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No. 24. Read the following letter from the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 21st February 1872, No. 329-6:—

I HAVE the honour to submit the usual quarterly return of work performed by the Settlement Department. The present report refers to the months of October, November, and December last.

2. *Kistna*.—The small party retained in this district, and awaiting the orders of Government upon the introduction of the new rates of assessment, carried on the demarcation, classification, and survey of tracts newly occupied, with results which contrast favourably with those of the previous quarter.

Items.	LAST QUARTER.		IN THIS QUARTER.		INCREASE.	
	No. of Villages.	Extent.	No. of Villages.	Extent.	No. of Villages.	Extent.
Demarcation	12	1,231	31	4,352	19	3,121
Classification	12	1,072	30	3,313	18	2,241
Survey	18	1,343	25	4,259	7	2,916

The demarcation stones set up, 1,412 in number, are reported to be of good size and quality. This item of work likewise is an improvement over that of the former three months.

3. The calculation of the new assessment to be applied to the individual fields in the uplands, as mentioned in my last report, went on faster owing to better arrangements, and the work when done was properly checked. The outturn was as follows:—

Names of Taluqs.	No. of Villages.	No. of Fields.
Guntoor... ..	84	30,689
Sattanapally... ..	47	10,748

This arrangement will expedite the introduction of the new rates when orders arrive thereon.

4. All the bound Land Registers for the Masulipatam Division have been sent to the Collector, with the exception of one village, for which some detailed information is still required.

5. The outlay of Rs. 1,593 during the quarter exceeds that of its predecessor by Rs. 292, owing to items of arrears of salary previously due being debited to the present quarter when they were actually paid.

6. *Kurnool and Cuddapah*.—Captain Stuart has this, our largest party in the department, at work mainly in the Kadri Taluq of Cuddapah, and the outturn,

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when contrasted with that of the previous quarter, shows a decrease as will be thus seen :—

Items.	Last Quarter.		In this Quarter.		Decrease.	
	ACRES.	Sq. MILES.	ACRES.	Sq. MILES.	ACRES.	Sq. MILES.
Demarcation	1,05,900	165	95,694	150	10,206	15
Classification	67,254	105	64,746	101	2,508	4

Not only was there heavy rain in November, but the census-operations likewise retarded work. The main drawback, however, was the fever which always prevails in this taluq during these months, and which, as Captain Stuart says, was "more widely spread, and of a more virulent type than usual" this year. Four employes died therefrom, and so many were laid up that I sent another Dresser to aid the one already attached to the party. As the month of February draws on, a cessation of this malady may be looked for.

7. The field stones, which are reported to be of good granite and well fixed in the ground, likewise exhibit a decrease. Owing to the above causes, the number being 91,792 against 112,530 during the previous quarter. On the other hand, boundary marks exhibit an increase, more villages having been thus dealt with. The return stands thus:—

Particulars.	Last Quarter.	In this Quarter.	Increase.
On Village Boundaries	506	1,029	523
On Kundums	1,456	5,705	4,249
Total...	1,962	6,734	4,772

It may here be noticed that I have stopped the plan of imbedding the granite boundary stones in brick and mortar, and have assimilated the practice to that now in vogue in the survey. This expedites work, and lessens outlay.

8. The hill boundary work exhibits a considerable decrease, owing to the hands having to be withdrawn during the worst part of the fever season; in fact, the villagers naturally enough strongly objected to visiting the hill just then.

Items.	Last Quarter.		In this Quarter.		Decrease.	
	ACRES.	Sq. MILES.	ACRES.	Sq. MILES.	ACRES.	Sq. MILES.
Government	1,83,754	287	83,188	130	1,00,566	157
Inam	6,971	11	5,695	9	1,276	2
Total...	1,90,725	298	88,883	139	1,01,842	159

9. The measurement of interstitial holdings in Jummalamadoogoo and Pullumpett progressed; 7,359 of these minor fields, comprised in 2,631 survey numbers, having been measured out, and the areas calculated. There were also 191 experiments made in the testing of crops. With the exception of four villages, the whole of the registers for the settled taluqs of Kurnool have been forwarded to this office for printing.

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10. There is an increase of Rs. 1,355 in the cost of this party, owing to Mr. Baber having been nominated to act for Mr. Mayer, whose post had been for some little time unavoidably vacant; also to heavier printing charges on account of the Registers. At the end of this quarter, there remained 73 villages yet to be printed, out of the 370 appertaining to Kurnool proper.

11. In addition to superintending the above field-work, Captain Stuart has been engaged upon the preparation of data and details for reporting upon and submitting proposals for the taluqs of Budwai, Sidhout, and Pallumpet, which are now ready for settlement.

12. *Nellore and North Arcot.*—Mr. Rundall's party has been chiefly occupied in the Chendragherry Taluq of North Arcot, and his work under the combined system, the same method as that pursued in Cuddapah, shows well.

Items.	Last Quarter.		In this Quarter.		Increase.	
	ACRES.	Sq. MILES.	ACRES.	Sq. MILES.	ACRES.	Sq. MILES.
Demarcation	17,943	28	19,453	30	1,510	2
Classification	9,593	15	15,138	24	5,545	9

13. The number of stones planted is 62,515, or 22,426 in excess of those put down in the previous quarter. The men have attained a daily average of 75 acres and stones combined which is satisfactory, considering that they are somewhat new to the task, and also the small size of the holdings to be dealt with. I visited the Chendragherry Taluq, and inspected several villages. The demarcation and classification were, as is the case with all Mr. Rundall's work, satisfactory. The stones are marked with the broad arrow and firmly planted. Some of those put down at the commencement are larger than they need be, but this has been corrected.

14. Some few hands were engaged in the Rapur and Kavali Taluqs of Nellore in finishing up the demarcation, classification, and survey of the newly occupied waste tracts. The results are as follow:—

Items.	Last Quarter.	In this Quarter.	Decrease.
Demarcation	1,635	279	1,356
Classification	2,307	337	1,970

The falling off is owing to the work drawing to a close.

There were 46 experiments made by the employes in Chittore as regards out-turn of wet and dry crops.

15. Besides superintending the field-work, Mr. Rundall was occupied in charging the assessment on the excess Inam* areas, and in preparing the Settlement report for the Sub-Division Taluqs of Nellore, which, it is hoped, may be completed and submitted to this Office

* Vide Board's Proceedings dated 12th April 1871, No. 1,514.

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before the close of the present official year. The report on the Principal Division was forwarded to the Board on the 1st of November last, and the proposals regarding the future assessment to be levied in these six taluqs are given below; the revenue of the year, or rather years of comparison being also shown:—

Items.	Beriz.	Increase.
As per Revenue Accounts of Fasli 1276-77	11,75,080	.....
Proposed by Mr. Rundall	13,24,382	1,49,302
As per Director's proposal... ..	13,50,276	1,75,196

When the details are looked into, it will be found that the proposed increase in the new "wet" assessment not only makes good the decrease in "dry," but also leaves a final enhancement of 1½ lakhs.

16. There is an increase of Rupees 950 in the expenditure owing to the party having been placed upon an efficient footing, now that a new field of work has been found for it.

17. SALEM.—The field-work in this district shows a large increase.

1st.—As regards the revision of classification, which stands thus:—

Items.	Number of Villages.	Number of Survey fields.	Acres.	Square Miles.
Last quarter... ..	79	5,333	16,941	27
In this quarter	109	21,126	74,158	116
Increase...	30	16,093	57,217	89

2nd.—As regards the demarcation, classification, and survey of newly taken up tracts—

Items.	Acres.	Square Miles.
Last quarter... ..	1,739	3
In this quarter	3,209	5
Increase...	1,470	2

and 3rd with reference to the revival and restoration of the old demarcation in Uttengherry.

Items.	Last Quarter.	In this Quarter.	Difference.
In revival... ..	STONES.	STONES.	STONES.
In new Demarcation		60,169	
		4,043	
Total...	5,102	64,212	59,110

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It will be observed that, as anticipated in my last report, this quarter's return shows well as regards the restoration of demarcation sanctioned by the Board and Government.

18. Final settlement work has not progressed as fast as could be wished, and rough puttahs were issued for only 16 villages. The measurement of 3,578 minor holdings comprised in 1,490 survey fields was carried out, this result being double that of the previous quarter.

19. There is only an excess of Rupees 17 over the outlay of the previous quarter.

20. CHINGLEPUT.—Sydapet Taluq was completed, and work pushed on in Ponnery, the adjoining taluq. The outturn is better than during the last quarter, and stands thus:—

	Number of Villages.	Acres.	Square Miles.
Last quarter	54	32,656	51
In this quarter... ..	62	36,304	57
Increase	8	3,648	6

The measurement of minor holdings shows that 14,617 of these properties contained in 4,686 survey fields were dealt with, but that the results of last quarter were not reached. This is due to some of the ... retained by the Supervisor to finish up account work in Sydapet. There was an increase of only Rupees 29 in the outlay on account of this small party, whose total cost for the quarter came to Rupees 2,818.

21. TRICHINOPOLY.—The outlay of Rupees 155 debitable to this district is on account of the printing of Government selections.

22. TINNEVELLY.—The increased charge of Rupees 198 observable is the salary of certain demarcators formerly borne on the Salem Establishment, but working in Tinnevelly, being now debited to the latter Province.

23. To summarise, the few hands in Kistna are getting forward with all that can be done previous to the orders being passed on the proposed rates. In Cuddapah, the Kadri Taluq will, it is hoped, be completed by the end of the official year, and then Pulivendla the last taluq in the district will be entered upon. Captain Stuart is engaged on his Settlement Report for Budwail, Sidhout, and Pallemper, the three eastern taluqs of Cuddapah. In North Arcot, Mr. Rundall will soon be extending his work from Chendragherry into Chittore. He is occupied with the report on the Sub-division of Nellore, which he hopes to send in ere the close of the official year; but the excess Inam area adjustments have kept him back. The report on the six taluqs of the Principal Division is now before the Board. Salem has not altogether answered expectations; but it is hoped that the new Settlement can this Fasli be introduced into Nameul, Salem, and Trichengode, whilst rough puttahs will, before its close, be issued for Uttengherry and Darampoory. In Chingleput, the small party have worked pretty fairly, so that a large portion of Ponnery is done, and I have asked Colonel Priestley for the

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maps and areas of Trivellore, the adjoining taluq, which can be commenced somewhere about the beginning of the new official year.

Statement showing the Work and Expenditure in the Settlement Department for the third quarter of 1871-72 ending 31st December 1871.

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.	Villages in progress.	Total.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
DEMARCATION.							
Kistna ...		6	1	7	.....	335	.....
Kurnool ...						530	.....
Cuddapah...		80	70	150	225	12,788	85 4 0
Nellore ...	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	455	.....
North Arcot			30	30	.....	7,707	*256 14 5
Salem ...		1	4	5	.....	3,297	.....
Total...		87	105	192	.....	25,112	.....
CLASSIFICATION.							
Kistna ...		5	.....	5	.....	1,695	.....
Kurnool ...						1,963	.....
Cuddapah...		52	49	101	274	9,949	98 8 1
Nellore ...	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,549	.....
North Arcot			24	24	.....	2,521	105 0 8
Salem ...			4	5	.....	12,942	.....
Chingleput		1	10	11	.....	3,592	63 0 3
Trichinopoly		47	.....	57	.....	198	.....
Total...		105	87	192	.....	35,409	.....
Add charges not debitable to Parties						2,265	.....
Grand Total...						62,786	.....

* The cost in North Arcot is heavier during the past quarter, owing to a comparatively very small amount being debited to Nellore as heretofore. It has also already been pointed out that the present system of demarcating each holding is a more expensive process than that hitherto pursued. (*Vide* Board's Proceedings dated 25th August 1871, No. 3,680).

MADRAS,
21st February 1872.

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

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Land Revenue.

THE report is satisfactory save as regards the progress in introducing the new Settlement in the Salem District.

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2. The Government fear that Mr. Goodrich's late accident may cause further delay, and desire that the Acting Director will keep his attention directed to the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HYDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.
Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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