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

Read the following:—

No. 293. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March 1874,
No. 671.

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to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th
February 1874, No. 421:—

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with the Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 1,115 of the 19th idem, I feel it
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of my disposing speedily by means of the ordinary establishment, of claims for
compensation due on account of lands taken up for the Survapilly Project.

2. Although the exact periods when the lands were first taken up have not
been yet furnished by the Department Public Works, it appears from the available
records in this Office that claims date back to 1868, involving a considerable extent
of both Putta and Inam lands, inclusive of independent Shrotriems. Notwith-
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Engineer of the Southern Range, requested me, in his letter No. 208, dated
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and the same officers under orders from the then Superintending Engineer, again,
with his Memorandum, No. 367, dated 13th December 1872, sent me a cheque for
Rupees 13,540 on account of compensation due. This was, I presume, the
amount originally estimated, and of course no distribution of it could be made;
while neither the measurement of the lands was completed, nor the rates of
compensation determined.

4. Some statements submitted by the Tahsildars, not having tallied with the
measurements of the Department Public Works, the Tahsildars of Nellore and
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with Department Public Works Officers, in order to avoid further confusion; and
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	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Land Revenue ...	444	12	9	1,521	1	2	2,134	11	8	1,926	9	9	6,027	3	4
Road fund on Revenue ...	15	11	8	38	6	5	88	8	2	131	2	9	273	13	0
Quit-rent ...	81	15	6	80	9	6	356	9	6	365	3	7	884	6	1
Total...	542	7	11	1,640	1	1	2,579	13	4	2,423	0	1	7,185	6	5

Details are not available from which to give the figures for Faslies 1282 and 1283. The amount for each of these years will not be less than the figures shown for 1281. Thus nearly 12,000 Rupees are outstanding as doubtful, under the Survapilly Project to the great confusion year after year in the revenue accounts.

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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10. On the 26th ultimo, the Government Vakeel in his letter, No. 4, reported that an Inamdar had filed Suit No. 789 of 1873, in the Nellore District Munsif's Court, against me and the District Engineer, claiming Rupees 52 as compensation and 50 Rupees as damages on account of Acres 1.73 of his land taken up under the Survapilly Project. I have instructed* the Nellore Tahsildar to try and com-

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11. Moreover, claims for compensation are not confined to the Survapilly Project, but extend to some other important works in the district.

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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.

1 Surveyor ...	Rs. 60
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Per mensem ...	132

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

Read the following letter from G. VANSAGNEW, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th May 1874, No. 957:—

ADVERTING to the Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 2,850, dated 13th ultimo, I have the honour to state that, as far as I can judge, I think the Deputy-Collector and his establishment will be required for eight months.

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,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant-General.

Exd G. A. Turton.

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BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy. to Govt.

25th May 1874.

Encl.

MAY.

No. 238—295.

Special Deputy Collector and Establish-
ment for settlement of certain compensations,
in Nellore District.—Sanctions appointment of



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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Grose
Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
the Collector of Nellore.

E. L. G. A. Turtin.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 3,400

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 22nd May 1874.

Read the following

From

No 957
G. Vans Agnew Esquire,
Collector of Nellore.

To

J. Grose Esquire,
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

SIR,

Adverting to the Board's Proceedings
Miscellaneous, No 2850, dated 13th ultimo,
I have the honor to state that, as far
as I can judge, I think the Deputy
Collector and his establishment will
be required for eight months.

I have the honor to
Nellore Collector's Office } (signed) G. Vans Agnew
8th May 1874 } Collector.

Submitted to Government
with

8/10/74 No 400

Recd 1874. 24th May
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

Proceedings, 25th March 1874, No. 671.

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MARCH
No. 671.

Preparation — due for habe in Nellore
District taken up for carrying Project, for
certain roads in district, and for local cases
for the Collector's application for a reward
Deputy-Collector and establishment for settle-
ment of — submitted to Government for favor-
able consideration; and a notification
recommended in establishment proposed.

14.0.74 No 671

with reference to Official Memo dated
16th April 1874 No. 66.

(True copy & extract)

J. Grose

Secretary

To,

The Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

C. J. Murphy

Chief Clerk

Wentworth

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 1000.

From Board of Revenue Dated 25 March

1874.

FOR ORDERS.

This is most acceptable
& advisable - but
whence are the funds
to come from? Govt
- note each Dept will
pay its share 10/24

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REVENUE.

Revenue 10/24. B.L.

No. 1054

Dated

22nd

May 1874

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required for about 8 months

for orders

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FOR ORDERS.

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
Collyer of Mellore Dist: for a
special Dy: Collyer and estate
for settlement of compensa-
tion due for lands in Mellore
Dist: taken up for Surveying Project

H. E. 25th March 1874, No. 171

& 22nd May 1874 No. 171

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 pro-
posed by the Board
to settle the Compensation

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To R. P. Hume }
Aunt Gail } 2/6 June 74

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