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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th November 1873.*

No. 14. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October 1873, No. 2,118:—

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1873, No. 502:—

IN 1868 I addressed the Board, in a letter embodied in Board's Proceedings, No. 5,781, dated 8th August 1868, pointing out the necessity for the transfer of certain villages from taluq to taluq to secure better boundary lines, and the arrangements proposed were sanctioned. Subsequently I found it necessary to transfer other villages, and the Government, in Proceedings, No. 564, dated 4th June 1873, ordered a complete list of the transfers made in the river-irrigated taluqs to be published in the *Fort St. George* and *District Gazettes*, and this is now being done.

2. Hearing lately from the Superintendent of Survey that two taluq maps have already been lithographed, I wrote, on the 21st ultimo, requesting that this work might be deferred for the present as not only had the taluq boundaries been altered since the survey was made but many of the Survey villages had been divided or amalgamated by the Settlement, as explained in my letter, No. 383, dated 24th July last, embodied in the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,656, dated 26th August, and approved of in Board's Proceedings, No. 1,748, dated 5th September last.

3 In reply the Superintendent of Survey informs me that the requirements of the Settlement cannot be attended to in this respect, and that the taluq maps must be finished at once to supply the Department of Public Works with geographical details.

4. Judging from the utter uselessness of the maps lately furnished to the Local Fund Boards of this district—which maps exhibit a mass of wrong names, wrong boundaries, and abandoned cart-tracks—the Department of Public Works cannot be really anxious to have such like maps again supplied to them with errors in taluq and village boundaries, with the line of railway, the main channels from the Streevyguntam Anicut, and every road that has been commenced since the Local Fund Boards were instituted, omitted. Such maps would hardly furnish the Department of Public Works with the geographical details required, and, setting aside the necessity of the Survey serving the Settlement in furnishing plans to correspond with the registers—the result of so much cost and labour,—I think it would be well to postpone the publication of faulty maps when information relative to correct taluq boundaries is already to hand for five taluqs, and that relative to the revised village boundaries and numbering of villages can be furnished for two taluqs immediately and for the other three in the course of a year.

THE Board resolve to forward Mr. Puckle's letter to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey. They are aware that pressure has been put upon the Survey Department to complete these maps for topographical purposes, but agree entirely with the Collector in objecting to the embodiment of incorrect outlines. The preparation of the maps should be deferred as Mr. Puckle requests.

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ORDER THEREON, 5th November 1873, No. 1,237.

Miscellaneous.

APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. TURROCK,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

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