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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department
23rd November 1872.

No. 183. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Bangalore, 28th October 1872, No. 2,269-60 :—

FROM the order of Government dated 28th September 1872, No. 1,289, I presume the establishment for the demarcation of Bellary, sanctioned in G. O., 14th August last, No. 1,200, cannot be set on foot without a further allotment of funds. With reference to this subject I have the honour to state that I have been for some time past considering the best method of carrying out the desire of Government for the completion of the survey of the Cuddapah District, and in modification of the arrangement sanctioned for taking up the demarcation and survey of the Bellary District, I beg to submit for consideration the following proposals :—

In G. O., 14th August 1872, No. 1,209.

I.—That the two officers* of this department (or at any rate one of them), temporarily transferred to the Settlement Department, and the Demarcation Establishment employed in Cuddapah, together with funds for their support, should be made over to the Survey for employment in Cuddapah; and that as men are available from No. 2 Party, they should, in like manner, be employed in accelerating the completion of survey in that district.

* Messrs. Cook and Baber.

G. O., 12th December 1864, No. 2,243, paragraph 27.

G. O., 6th February 1872, No. 239.

II.—I think it likely that more money may be forthcoming from the transfer of funds by the Settlement than will suffice to pay the field-hands, and from it I would continue to strengthen the Cuddapah Survey Office. The difficulty will be to find office-accommodation.

III.—The men transferred from the Settlement Demarcation will require instruction for some time, and would at first, therefore, not furnish much office-work. This would prevent No. 2 Office being supplied with work it could not yet undertake.

IV.—I must, however, state that I myself should prefer No. 2 Party being allowed to complete the demarcation and survey of the Adoni Taluq, with the addition of men from the Settlement, before entering on Pulivendlah. By this arrangement the Office at Kurnool would be able to receive work both from Cumbum on the east and Adoni on the west. By the time the Adoni Taluq was completed the Kurnool Office, or a part of it, might be moved to Ghooty or some other station at which the plotting of Pulivendlah and Khadri could be performed without being altogether cut off from Kurnool. The demarcation of Pulivendlah might also by that time be finished by the Settlement Department, and the transfer of the few men so employed deferred till then.

2. There must, however, in this case be a change in the style of demarcation, and in any case a revision of such as has not been taken in hand by the Survey.

I.—The Khandams ordered in G. O., 12th December 1864, No. 2,243, paragraph 30, to be of about 50 acres in extent, have been laid out by the Settle-

ment Department in blocks of between 200 and 300 acres. In fact, so large that it is hopeless with small fields to close the plot. They must be sub-divided.

II.—Large blocks of jungle, sometimes containing more than 100 acres, are included and numbered as *fields* in cultivation Khandams.

III.—The number of minor circuits, necessitating professional survey, is excessive, resulting in increased cost and delay.

IV.—As noted in my annual report the number of field-stones put down is very far greater than necessary. This evil is aggravated by the fact that the field-stones themselves bear no mark, the Revenue Board having permitted the Director of Revenue Settlement to dispense with the broad arrow.

Paragraphs 34 and 35, *vide* Proceedings Board of Revenue, 16th September 1872, No. 1,838.

Proceedings Board of Revenue No. 6,427 of 1st November 1870.

Proceedings Board of Revenue No. 7,029 of 9th December 1870.

Proceedings Board of Revenue No. 2,997 of 18th July 1871.

Proceedings Board of Revenue No. 3,750 of 31st August 1871.

V.—The demarcation records must be more carefully prepared.

VI.—No sub-division or clubbing of villages should be permitted years after survey, but all such transfers of lands should be made during the progress of demarcation, as is always done by the Survey Department.

3. When No. III. Party has completed Cuddapah, with the exception of Khadri and Pulivendlah, it might take up the Telugu taluqs of North Arcot.

4. When Khadri and Pulivendlah have been measured by No. II. Party, it should return and complete Bellary on the combined system which is giving such good results.

5. I wish to call attention to the hopeless arrears of demarcation already piled up by the Settlement Department.

6. I calculate that at the end of the official year somewhere about 5,000 square miles of country will have been demarcated in Cuddapah and North Arcot in advance of the Survey. When can this department hope to clear off this annually increasing amount of unsatisfactory demarcation ?

7. It may perhaps be fitting here to point out the causes which have permitted Settlement Demarcation to advance with such rapid strides, and which have in a corresponding degree kept back the Survey.

Districts.	Area left undemarcated by Settlement Department.	Demarcation performed by Survey Department.	Remaining.
	SQ. M	SQ. M.	SQ. M.
Kistna	1,112	547	565
Nellore... ...	3,512	3,422	90
Kurnool ...	2,323	531	1,792
Salem	3,858	864	2,994
Tinnevelly ...	1,340	606	734
Trichinopoly ...	716	.....	716
Total...	12,861	5,970	6,991

8. In the margin is given by districts the area left undemarcated by the Settlement Department and the extent to which the Survey Department has completed the work thus left incomplete. In the six districts named, 12,861 square miles were excluded from demarcation by the Settlement; of this area 5,970 square miles have been undertaken by the Survey Department, still leaving 6,991 square miles untouched.

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9. I would suggest the advisability of a certain proportion of the demarcators (or funds) transferred from the Settlement being applied to finish this work in the Kistna, Trichinopoly, and Tinnevelly Districts. Only 2,015 square miles remain to complete these three districts, and when demarcated these tracts can at once be undertaken for survey. This comparatively small area topographically surveyed will permit of the maps of three districts being constructed, containing in the aggregate 16,727 square miles of country.

10. Again in Kurnool, the duty of reconstructing marks insecurely erected by the Settlement was, by the orders of the Board of Revenue, to be undertaken by the Survey Department, and the *cost debited to the Survey.* This work is being carried out in Cumbum and Markapur, where our field-work is situated; but I submit that it is very bad policy to detain the Survey Department, which is behind hand, in order to make it repair and renew work not originally executed by it, more especially as the demarcation work lately performed by the Settlement is far ahead of the survey, and that it is the legitimate duty of the Settlement Department to furnish funds for the renewal of its own work. The cost per square mile of renewal, by the Survey, of demarcation originally performed by the Settlement Department in the Coimbatore and Pulladam Taluqs is considerable. The time and expenditure required for this operation have been furnished by the Survey, and as before-stated the expense ought, in fairness, to be borne by the Settlement Department.

Proceedings Board of Revenue No. 3,633, dated 22nd August 1871.

11. I have now placed before you the arrangements which seem most suitable to bring the work of the sister departments to an equality, and to put a stop to the accumulation of hopeless arrears of demarcated land—a position of affairs offering no advantage that I can see sufficient to counterbalance the very decided disadvantage of obliging the Survey to take up lands demarcated probably three or four years before-hand, and necessitating that the method of work found in every way beneficial to the Survey Department should be abandoned, the Survey Establishment disorganized, the system already condemned reverted to, and the department requiring most assistance hampered and retarded.

No. 184. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1872, No. 1,613.

Miscellaneous.

THESE proposals will be referred to the Board of Revenue for report after communication with the Director of Revenue Settlement.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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From No. 3500

The Superintendent Revenue Survey.

To

The Sec.y to Govt. Rev. Dep.t

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General No. 2269

Departmental No. 60

Subject

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G.O. 28th Sept.r No 1289
14th Aug.t – 1200

Submitting for consideration proposals for accelerating the Survey of Cuddapah in modification of sanctioned arrangements.

S.O. No. 1613 – 23d Nov.r/72

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Read the following letters from the Supt.t Rev. Survey Nos 2269/60 & 2379/64. dd 28th Oct.r & 6th Nov.r/72

These proposals (the Ds have been submitted through the Bd. of Rev.e, to whom they will now be referred for report after communication with the Director of Settlements.

D.r 15/11-72

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