this district,* I see no reason whatever to doubt that my anticipations regarding the large increase in Chodragherry will be realized.

* North Arcot.

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SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of the Proceedings quoted by the Director.

No. 157. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1871, No. 1,797.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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Rev. 1871. Dept.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.
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No. 4,124.

Excess areas.—Letter from Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, furnishing explanation with reference to erroneous statement made by him that excess by survey over Curnums areas in Pattikondah Taluq in Bellary District, was small, submitted to Government.

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G. O., 14th October 1871, No. 1,797.

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Excess areas in Pottikondah Talook,
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