

No. 106. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 14th June 1873, No. 1,344-42:—

REFERRING to your demi-official call for information regarding a map of the Town of Madras, on a moderate scale, I have the honour to inform you that I have also received applications for such a map both from the Surveyor-General of India and from the Superintendent Grand Trigonometrical Survey. The Revenue Board inform me that a number of copies of a map of this description are required by the Collector of Madras.

2. Under these circumstances, it has appeared to me desirable that a map, on the scale you approve (6 inches = 1 mile), should be brought out by this department, which possesses all the requisite materials for doing so, having the original maps and records of the latest survey of the town and its environs. Considering that Madras is an important city,—the capital of a Presidency,—and that there is consequently a demand for a map of it, beyond mere local wants, I would suggest the desirability of substituting a map engraved on copper for an ordinary lithographed one.

3. I beg to submit a specimen-engraved sheet of the Madras Town Survey Map, scale 6 inches = 1 mile. I propose to reduce the maps of the several divisions, drawn on various scales, to one uniform scale of six inches by photography, and to transfer this reduction to the copper-plate for engraving. The cost of producing the specimen-sheet, including the purchase of the copper-plate, is under Rs. 50. I very much doubt if the same sheet could be even lithographed in Madras (outside the Survey Office) for less money. I have in my office two skilled engravers employed as draughtsmen; I do not, therefore, require any extra establishment. I did not, however, consider myself warranted in setting on foot copper-plate engraving, without referring to you for a professional opinion and obtaining the approval of Government, should your opinion be favourable to the proposal. I may add, it appears to me that copper plate might, with advantage, be used for important maps, for plans of large towns and municipalities, and for various other documents requiring permanent record.

REFERRED to the Revenue Department, with remark that a really good map of Madras, on a convenient scale, appears to be a desideratum; and that its execution, in the manner proposed by the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, is preferable to the use of lithography.

OOTACAMUND,
9th July 1873.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th July 1873.*

No. 107. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1873, No. 722.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council sanctions the preparation of a map of the Town of Madras, engraved on copper, on the scale of 6 inches to the mile as proposed. When completed, the cost should be reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.



No. 1344
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Revenue Survey Office.

Camp Coonoor
14 June 1873.

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey

To

The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works

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H. Priestley Esq

Superintendent Rev. Survey

Nov 22.

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12 July 73
S.D.

W.C.

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1873 Department.
June 1873
From the Secretary to Government
Subject: Moulton
Dated 11 July 1873
Received 15 July 1873
W.C.

Subject: Moulton
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With order

Refered

No 760 - 12 July 1932

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19 July 1933

Copy: West
P.M.

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Reported to the Secretary to Government with remarks that a really good map of Moulton on a convenient scale appears to be a desirable object, and that its execution in the manner proposed by the Superintendent of Revenue Survey is preferable to the use of a lithographic map.