

THE Acting Director of Revenue Settlement has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the official memorandum from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th instant, No. 1,411, and in reply to state that the expenditure therein referred to is not covered by a budget grant, but that funds can be provided to meet it from the general savings in the departmental budget allotment.

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From the same officer, dated Cuddapah, 17th March 1871, No. 549-19.

REFERRING to Board's Proceedings of the 21st December last, No. 7,252, I have the honour to submit an explanation of Mr. Cox's estimate of Rs. 15,000 for the demarcation of waste lands.

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2. The extent of waste to be laid out into fields is—

Dry	...	...	...	...	...	Acres.
Wet	...	...	...	...	...	29,400
						5,337
						Total... 34,737

At the rate of two stones per acre (at 2 Annas per stone), the aggregate cost was estimated to be Rs. 8,684-4-0, the total number of stones required being 69,474. To this item has been added Rs. 1,926 on account of the expenditure of khandam marks at 71 stones per square-mile, each stone costing 8 Annas; and Rs. 4,342-2-0 on account of the cost of cutting broad arrows at 1 Anna per field-stone. Thus the aggregate cost is as estimated:—

	5,337
Total...	<u>34,737</u>

	RS.	A.	P.
Field demarcation...	8,684	4	0
Khandam "	1,926	0	0
Cutting broad arrows	4,342	2	0
Total...	14,952	6	0

or, in round numbers, Rs. 15,000, the sum of advance applied for.

3. I may observe here that these calculations were based by Mr. Cox on the actuals, taking cultivation and waste together, the latter often being intermingled with the former. He also explains that the tract of country in question is of a peculiar character, interspersed with many winding drainage channels and scattered blocks of rocks, thus rendering the demarcation.

4. Mr. Cox has subsequently obtained details of the waste demarcation alone, and they show that each acre actually requires two stones at a cost of 4 Annas and 6 Pies, or the same as the cost of survey demarcation; but it must be remembered that the larger number of stones required on account of the natural features of the country is the reason why the settlement is so high as that of the survey.

5. Thus it will be seen that the 34,737 acres of waste referred to cost Rs. 9,770 at 4 Annas and 6 Pies both by actual settlement and survey demarcation. The former does not include the cost of the khandam demarcation and cutting the device of the broad arrow; but it is not clear whether the survey average is also exclusive of those items. Presuming that this is the case, and adding Mr. Cox's cost for these extra items to both estimates, the total cost will be Rs. 16,038 in either case. It may thus be stated that Mr. Cox's rough estimate of Rs. 15,000 was not a bad approximate for waste demarcation.

6. It is not quite clear from Colonel Darnley's statement that the 4 Annas and 6 Pies only be taken for the survey of rectangular fields.

6. It is not quite clear from Colonel Priestley's letter whether the rate of 4 Annas and 6 Pies only has reference to large tracts of waste marked out into rectangular figures, or whether it includes also the waste in irregular shapes, lying

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scattered in the middle of cultivated lands. Mr. Cox's estimate provides for this latter contingency, which tends accordingly to enhance the cost of demarcation.

7. Now, however, that the cutting of the broad arrow is dispensed with for the present under the Board's orders noted in the margin, this item may be struck out; and I request that the Board will be pleased to sanction the remaining sum of Rs. 11,696, or, in round numbers, Rs. 12,000 as an advance for the purposes of waste demarcation.

8. It may also be mentioned that the advance of Rs. 15,000, originally applied for, will not meet the expenses of the demarcation of 100 square-miles as stated by Colonel Priestley, but only 83 square-miles when calculated at the average cost of survey demarcation.

I am afraid the cost may be really somewhat increased as regards superintendence, as the Muddennapully Taluq is now nearly out of hand, and the demarcators must, therefore, be despatched back to this particular work instead of carrying it on *pari passu* with the regular demarcation of occupied holdings.

THE Board resolve to request Government to sanction a grant of Rs. 12,000 for the erection of boundary marks on waste lands in Cuddapah.

2. The Settlement Department have hitherto charged the people with the cost of demarcating waste, but this is manifestly unfair.

3. The Board have issued a Circular Order No IX. of 1870 to the effect that the cost of demarcating waste shall be paid by ryots subsequently taking possession of it.

4. It is presumed that the sum required can be met from the Director's budget.

No. 304. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th May 1871.

Read the following letter from the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 5th May 1871, No. 904-27.

WITH reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd April 1871, No. 1,687, I have the honour to state that yesterday I received a notice from the Accountant-General that the Calcutta Government had further reduced my budget by Rs. 49,000, so that under these circumstances I shall be quite unable to meet the charge of Rs. 12,000 for demarcation of waste from my allotted funds as originally contemplated.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Board's Proceedings, 22nd April 1871, No. 1,687.

2. The orders of the Government of India on the budget have not yet been communicated to the Board.

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No. 305.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1871, No. 907.

Land Revenue.

THE proposed demarcation of waste lands must, with reference to the second of the foregoing papers, be deferred for the present.

2. Mr. Banbury should not use the phrase "Calcutta Government" when he means the Government of India or the Supreme Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Director of Revenue Settlement.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

77-907.

Rev: Secy

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Under date the 23rd May. 1871

Read the following
Pro: of the Board of Revenue

Requesting to sanction
a grant of Rs. 12,000 for
erection of boundary marks
on waste lands in Buddapah

M.E. 22nd April 1871, 41607

Submg letter from
of Rev. Settlement stating
that he is unable to meet
the above charge.

" 12th May

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14 Bd of Rev. Sett 25
13 Dr Rev Sett 5
13 Supt Rev Survey 2

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25. 17/5/71

Com. of 1871-1872.

LETTER.

To

THE COMD OF ARMY,

U. S. A.

Dated May 23rd

Recd.

U. S. A.

1872.

1872-1873.

By the 1871-1872 Comd. of Army. The proposed
demand for the 1871-1872 Comd. of Army.
for the 1871-1872 Comd. of Army.
Settlement.