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To

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF
REVENUE SETTLEMENT

Dated March 1st.

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G. O., 1st March 1871, No. 370.

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Nos. 18-19.

Settlement operations.—Progress Report
during the third quarter of the fiscal year 1870-
71 ending 31st December 1870, recorded.

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No. 12. Read the following letter from the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 16th February 1871, No. 340-8:

I HAVE the honour to forward the usual quarterly report upon the work performed and the expenditure incurred by this department during the months of October, November, and December, or, in other words, for the third quarter of the present official year.

Kistna.—In this district there are the remnants of the Party engaged in finishing up Settlement work and in the measurement of the fields newly taken up and newly demarcated subsequent to the survey. The demarcation of Junkahs or islands had to be stopped owing to the freshets in the Kistna, and together with the detached and scattered nature of the work, rendered the output less than that of the previous quarter. The total area measured during the present quarter was 3,005 acres in the taluqs noted in the margin.

Repalli.	Sattinapalli.
Bapatla.	Nursarowpett.
Palnad.	

under review was 3,005 acres in the villages in the taluqs noted in the margin. The measurement of interstitial fields

with the calculation and correction of their areas, also progressed.

District have been received, with the single exception of that for the village of Avanigudda in the Bunder Taluq, regarding which certain explanations had to be called for. Four sets of bound registers for the taluqs of Bezwada and Nandigam were despatched to Masulipatam in December last, together with the surplus stock for sale and distribution appertaining to the Nandigam, Bezwada, Gudivada, and Bunder Taluqs. With the exception of the registers for two villages in the Bunder Taluq all have been printed; and during the present quarter the binding and the preparation of the leather covers for the 'Curnums' copies will be completed for the entire principal division.

4. The total expenditure incurred by the Kistna Establishment during the quarter was Rs. 3,355, and the Government are aware that this small Party, mainly kept up for the purpose of forming the nucleus of the establishment to introduce the new Settlement into the Guntoor portion of the district. It would have been bad policy to disband the most experienced hands whilst merely waiting for the final orders; thus these few employees were retained and engaged upon various Settlement details as above explained. The Board passed orders upon my letter showing the financial results of their proposed modifications in the Guntoor Settlement, and laid the matter before Government in their Proceedings, dated 9th January 1871, No. 86, so that final orders may be expected before very long; the introduction of the new rates can then at once commence.

5. There is an increase of Rs. 938 over the expenditure of the last quarter which is owing to a larger number of registers having been printed, and also to the charge of Rs. 470-14-0 due to one Ramsing, a demarcation stone contractor, formerly engaged in Coimbatore, having been debited to this Party—Vide orders

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of Government, dated 7th December 1870, No. 1,968. A further item of increase is that of Rs. 249-15-0, batta and travelling hire to the Special Assistant, whose time would, I found, be more profitably employed at the Central Office than at Guntoor, pending the receipt of Government orders on the Settlement question. This arrangement has not only enabled him to furnish me considerable aid, but has also rendered him quite *au fait* at all the work in the Central Office to the highest uncovenanted post in which he is, as far as one can foresee, likely hereafter to succeed.

6. *Kurnool and Cuddapah.*—Mr. Cox has been carrying on classification and demarcation in the Muddenpally Taluq of the Cuddapah District, as well as village boundary work in a few of the villages in the adjoining taluq of Kurnool. The following abstract shows the work performed by this Party during the period under review:—

Items.	AREA.	
	Acres.	Square-miles.
Detailed field demarcation...	94,518	148
Demarcation in blocks...	63,574	99
Classification...	60,297	94
	TOTAL.	
	504	
Masonry boundary pillars...	1,794	
Do. on Khandams...	1,51,497	
Field Stones...		

7. A comparison with the similar statement prepared for the last quarter shows a falling off in each item, except "area demarcated into Khandams." The causes which bring about this result are the following:—

1st.—The work in Muddenpally drawing to a close, and the field hands coming into the office for the recess.

2nd.—Increased sickness and consequently increased difficulty in filling up vacancies.

3rd.—The monsoon rains.

4th.—The demarcation of the Hill boundaries which has been carried on in the taluqs of Jammalamadugu, Poddatur, Royachoty, and Cuddapah.

Government are aware that the latter is a difficult task in an unhealthy district like Cuddapah; that it was not originally contemplated thereby obliging us to retrace our steps; and that this duty, embracing distant and scattered localities, takes away the field hands, and thus hinders what may be termed the legitimate demarcation for revenue purposes as originally approved of. The Hill boundary demarcation extended over 56 villages, and 11 Agraharams were also similarly newly marked out. Experiments in crops were made and the produce of 550 fields thus tested; these experiments were chiefly in dry produce which is more difficult to test than wet. The demarcation sketches and records of 25 villages were

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handed over to the Survey Department, and the Settlement Registers of 31 villages in Kurnool were received at the Central Office from this Party, whilst 40 registers, appertaining to the above district, were printed.

8. Mr. Cox has been hard at work at his report for the four taluqs of Koilguntla, Poddatur, Jammalamadugu, and Cuddapah, which are, as stated in my last quarterly report, to be settled *en bloc*; but I am sorry to state that its completion has been retarded by the serious illness of the Sheristada Senker Row, who has at last succumbed to the Cuddapah climate, and been obliged to take leave. Mr. Cox's Settlement Report for Pattikondah was forwarded to the Board with my letter, dated 2nd November last, No. 1,823-57, and as all the interstitial fields have been measured in that taluq, the Settlement can be introduced as soon as sanctioned.

9. The outlay incurred by the Cuddapah Party is less than that of the previous quarter by Rs. 1,189, mainly owing to fewer boundary pillars having been built on account of the work in Muddenpally drawing to a close, and to there being from the same cause less expended on account of "batta" to establishment.

10. *Nellore.*—I have explained in my former reports that the Nellore Field Party is being kept on at the Settlement work in office, pending the receipt of orders upon the proposition, supported by the Board*, that the Chendragherry Taluq should be the next field of work for Mr. Rundall's employes. The demarcation and classification of this district has already been brought to a close, and thus the field work is very little. Mainly consisting of what may be termed odds and ends, such as revision work and demarcation of lands taken up since the survey. The outturn was as follows:—

Items.	AREA.	
	Acres.	Square-miles.
	RS.	RS.
Demarcation...	3,852	6
Classification...	3,337	5

In addition to the above experiments were made in the Joanna crop in the Ongole taluq, and 60 fields tested.

Mr. Rundall submitted in December his carefully and completely drawn up Settlement Report for the six taluqs of the principal division, and this is now being printed. A similar report is also being prepared regarding the taluqs of the sub-division, and as Mr. Rundall need not, in many instances, re-capitulate in his second report matters already touched upon as affecting the province at large, it will naturally take up less time than its predecessor. I have been anxious to keep up, if possible, the preparation of the Settlement Registers *pari passu* with Settlement operations, avoiding the delays and difficulties which

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occur when these records are allowed to fall into arrears, thus Mr. Randall has been engaged upon this branch of work, and the result is given below:—

Taluqs.	Total No. of villages.	Of which the Registers completed during the quarter.	In progress
Kavali...	RS. 37	RS. 37	0
Udayagiri...	34	32	2
Rapur...	52	5	5
Total ...	123	74	7

12. The expenditure during the quarter shows a decrease of Rs. 183, owing to a slight reduction in the Demarcation Establishment, and to the contingent charges falling with decreased field work.

13. Salem. Mr. Goodrich's outturn of work during the quarter under review is considerably less than that of the previous three months as shown in the accompanying Statement:—

Particulars.	Last quarter.	In this quarter.	Difference.
Number of villages ...	291	114	— 177
Area inspected in acres ...	3,43,564	2,17,016	— 1,26,548
Minor holdings in survey numbers ...	29,163	17,632	— 11,531
Survey numbers containing the above minor holdings ...	11,180	7,094	— 4,086

There are several causes for this falling off, some of which I trust can be avoided hereafter. The main reasons were the completion of the taluqs of Salem and Trichengode, and the consequent closing of the accounts in office, the preparation of the necessary details to answer the Board's requisition regarding the red sand soils, and sickness latterly prevalent amongst the field hands. The demarcation and classification of tracts newly taken up progressed as follows:—

Taluqs.	Number of Villages.	Number of Fields.	Area.
Ahtoor ...	...	79	ACRES. 234
Salem ...	11	357	1,420
Trichengode ...	3	94	1,018
Total ...	14	530	2,702

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There is similarly a decrease observable in this branch of duty attributable to the causes above noticed.

14. The writing of the Diglott Registers requires to be pushed on more vigorously, in order that they may be kept abreast of Settlement work already mentioned with regard to Nellore. The registers for only 17 villages in Ahtoor were written during the period under review.

As regards the expenditure there is a decrease of Rs. 255 between the outlay of this and of the previous quarter, the printing charges having been less on the present quarter.

15. As mentioned in my last report, had nothing untoward occurred in the conduct of the Salem Settlement, much would have been completed ere this; but first came the Village Cess discussion, and then the importation of red sandy soil question. The first matter is settled, and the fair puttahs, framed upon the new Settlement rates, will be distributed this year for the Ahtoor Taluq; but the second subject of red soils as it affects all the other taluqs keeps further final Settlement matters in abeyance. My letter, forwarding Mr. Goodrich's report upon these soils, was despatched* to the Board of Revenue on the 20th January last, and I would urgently request speedy orders thereon, being issued as a matter of course.

* From Director of Revenue Settlement, 23rd February 1871, No. 613.

anticipated for Salem and Trichengode, and perhaps Nameul.

16. Chingleput.—Work progressed in the Sydapet Taluq, and a commencement was made in Ponnery. The report upon the assessment to be fixed upon the lands coming under the influence of the Madras Water Works was submitted,† and as the Supervisor had to come to the office and help me with the preparation of the necessary details for this report, field work fell off to some extent during this quarter; the monsoon and the holidays likewise tended to diminish the outturn which stands as follows:—

† Vide letter to Board, dated 19th May 1870, No. 719.

Particulars.	Last quarter.	In this quarter.	Difference.
Number of Villages ...	47	37	— 10
Area classified in acres ...	37,618	31,186	— 6,432
Minor holdings in survey numbers ...	4,800	16,106	+ 11,306
Survey numbers containing the above minor holdings ...	1,968	5,280	+ 3,312

17. The measurement of the minor holdings in survey field was carried on by the classifiers, and 16,106 of these minor holdings contained in 5,280 survey numbers were duly measured and the areas recorded. This shows a large increase over work of a similar nature of the previous quarter. Examination of the registers for the quarter under review shows that the work was carried on more vigorously than in the previous quarter.

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ations were made in the outturn of crops, and arrangements set on foot for making extended experiments in the Sumbah produce; these tests have been since carried out both by the Revenue and this department.

18. This small Settlement Party is working under my own supervision, and the cost amounted to Rs. 2,632 for the three months; this exhibits an increase of Rs. 436 over the outlay of the previous quarter, owing to a few extra hands having been taken on to expedite the interstitial field measurements, to more maps having been mounted, and to the pay of some of the employee's debitable to September having been brought to account in October.

19. *Coimbatore.*—Arrangements have been made for introducing the new Survey areas in the Pulladum Taluq, and after personal conference at Coimbatore with Mr. Sullivan and Major Hessey, I am in hopes that the new areas will not only be introduced for the Pulladum Taluq at the present Jamabandi, but also for the taluqs of Sattinungalum and Perindoray. Although the provision made for the commencement of the Coimbatore Settlement work was obliged to be foregone in the Budget, I am in hopes that we shall nevertheless be able to effect a beginning on a small scale by savings from other parties.

20. *Tinnevely.*—Work in this district is carried on under the Collector's orders, and supervised by the Board, but the outlay debited to this Budget; the cost was Rs. 4,805, being less than that incurred during the previous quarter.

21. *Godavery.*—The charge of Rs. 1,032, which appears against the Godavery District, is, on account of charges, incurred in printing the selections from the Settlement Reports of that district. Nothing was spent under this head for Trichinopoly.

22. *To Summarize.*—In the Kistna the few hands that must be retained are giving the finishing touches to the Settlement of the Guntoor Division, the details of which are now before Government for final orders. In Cuddapah the demarcation and classification are nearly out of hand in Muddenpally, and will be extended to Kadri, about to be taken up. The Settlement Report for the Pattikondah Taluq is now before the Board, and Mr. Cor will soon submit his detailed report for the four taluqs which are to be settled simultaneously. Sicknes keeps back the work in this notoriously unhealthy province. As regards Nellore, Randall has forwarded his report for the principal division, and it is now in the Press. I still retain the well trained field hands, pending Government orders on Chendragherry, and should be glad of a final decision on this question. Salem has not shown so well during the past quarter, but when orders are recorded regarding the important question of the red sandy soils, matters will, I doubt, not progress more satisfactorily, as at present there is a certain amount of working as it were in the dark. The new Settlement will be introduced for the current Fasli into the Ahtoor Taluq. In Chingleput work is going on lively, and the report on the Red Hill Project is now before

* Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 28th June 1870, No. 4,459.

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Government. In Coimbatore it is hoped that the new areas in three taluqs will be introduced this Fasli instead of only in one as anticipated originally, and there seems a probability of our commencing Settlement work there, notwithstanding the reduction in the Budget.

Statement showing the Work and Expenditure in the Settlement Department for the third quarter of 1870-71, ending 31st December 1870.

Names of Districts.	Standard estimate for a quarter of a year.	ACTUAL WORK.			Difference between columns 2 and 5.	Expenditure.	Average cost per square-mile.
		In completed Villages.	In Villages in progress.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DEMARICATION.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
Kistna						2,171	
Kurnool						506	
Cuddapah	375	158	95	253	122	12,289	48 9 2
Salem		*1	3	4		717	
Tinnevely						666	
Total...	375	165	98	263		16,916	
Cost of boundary pillars...						1,386	
Total...	375	165	98	263		18,302	
CLASSIFICATION.							
Godavery						1,303	
Kistna						1,472	
Kurnool						2,339	
Cuddapah	375	126	75	201	174	11,885	59 2 1
Salem		1	3	4		16,851	
Nellore						11,521	
Chingleput		*41	5	46		3,349	72 12 10
Total...	375	168	83	251		48,720	
TINNEVELLY.							
Add charges not debitable to parties						4,239	
Grand Total...						71,261	

* As this is demarcation of newly taken up and widely scattered tracts, the standard estimate cannot be taken into consideration. Similarly as the Chingleput is only a small portion of a Party, it cannot be judged by the ordinary standard.

MADRAS,
16th February 1871.

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

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No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 1st March 1871, No. 370.

Land Revenue.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement

Statement showing the work and expenditure in the settlement of
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Names of Districts.	Actual work.				Difference between Columns 2 & 5.	Expenditure Rs.	Average cost per square mile.
	Standard Esti- mate for a quarter of a year.	In completed Villages	In Villages in Progress.	Total			
<u>Amravati</u>	2	3	11	5	6	7	8
Nitga	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. M.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Rs.	Rs. & P.
Nimmol	"	"	"	"	"	2171	
Chudolapah.	"	"	"	"	"	306	
Sakur.	375	158	95	253	122	12289	48 9 2
Kellare	"	*1	3	4	"	717	
Timnervelly	"	*6	"	6	"	667	
Total	375	165	98	263	"	566	
Cost of Boundary Pillars.	"	"	"	"	"	16916	
Total.	375	165	98	263	"	18586	

Classification

Godavary	"	"	"	"	"	1303	
Nitga	"	"	"	"	"	1472	
Nimmol	"	"	"	"	"	2339	
Chudolapah.	375	126	75	201	174	11855	59 2 1
Sakur.	"	1	3	4	"	16851	
Kellare	"	"	"	"	"	11521	
Chingliput	"	*41	5	46	"	33479	72 12 10
Total.	375	168	83	251	"	48729	
Timnervelly	"	"	"	"	"	4239	
Add charges not debitable to parties	"	"	"	"	"	4239	
Grand Total	"	"	"	"	"	71261	

* As this is demarcation of newly taken up and widely scattered tracts, the Standard estimate cannot be taken into consideration. Similarly as the Chingliput is only a small portion of a party it cannot be judged by the ordinary standard.

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 Madras, 16th February 1871

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