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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th November 1872.

No. 93. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1871, No. 1,299 :—

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Pudukudi, 1st February 1871, No. 44.

WITH reference to my progress report on settlement for 1870 submitted to-day, I have the honour to make the following suggestions for the conduct of the settlement work in this district in future.

2. I submitted a scheme for the settlement of the river-valley before quitting the district two years ago, and as this scheme has been passed by the Board, and has been for some time before Government, I may reasonably expect to receive definite orders shortly. Now it is quite impossible that I can continue *all* my duties as Collector and Magistrate, and at the same time devote my attention to all the intricate processes needed to revise the assessment of every field held by 130,000 ryots : my health would not stand the strain, and it would be impossible to find the time. As it is, my correspondence with the Board and Government and the preparation of the many reports and returns now called for occupy me for some hours regularly every day. Then correspondence with divisional officers, and all connected with Public Works, Police, Survey, Forests, Treasury, Salt, Sea-Customs, Pearl Banks, Shipping, etc., etc., besides miscellaneous letters to and from endless departments occupy me for some hours more ; then appeals from decisions of subordinate officers, vernacular reports and returns, as well as original petitions, have all to be got through, and the day is not long enough to keep me quite free from arrears, and any heavy magisterial case such as the one I have just been trying, which has occupied my undivided attention from the 20th to the end of last month, throws current work so much in arrears that it cannot be put straight for weeks after.

3. From this the Board will perceive that if I continue the settlement in addition to my ordinary duties as Collector and Magistrate, either my supervision of settlement work must be superficial, or the interest of the district will suffer. The only course open to me, therefore, is to resign any future connection with settlement, and this is very disappointing to me as I am thoroughly interested in the work, or to request that I may be relieved of all my current duties as Collector and Magistrate (merely retaining the power of general control and decision in matters affecting the general welfare of the district) by a special officer to be appointed by Government, and who should be empowered to hear appeals, to correspond with the Board and Government, and generally to perform the routine duties of a Collector and Magistrate.

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From the same officer, dated Pudukudi, 1st February 1871, No. 45.

1. Progress Report of Settlement operation for December 1870.
2. Statement showing the rate of work and delays in classification for December 1870.
3. Statement showing area classified, etc., during the year 1870.
4. Statement showing the number of days lost in classification during the year 1870.
5. Statement showing area redemarcated during the year 1870.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith a report of the progress made towards the settlement of this district during the year 1870.

2. Mr. Symonds was in charge of the few hands now left here, and his operations were confined to the classification of the Sankernainarcovil Taluq,

to the redemarcation of the Satur Taluq, to the definition of the boundaries of Zemin estate, and to the adjudication of boundary disputes.

3. Both the classification of Sankernainarcovil and the redemarcation of Satur are very nearly completed, and with Satur the redemarcation of the district is finished. There are, however, three more taluqs to classify, but I refrain from taking them up as we are already far too much in advance of the settlement, no orders having yet been received on the scheme for the river-valley.

4. Regarding the future conduct of settlement work in this district I have addressed the Board separately, as if any settlement is to be made it had better be done at once, as the cost of supervision (40 per cent.) is now out of all proportion to the value of work performed.

5. If vigorously pushed forward the field-work might be completed, and schemes for the re-assessment of the rest of the district might be submitted within the current year; whereas if work drags on as at present, it may be years before the Government are in a position to pass orders on the whole of the district.

6. The total outturn of classification is 73,320 acres, or 114½ square-miles, and this has cost Rs. 16,315-13-11, or 142-8-0 per square-mile.

7. The total outturn of demarcation is 62,832 acres, or 98 square-miles, and this has cost Rs. 2,227-7-6, or 22-11-7 per square-mile.

8. The comparatively heavy cost of the former classification is attributable to the pay of Mr. Symonds and his office establishment being debited to this head and not to the demarcation, and to several of the field-hands having been necessarily taken off their work and employed in assisting Mr. Symonds in preparing data for a settlement scheme for the palmyra forest. The total cost of the party as it now stands for the year under report has been Rs. 18,543-5-5, but many of the hands that appear in the salary bills of this party are actually employed under the Director of Revenue Settlement in Madras.

9. The following list exhibits the pay and disposition of the party at present :—

No.	Rank.	Pay.	Where employed.
		Rs.	
1	Uncovenanted Assistant	500	
16	Office establishment	280	
7	Do. under Collector	138	
6	Classifiers	200	
15	Peons	90	
12	Demarcators	160	
5	Peons	30	
		1,398	Tinnevelly.
1	Supervisor...	150	
6	Classifiers	205	
2	Gumastahs	35	
11	Peons...	66	
		456	Madras.
	Grand Total...	1,854	

Enclosures Nos. 1 to 5.—Statements.

The Collector's settlement work will be forwarded to the Director of Revenue Settlement for his remarks.

2. The request that Mr. Puckle may be relieved from his ordinary duties by an officer with the powers of a Collector and Magistrate will be submitted for the orders of Government. The Board cannot but acquiesce in the statement that it will be impossible for the same man to do the whole work of the district and at the same time conduct the settlement, especially when orders have been passed on the scheme for the Tambrapurny valley. It will be in accordance with precedent to appoint an additional Sub-Collector to the district, and it might be left to Mr. Puckle to arrange the distribution of work with him.

No. 94. Order thereon, 16th November 1872, No. 1,567.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded, Mr. Arundel Tagg Arundel having been appointed to officiate as an Additional Sub-Collector in Tinnevelly.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Bended, for Arundel Tagg
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Revenue Settlement of Tinnevelly District.—Collector's report on progress of, during 1870, forwarded to Director of Revenue Settlement, for his remarks.—Application of Collector to be relieved from his ordinary duties by an officer with powers of a Collector and Magistrate, submitted for orders of Government.

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