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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th May 1874.*

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No. 671.

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* *Vide* Gudur Tahsildar's Arzi, No. 124-209,
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Total...	542	7	11	1,640	1	1	2,579	13	4	2,423	0	1	7,185	6	5

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8. Notwithstanding all efforts on the part of Tahsildars, neither the measurement of the lands nor the preparation of the Accounts has come to a close up to date. The Board are well aware of how excessively these Tahsildars are overworked, and the introduction of the new settlement rates in the Principal Division this year is adding greatly to their labours and those of the Village Officers concerned. Not a single taluq has yet been taken up for the annual settlement owing to the Revenue accounts having to undergo a thorough revision on account of the new settlement, and the collection of revenue and the disposal of current work are seriously interfered with in consequence.

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16. Under all these circumstances, I have the honour to recommend that a thoroughly competent Deputy-Collector with an establishment, as shown in the margin, may at once be specially appointed to undertake the duty of investigating and reporting on all the claims for compensation on account of public works outstanding in the district.

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6. The establishment proposed by the Collector consists of one Surveyor on Rupees 60, one Clerk on Rupees 30 and one on Rupees 20 besides the Deputy-Collector, an Attender and two Peons. It is the measuring of the ground that takes up most time and the Board believe that competent men can be got for a salary of Rupees 30 or Rupees 20 which is all that is paid to similar men in the Survey

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No. 294. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1874, Miscellaneous No. 3,400.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Official Memorandum, dated 16th April 1874, No. 66.

No. 295. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1874, No. 662.

Miscellaneous.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the appointment of a Deputy-Collector for the period of eight months with the establishment proposed by the Board to settle the compensation referred to in paragraph 2 of the first Proceedings recorded above.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
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To the Board of Revenue.
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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated May 20th.

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No. 293-295.

**Special Deputy Collector and Establish-
ment for settlement of certain compensation
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16th April 1874 No 66.

(True copy of extract)

J. Grose
Secretary

To,

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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C. W. M. H. H.

Secretary

Wentworth

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1000.

From Board of Revenue Dated 25 March

1874.

FOR ORDERS.

This is most necessary
& advisable - but
whence are the funds
to come from? Govt
- hold each Dept will
pay its quota 10/1 2/4

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REVENUE.

Revenue 10th Sept.

No. 1659

Dated

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No. 662. Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 29th May 1874.

READ the following Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue.

Submitting for favorable
consideration, application of
Colls. of Nellore Dist. for a
special Dy. Collr. and estate
for settlement of compensa-
tion due for lands in Nellore
Dist. taken up for Surwappilly Project

H. E. 25th March 1874, No. 671

& 22nd May 1874 Min. No. 249

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To R. H. Hume }
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Special Day to be held
for publication of Confession
of Faith for certain people
in the District

Council

Despatch