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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th January 1873.

No. 145. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1872, Miscellaneous No. 2,585 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Villapuram, 12th March 1872, No. 76.

In forwarding copy of a letter from the Sub-Collector, dated 6th instant, No. 96, reporting on certain Board Petitions presented during the last three years by Utangudi Chetty of Ariyagoshti in the Chellumbrum Taluq, I have the honour, under the circumstances brought to notice by that officer, to recommend that they be dismissed, and that a Survey Party of the strength suggested by him be employed in this district for a year for measuring lands, as, besides the villages mentioned by Mr. Lister, there are others in the Cuddalore Taluq which have no Paimash Accounts, and which require to be measured and numbered.

This letter will be submitted to Government, with reference to Proceedings No. 5,262, dated 11th August 1870, in which the Board submitted definite proposals for measuring unsurveyed portion of certain districts. As observed in paragraph 2 of those Proceedings, the subject is one that requires to be disposed of without delay.

2. The petitioner will be informed that the subject of his petitions is under the consideration of Government.

No. 146. Order thereon, 20th January 1873, No. 72.

Land Revenue.

This is a proposal from the Sub-Collector, South Arcot, to be allowed a small Survey Establishment, at a cost of Rs. 342, for six months to measure the lands of Ariyagoshti, a village in the Chellumbrum Taluq, and 58 villages in the Kallacourchy Taluq, both of the Sub-division.

2. The whole of the Chellumbrum Taluq has long been under the new settlement, but the particular village named formed a part of the old Cuddalore Taluq, and has been recently transferred to Chellumbrum. The local authorities and the Board of Revenue have, however, lost sight of the fact that the old Cuddalore Taluq also was long ago surveyed (being, indeed, one of the first he took up) by Colonel Priestley, from whose office the maps and field books may now be procured. It has further, for the matter of that, been classified (but no settlement scheme was submitted) by a Deputy-Director of Settlements in 1858. The best course regarding the village of Ariyagoshti, which is represented to be a pressing case, will be for the Director of Revenue Settlement to depute one or two hands formerly connected with the old South Arcot Party to adjust all the difficulties and fraudulent evasions of revenue mentioned by the Sub-Collector.

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3. In regard to the 58 villages of the Kallacourchy Taluq they appear, from Board's Proceedings, 25th November 1872, No. 2,370, to belong to the old Sankarapuram Jaghire, the settlement of which the Board propose shall be postponed until the adjoining Checkaty Jaghire is dealt with. The Government therefore await the report of the provisional settlement lately ordered in Checkaty by G. O. No. 38, dated 11th January 1873.

(True Extract.)

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

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Govt. of 1873 Madras.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated January 20th.

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G. O., 20th January 1873, No. 72.

' *Measurement of certain Lands in South Arcot Sub-Division.*—Proceedings Board of Revenue, submitting proposal for the employment of a small Survey Establishment in connection with it, with orders thereon.

Revenue Dept.

No. 72.

Pro. of the Madras Government

Under date the 20th January 1873.

Read the following

Pro. of the Board of Revenue

Subng: Letter from Coll. of S. Arcot forwarding report of Sub Coll. on petitions presented by Utaugiri Chetty, & recommending that a Survey Party be employed in the Dt. for one year for the purpose of measuring lands.

J. E. 9th April 1872. Mem. No. 2385

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NOTE. The above, if approved, will dispose of the immediate reference, but I submit it is time to dispose of the general question of extra and special Survey parties, so long in abeyance. The History of it is this - as far back as 1855, when the Revenue Survey and Settlement was first proposed, it was laid down as part of the plan that "the detailed Survey need extend only to lands actually cultivated, with such other as seem likely to be brought under "cultivation within a few years. The rest of the village area, viz, the jungle and unreclaimed waste generally, need not be surveyed in details, but only in its chief features. And as further "portions of it shall successively be brought under the plough from time to time, they may "be surveyed by the Survey establishment which hereafter should form a part of the permanent establishment of every district." This was reiterated at Para 30, page 18 of same volume.

Afterwards

2. Afterwards in 1863 in revising all the Revenue establishments in the Presidency, Dr. Pelly the Commissioner, reported that except some survey parties sanctioned in a few districts for the sale of Waste Lands' purposes, and one in the Kistna district for measuring Zemindary lands benefited by the Anicut irrigation, none whatever existed. He recommended one each in 19 districts at a monthly cost of Rs. 15-2, total Rs. 34,65-6 per Annum.

Pro: Govt. No 1023 dated 11/6/63

3. This proposal being referred to the Board, they supported it in a modified form, Viz, an establishment of 97 Rs. a month for each district = Rs. 22,116 per Annum. The Govt. thereupon requested to

Pro: Govt No. 2572 D/21-10-65

to have the opinion of the Head of the Survey.

4. Major Bessey, then in charge, proposed to give every Collector of an unsurveyed district a Party of Rs. 192 a month for the measurement of lands newly taken up - but for the 6 surveyed districts he suggested an establishment (including 2 Special Assistants) at the aggregate cost of Rs. 4862 monthly; - it appearing to him "to be false economy to allow work on which no strict reliance can be placed to be incorporated with work which has been rigidly supervised by "Survey Officers" The question was remitted to him by Govt. for more particular report as to the data on

Pro: Govt. - 22-5-66 No. 1218

on which he had framed his proposal for surveyed districts, and what amount of work is likely to be completed yearly. They would then decide whether to adopt his scheme or to accept the less accurate measurements of the Revd Officers

5. Reply was delayed for four years; when it was submitted through the Board of Revenue, who show that a decision should no longer be deferred. They proposed Rs. 35,700 a year for 3 years in modification of the scheme of 1866 which was for Rs. 54,744 a year. They also reverted to the necessity of a small Survey Party for

Pro: Board of Revt
No. 5262
of 11 August 1870

See Mp: Memo put up

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There is no chance of our being the Survey this in 73/4. We might do. Consider the matter in time for the Budget of 74/5. JSL WK

for each unsurveyed district, to measure the fresh lands yearly taken up.

6. A Memo: was prepared for the Members of Govt; from whose notes in the margin of that paper it appears that the scheme was to be kept in abeyance on financial grounds.

May it be revived now?

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