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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
11*th May* 1874.

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No. 138.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE,

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Geoghegan's letter of the 13th May 1872, I am directed to forward the accompanying Proceedings* of the Board of Revenue for the consideration of the Government of India, and to state that this Government support the proposals therein made that sanction should be accorded for at least one additional Survey Party to be employed under Colonel Priestley, exclusively in bringing up arrears, at a cost of, say, Rs. 50,000 a-year, and that a scale of 2 inches = 1 mile be adopted for all topographical survey.

* Dated 2nd September 1873, No. 1,729.

2. I am to add that, in the opinion of this Government, it is essential that the addition to the Central Office, asked for in Colonel Priestley's letter, dated 16th January 1872, No. 20-3 (G. O., 22nd February 1872, No. 328, Revenue Department), should be allowed for the purpose of expediting the compilation and lithographing of the maps embodying the topographical details. As there are so many arrears to bring up, His Excellency the Governor in Council thinks that the full amount should be sanctioned, but, as soon as it can be managed, the extra establishment, estimated at Rs. 1,088 per mensem, may be reduced.

3. I am, further, directed to state that, if by the remarks made in Mr. Geoghegan's letter as to the advisability of expediting the collection of geographical materials "by a change in the constitution of parties, or a re-distribution of the Revenue and Topographical branches, or in any other way," it was intended in any way to suggest the withdrawal of the topographical surveys from the Revenue Survey Department of this Presidency, or to exclude topographical details from the Madras Revenue Survey, then the suggestion is one which this Government feel confident should, as a matter of good policy and economy, not be accepted. They would, in the strongest manner, deprecate any measure which would entail on the Survey Department of this Presidency the undeserved censure conveyed by the withdrawal from them of any part of the work which they have hitherto performed to the satisfaction of the Home and Local Governments, or which would deprive the Revenue Survey of this Presidency of the highly valued element of topographical details in village, taluq, and district maps.

4. The Governor in Council regrets the delay which has taken place in replying to the present reference. His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will see that it has been rather a complicated question.

5. The sanction now sought is, I am to add, *additional* to the revised establishment, which is the subject of my letter of this date, No. 587.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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