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No. 47. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd October 1874, No. 3,082:—

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From Colonel J. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to G. BANBURY, Esq., Second Member of the Board of Revenue, in charge of the Settlement Department, dated Chepauk, 25th September 1874, No. 2,561-151.

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4. Another reason for selecting the Godavery District is, that a general re-demarcation of the district is proposed, and the presence of a Deputy-Superintendent would be of great advantage.

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6. From Kistna, in like manner, the topographical party might move to Kurnool, unless the claims of Salem were considered more urgent.

7. Should a topographical party be sanctioned by the Supreme Government, the measures proposed will not be needed, but, till such sanction be accorded, it is in my opinion highly advisable that some steps of the nature described should be taken.

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5. The Supreme Government have called for maps of complete districts or of continuous tracts of country. In order to furnish such maps, the officers in charge of District Surveys have had to divert the services of some of their best Surveyors to the work of Topographical Survey.

6. No. I. Revenue Survey has had topographical work to perform in the districts of Trichinopoly, Salem and Coimbatore. It has part of the Nilgiri Hills to map topographically. It has Wynad on its hands, and it has occasional surveys in the Nellumbur country to execute.

7. The proper Revenue Survey work of No. II. was almost complete, whilst the Deputy-Superintendent was still engaged in carrying on the Topographical Survey of hilly tracts; yet at this moment, the Nellamally Hills, with an area of 775 square miles, remain to complete the district of Kurnool.

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III. All field-work to be performed under the orders of the officer in charge.

IV. Computation and plotting of traverses to be performed in the offices of the party by which the district in which the Topographical Survey is proceeding was originally taken up for survey. This is necessary, (first) in order to avoid the expense of well-qualified computers, who would not have half-work to employ them; and (secondly) to avoid the necessity for frequent demand for old records, and for information regarding traverses with which the topographical work would have to be connected.

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VI. The officer in charge to be granted tentage at the usual rate for officers of his grade in the Department of Public Works or the Bengal Survey, and further, to be granted mileage.

15. The extra direct expense to Government of the above arrangements would be the difference between Rupees 550 and 750—Rupees 200; allowance to a First Assistant Uncovenanted as Acting Deputy-Superintendent; and to the officer in charge of Topographical Survey, tentage, say, 150 Rupees, mileage, say, Rupees 50. Total 400 Rupees per month, Rs. 4,800 per annum.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
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No. 48.

ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1874, No. 1,497.

Miscellaneous.

THE Governor in Council considers
the arrangement proposed by Colonel
Priestley an excellent one in every res-

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G. O., 11th May last, No. 584, he sanctions the deputation of Colonel Hessey to the
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(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

.. the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

.. the Director of Revenue Settlement.

.. the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

No. 3,082.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd October 1874.

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Dated December 4th.

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Encl.

G. O., 4th December 1874, No. 1,497.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 47-48.

Topographical Survey.—Approving the scheme proposed by Colonel Priestley for instituting and improving—and pending the orders of the Government of India, sanctioning the deputation of Colonel Hessey to the charge of the topographical work, provided the expense can be met out of the sanctioned budget.



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Topographical Survey—throughout Madras
Presidency.—Government recommended to
execute scheme drawn up by Superintendent,
Revenue Survey, for improving and facilitating
work of—

OCTOBER.
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PROCEEDINGS, 23RD OCTOBER 1874, No. 3,082.

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From the Board of Revenue.
Dated 23rd October 1874.

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Revenue Department.

No. 1104. 8/37

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 4th Nov. 1874

Read the following
Pro. of the B^d of Rev.

Recommending to
sanction scheme drawn
up by Supt. Rev. Survey,
for facilitating and im-
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H.C. 23rd Oct. 1874 No. 3082

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11th May last No 584
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