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Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th May 1874.

READ the following Despatch from
the Secretary of State for India

Approving of Proceedings
of Gov^t relative to the financial
results of the introduction of
the revised Revenue Settlement
in four of the Taluks of the
Guntur Division of the East
District.

Communicated to
the Board of Revenue,
and Director of Revenue
Settlement, with reference
to the Proceedings of
Government, 12th December
1873, No. 1407.

2. The Board's special
attention will be called
to the remarks of the
Secretary

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India Office, London.
31st March, 1874.

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My Lord,

1. The despatch of
your Excellency in
Council dated 13th January
No 1 of 1874 relative to
the financial results
of the introduction of
the revised Revenue
Settlement in four of
the Talooks of the
Guntur Division of the
Kistna District has
been considered by
me

His Excellency
The Right Honorable
The Governor in Council
Fort St. George.

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me in Council.

2. It was anticipated after some alterations which further discussion suggested, had been introduced, that the new settlement would in comparison with the old demand, produce an addition to the revenue of Rupees 1,27,604. The result has been an increase of Rupees 1,35,657 or Rupees 8,053 in excess of the estimate. The augmentation is chiefly derived from the Talooks of Repally - and Bapatla in which the

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the "wet villages" - derive a large supply of water from the Krishna Ancient. The enhanced Revenue will probably be gradually increased by cultivation of the arable waste land which has been assessed at Rupees 121,776. These results are in one sense satisfactory but I cannot but regard with anxiety the statement of Mr. Bainbury that in some instances the demand has been raised by as much as 100 per cent, and that in consequence

consequence, some
relinquishments may
be anticipated.

3. The Board of Revenue
has stated that it feels
no apprehension as to
the effect of the new
rates but your Lordship
in Council has regarded
the relinquishments
which Mr Bamberg
expected, as "matter
for regret". You have
therefore directed that
the Collector should
arrange to avert this
action on the part
of the Ryots by
distributing the increase
assessment over three
or five years as may
be

be found necessary.
I entirely concur in
the views of your
Lordship in Council
and fully approve of
your proceedings.

4. I desire further
that the effect of
the new settlement
be carefully watched
and that as far as
possible it may be
ascertained whether
the Ryots can, after
paying the land tax
and the cesses, cultivate
with ordinary industry
their holdings at a
reasonable profit.
If this course be
followed

followed, and if in
cases of admitted hardship
a remedy be applied,
the Ryots will not be
compelled to relinquish
their lands on account
of over assessment.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient

humble servant

Secretary

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31st March 1874

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Letter to Fort St. George

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Received 27th April 1874.

Approving of Proceedings of Govt.
relative to the financial results of
the introduction of the revised Revenue
Settlement in force of the Taluk
of the Guntur Division of the
Madras District —

S.O. No 580 - 11 May 1874.