No. 182. Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 22nd November 1871, No. 2,349-82:—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of Government, an account of the progress made in Settlement work during the second quarter of the present official year, or, in other words, for last July, August, and September.

2. *Kistna.*—As the Government are aware a few hands are at work in this district, finishing up any Settlement details that remain incomplete, and keeping up to date the demarcation and measurement of lands newly taken up, so that all may be in readiness for the introduction of the new Settlement when orders are issued by Government, I have also ordered that whenever these few employés have spare time they should begin to calculate the proper new assessment for each individual field in the uplands, as I apprehend no change is likely to be made in the Board's recommendations relative thereto.

3. I may here state, once for all, that our work has, during the past quarter, been delayed by the census operations, as not only were the Curnums and village-officers occupied on this task, but that our hands had to leave work to aid the enumerators. A break of this kind in the regular routine invariably causes more delay than is at first anticipated.

4. The demarcation, classification, and survey of the river-islands and of newly occupied fields in the uplands progressed as shown below, and the former task is now completed. The marks set up are of stone of good dimensions, and were 530 in number :—

Items.	Kistna Islands.		Upland.		Total.	
	No. of villages.	Acres.	No. of villages.	Acres.	No. of villages.	Acres.
Demarcation	5	89	12	1,231	17	1,320
Classification	5	84	12	1,072	17	1,156
Survey	5	89	18	1,343	23	1,432

5. The twelve remaining volumes of registers for thirty-three villages in the Masulipatam Division were bound, and are ready for despatch. Only one village now remains incomplete, owing to some information being still required from the district authorities.

6. There is a decrease of Rs. 1,152 when the outlay of this quarter is compared with that of the one preceding, mainly, owing to the Uncovenanted Assistant in the Kistna Party having been nominated to succeed Mr. Howell as my Assistant in the Central Office when the latter retired on pension, thus leaving the appointment in the Kistna vacant until the Government orders on the settlement necessitate the reforming of the establishment.

7. *Kurnool and Cuddapah.*—The outturn in this our largest party looks well when compared with last quarter, as may be seen from the annexed return:—

Items.	Last quarter.		In this quarter.		Difference.	
	Acres.	Sq. Miles.	Acres.	Sq. Miles.	Acres.	Sq. Miles.
Demarcation	70,956	111	1,05,900	165	+34,944	+54
Classification	32,845	51	67,254	105	+34,409	+54

8. The field stones put down amount to 1,12,530, or 13,472 more than during the previous quarter. These marks are mostly "burnt stones" of a good shape, and well buried in the earth. In a few cases black granite stones not quarried by fire have been employed, and are well spoken of by the English officers in charge of the work.

There is a decrease in the number of boundary pillars erected as thus shown. This arises from the number of villages to be thus dealt with in the talook decreasing as the work proceeds:—

Particulars.	Last quarter.	In this quarter.	Difference.
Masonry pillars on village boundaries	765	506	—259
Do. on Khandums	2,512	1,456	—1,056
Total...	3,277	1,962	—1,315

9. Hill boundary work exhibits a large increase; but this task is carried on with much difficulty, and the employés engaged on this duty at Voilpad have been so knocked down with fever that I have ordered them to desist until the worst season of the year is past:—

Items.	Last quarter.		In this quarter.		Difference.	
	Acres.	Sq. Miles.	Acres.	Sq. Miles.	Acres.	Sq. Miles.
Government... ...	134,577	210	1,83,754	287	49,177	77
Inam...	5,057	8	6,971	11	1,914	3
Total...	1,39,634	218	1,90,725	298	51,091	80

10. The measuring of minor holdings, or as they are technically termed "Interstitial fields," was pushed on in Jummalmadoogoo and Pullampet, and in this branch of work there is also an increase:—

——	No. of Villages.	Survey Numbers.	No. of Sub-Divisions.
Last quarter	60	1,817	5,112
In this quarter	127	2,888	7,807
Increase...	67	1,071	2,695

The writing of Diglott Settlement Registers for the settled talooks of Kurnool is well nigh finished. Five were received during the quarter under

report, and twenty-eight printed at the Central Office. The registers of only fourteen villages have yet to be received.

In outlay there is a decrease of Rs. [illegible], mainly owing to a diminished debit under Printing Charges.

11. As promised in my last quarterly return the Settlement Report for the three talooks of Cuddapah and for Koilkuntla in Kurnool has been submitted to the Board. This was drawn up after I had taken a tour in the talooks in question and gathered locally what information was wanted. The final proposals for these talooks are as follow:—An increase of Rs. 71,264 in dry and of 17,703 in wet cultivation, making a total of Rs. 88,967, or 12 per cent. over the year of comparison. There would be no question as to the fairness of these proposals, nor as to the case with which this assessment could be borne in these favoured localities, were it not for the extra cesses which raise the Government demand upon the ryot another 12½ per cent., to say nothing of other new items of taxation recently introduced.

12. *Nellore and North Arcot.*—Mr. Rundall, as mentioned in my last report, moved his field hands into Chendragherry as soon as the Government Orders* were received, and began work regularly in July last. He has made good progress, and the daily outturn of his men reaches 65 acres and stones combined per head per day, which, for the commencement, is satisfactory. The standard is now fixed at 75, and will be eventually raised. The stones put down were 40,089 in number, and are the same in every way as those used in the survey demarcation. The area in Chendragherry dealt with is as follows:—

* April 28th 1871, No. 754.

Items.	Number of Villages.	Acres.	Square-miles.
Demarcation	44	17,943	28
Classification	36	9,593	15

13. A few hands were left at Nellore engaged upon the Settlement Report for the sub-division, the adjustment of assessment upon the excess areas in Inams, (*vide* Board's Proceedings dated 12th April 1871, No. 1,514,) and the preparation of Diglott Registers. In the field the demarcation and classification of tracts, newly taken up in the talooks noted in the margin, progressed as follows:—

Kandukur.
Nellore.
Gudur.
Kavali.
Kanigherrry.

——	Demarcation.		Classification.	
	Acres.	Sq.-miles.	Acres.	Sq.-miles.
Last quarter	1,265	2	1,110	2
In this quarter	1,635	3	2,307	4
Increase...	370	1	1,197	2

The outlay in the case of this party likewise exhibits a decrease of Rs. 1,008, chiefly owing to a less expenditure in printing and mounting maps.

14. The Nellore report, referred to in paragraph 20 of my last quarterly letter, was, in point of fact, completed during the quarter under discussion; but, as it was not closed nor signed until after the end of September, it appertains to the work of the present quarter, and will be duly referred to when reporting thereon.

15. *Salem.*—The outturn in this district is not so satisfactory as I had anticipated, and shows a falling off when the results of the previous quarter are looked at:—

—	Number of Villages.	Number of Survey fields.	Acres.	Square-miles.
Last quarter	334	54,386	1,89,554	296
In this quarter	79	5,333	16,941	27
Decrease...	255	49,053	1,72,613	269

The census accounts for some portion of this great decrease, as the hands were called away for this special duty; but the chief cause of the falling off in field-work was the employment of the out-door hands in the preparation of the rough puttahs and fieldwar chittahs for Salem and Trichengode. The rough puttahs were distributed as follows:—

	No. of Villages.
Salem	268
Trichengode	78
Total...	346

16. The demarcation of lands newly taken up in the talooks marginally noted shows better than during the previous three months and stands thus:—

Ahtoor. | Trichengode.
Salem. | Uttengherry.

—	Acres.	Square-miles.
Last quarter	1,144	2
In this quarter	1,739	3
Increase...	595	1

The total number of stones put down both in the above area and in that already dealt with is 5,102, all of proper size and shape.

17. Minor holdings to the number of 1,735, comprised in 641 survey fields in 79 villages were measured and their areas calculated. The causes above noted account equally for the decrease in this branch of work. The Diglott Registers for 67 villages in Ahtoor were forwarded to the Central Office for being printed.

There is a diminution in expenditure of Rs. 1,287, owing to less outlay in batta, contingent charges, and mounting maps.

The final report regarding Ahtoor was submitted, and has been forwarded with my remarks to the Board.

18. *Chingleput.*—This small party furnished a less outturn than that of the previous quarter:—

—	No of Villages.	Acres.	Square-miles.
Last quarter	77	39,578	62
In this quarter	54	32,656	56
Decrease ...	23	6,922	6

But the main reason was that classification in the Sydapet Talook drew to a close; and thus the finishing up work in the old talook and making arrangements for undertaking Ponnery, the fresh ground, caused some hindrance to the regular daily outturn. Census and the preparation of details regarding the Cholaveram tank lands for the report of the Commissioners to be submitted to Government* also caused delay. On the other hand, more minor holdings were measured, and their areas calculated during the quarter under report. This is a tedious task requiring much care and attention. This branch of work stands as follows:—

* *Vide* report to Government on the Red Hill and Cholaveram Water Works Project, dated 14th July 1871.

Items.	Last quarter.	In this quarter.	Difference.
Number of villages	77	58	— 19
Do. of Survey Fields	6,686	5,922	— 764
Do. of Sub-divisions	17,773	19,754	+ 1,981

As regards expenditure there is little to be said, the difference being only 103 Rs. below that of the previous quarter.

19. *Godavery.*—The item of Rs. 460 against this province is the cost of printing "selections" from the Settlement Reports.

20. *Tinnevelly.*—The Settlement Party working under the Collector still retained up to July the few hands from the Salem Party to aid in Satoor Talook demarcation. The total outlay in this district was Rs. 2,439 against 4,100 in the preceding three months. The decrease is chiefly owing to no item of outlay for redemarcation occurring during this quarter as during its predecessor.

21. *To summarize.*—In the Kistna the few men still retained are usefully employed, pending orders on the proposed settlement. In Cuddapah the Kadri Talook is well in hand, and preparations must soon be made for taking up Pulivendla, the last talook in the district. The report on the four talooks is before the Board. In Nellore Mr. Rundall has been aiding the Collector as to charging the excess survey areas, and is engaged on the final details for the report of the subdivision. Report on the principal division is now in the Press, and will be sent to the Board in about a fortnight. In North Arcot Mr. Rundall has made a good commencement in Chendragherry, and will soon begin preparations for taking up the Chittoor Talook. In Salem Mr. Goodrich has finished the distribution of rough puttahs in Salem and Trichengode, and is now similarly engaged with Namcul. Next quarter's return will show that Mr. Goodrich has done well as regards the restoration of demarcation sanctioned by the Board and Government. In Chingleput the Sydapet Talook is finished, and the classifiers are hard at

work in Ponnery. I should be glad if Government would express their wishes regarding this district, as the report upon the Red Hill Project was transferred to the Department of Public Works by Government Order dated 29th May 1871, No. 939. Perhaps the Government would wish that I went on with Trivellore, and then submitted the scheme for the principal division of the district, with the proviso that in certain localities enhanced assessment was to follow when the enhanced supply was furnished from the recently enlarged reservoirs. I should also be glad if Government would pass orders upon the Board's recommendations as to the former system of demarcation being reverted to, *vide* Board's Proceedings dated 25th August 1871, No. 3,680.

Statement showing the Work and Expenditure in the Settlement Department for the second quarter of 1871-72 *ending* 30*th September* 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.	Sq. Ms.	Sq. Ms.	Sq. Ms.	Sq. Ms.	Sq. Ms.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.
Kistna	.....	2	.....	2	.....	153	.....
Kurnool	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	342	.....
Cuddapah...	375	86	79	165	210	12,892	78 2 2
Salem	.....	2	1	3	.....	956	.....
Nellore	.....	3	.....	3	.....	894	.....
North Arcot	.....	28	.....	28	.....	4,292	153* 0 0
Tinnevelly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	373	.....
Total...	.....	121	80	201	.....	19,902	.....
Cost of boundary pillars...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	740	.....
Grand Total...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,642	.....
Classification.							
Godavery	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	606	.....
Kistna	.....	2	.....	2	.....	1,561	.....
Kurnool	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	790	.....
Cuddapah...	375	51	54	105	270	9,306	88 10 0
Salem	.....	2	1	3	.....	15,815	.....
Nellore	.....	4	.....	4	.....	7,064	.....
North Arcot	.....	15	.....	15	.....	183	12 3 2
Chingleput	.....	51	5	56	.....	3,678	65 10 10
Total...	.....	125	60	185	.....	39,003	.....
Add charges not debitable to Parties	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,066	.....
Grand Total...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61,711	.....

* Note.—The average cost per square-mile exhibits a very great decrease when compared with that of the previous quarter, and the causes of its still being above the standard were given in the note attached to this statement in my last Report.

2. The average of North Arcot is high, as stones were being prepared, new hands taught, and other preliminaries arranged. Next quarter will show a decrease in outlay per square-mile.

Madras,
22*nd November* 1871.

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th January 1872.

No. 183. Order thereon, 15th January 1872, No. 93.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

2. Referring to the concluding part of the last paragraph the Government observe that they cannot accept Mr. Banbury's report of 24th November 1870 on the results that may be anticipated from the Red Hill Tank Project as furnishing more than an approximate estimate of the results of the revised Revenue Settlement of the lands affected by it. Mr. Banbury himself stated that it was "not possible to give the rates of future assessment confidently," as only the Kar paddy crop could be tested, the dry crops and "Sumbah" crop being still unripe, and there being no Kar crop that year under the Cholaveram tank; and also noted that he had been unable to complete the classification of the lands under the latter tank.

3. The cultivation expenses and the commutation rate also need to be further considered; the latter with reference to the deduction to be made for cartage and merchants' profits, as remarked in paragraph 8 of the Committee's report of 14th July on the project.

4. The Government do not wish the plan of submitting proposals for the re-assessment of a district piece-meal to be adopted, unless for good and sufficient reasons, as where different sections of a district are devoid of any feature of resemblance. In the case of the Chingleput District they are not aware of any reason why the proposals for the whole district should not be submitted to Government at one and the same time; but Mr. Banbury can state his reasons for suggesting that the principal division should first be reported on.

5. The question of the system of demarcation, adverted to by Mr. Banbury at the close of his report, is under consideration.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

No: 93-

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 15th December 1871.

Read the following from the Ag Director Rev: Settlement.

Reviewing progress of operations for the 2d quarter of the present official year } (Here Enter. 22d Nov: 1871 No 2349/82)

Ordered to be recorded -

Referring to the concluding part of the last para, the Government observe that they cannot accept Mr Bambury's report of 24th Nov: 1870, on the results that may be anticipated from the Red Hill Trunk project, as furnishing more than an approximate Estimate of the results of the Revenue Settlement of the lands affected by it. Mr Bambury. They himself stated that it was "not possible

possible to give the rates of future assessment confidently, as only the Kar paddy crop could be tested, the Dry crops and "Lumbah" crop being still unripe and under the Cholaveram tank there being no Kar Crop that year. He also noted that he had been unable to complete the classification of the lands under the latter tank -

The Commutation Expenses and the Commutation rate also must be further considered, the latter with reference to the market prices and the deduction to be made for cartage and merchants profits, as remarked in para 8 of the Committee's report of 14th July on the project.

The Government do not approve of the plan of submitting proposals for the re-assessment of a district piece-meal, unless for good and sufficient reasons, as where different sections of a district are devoid of any feature of resemblance. In the case of the Chingleput District, they are not aware of any reason why the proposals for the whole district should not be submitted to Government at one and the same time. Mr. W. Bambury can state his reasons for submitting the principle of first and the question of the system of Demarcation, adverted to by Mr. Bambury at the close of his report, is under consideration.

W.B.

13. Ag. Dir. of Rev. Settl. Dept. 16/1/73
14. Board of Revenue

I agree with Mr. Grant certain ~~almost~~ of the Paras. which are really mischievous in their Nature.

I must omit this. Tirs are now probably rising ~~the~~ assessments on the northern districts and we have decided not to increase for 20 years in future the 20 years ending with 64/65 are to be the basis of the commutation rate.

A.J.A.

I should omit this paragraph. Mr. Bambury's report of 24th November 1870 was framed under orders

A.J.A.

This para does not appear to be important. I should omit it. The proposals in the present report.

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Benton

Mr. Bambury's report

Agreed.

A.J.A.

Mr. Grant to see

S.G. W.B.

Lettre de Jomini
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