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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th April 1874.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 14th March 1874, No. 622-14:—

I HAVE the honour to forward the usual return of work performed and expenditure incurred during the third quarter of 1873-74.

2. KISTNA.—The introduction of the new settlement into the Guntur Division of the Kistna District having, as already reported, been completed during the previous quarter, Mr. Cox reverted, in October last, to his substantive appointment in Cuddapah. The closing up of accounts is being conducted by an Uncovenanted Assistant on the spot under Mr. Cox's supervision. The following statement shows the nature of the work performed, which is chiefly of a miscellaneous character:—

	Survey Numbers.
Calculating the fieldwar assessment	7,474
Examination of Amarakum Accounts	3,918
Writing out Asamiwar Registers	2,491
Writing out Settlement Tickets	2,327
Correcting old Diglott Registers	90,994
Examination of do.	85,614

In addition to the foregoing, 6,394 acres were newly demarcated, and 6,139 acres newly classified by a few field-hands retained for the purpose; 3,191 acres were also surveyed by the same establishment. This last item showed less work than appears in the two preceding branches, owing to the survey of the village of Swarna, newly added to the Bapatla Taluq, being undertaken by the Survey Department.

3. The measurement of interstitial fields was conducted as before by the Curnams, and 2,435 sub-divisions were brought to account. The results of the examination of tank-ayacuts made during the previous quarters were tabulated during the quarter under reference, and forwarded for the opinion of the officers of the Revenue and Public Works Departments.

4. The expenditure of this quarter is less by Rupees 3,256 than the outlay incurred during the previous three months. This is owing to the establishment having been reduced and the pay of the Deputy-Director debited to Cuddapah.

5. KURNOOL AND CUDDAPAH.—The outturn of this party exhibits a considerable falling off when compared with the results of the preceding quarter owing to the completion of the field-work in Pulivendla, the only taluq on hand. The details are given below:—

Items.	Last Quarter.		In this Quarter.		Difference.	
	Acres.	Stones.	Acres.	Stones.	Acres.	Stones.
Area demarcated in detail	21,605	12,785	3,336	608	— 18,269	— 12,177
Do. into Khandams...	66,601	5,430	30,348	2,850	— 36,253	— 2,580
No. of stones erected on village-boundaries ...	...	1,569	...	652	...	— 917
Area classified	20,658	...	1,023	...	— 19,635	...
* Area of new demarcation	3,718	4,975	* 8,433	8,835	+ 4,715	+ 3,860
† Classification and Survey			† 8,737	...	+ 5,019	...

The increase in the item of new demarcation and classification is attributable to the employment of a larger number of hands in order that the area newly taken up in the taluqs under settlement might be simultaneously disposed of. Eighty-one experiments of produce were made in korra and paddy.

6. In the taluq of Cuddapah the missing demarcation-marks were restored as under:—

Items.	Last Quarter.	In this Quarter.	Difference.
No. of field-stones renewed ...	2,681	3,999	+ 1,318
Do. boundary-stones ...	516	209	— 307
Total ..	3,197	4,208	+ 1,011

7. Laying down hill-boundaries was performed in the taluqs of Budwail and Pullempett. Twenty-eight villages were completed, the area brought to account being 15,411 acres. The men employed on this duty have been since placed under the immediate supervision of a Head Surveyor in view to the requirements of the survey being attended to.

8. The measurement of interstitial fields was pushed forward in the four taluqs under settlement by increasing the staff employed on that work. 11,725 survey fields, containing 32,029 sub-divisions, were completed.

9. *Revision of Tank-ayacuts.*—This has been carried out in Pulivendla, Cuddapah, and Royachoty Taluqs. In the first-named taluq, the operation was performed simultaneously with field-work, whilst in Cuddapah it was accomplished concurrently with the new settlement. The work in Royachoty was temporarily postponed by the transfer of men to the Cuddapah Taluq where the work had to be pushed forward. On the whole, the adjustment of the ayacuts extends over 71 villages, comprising an area of 16,169 acres. 1,650 acres were transferred from wet to dry, and 3,358 acres from dry to wet. The area classed as double-crop land amounts to 9,828 acres.

10. *Introduction of new Settlement.*—As field-hands became available from Pulivendla, they were employed on settlement work, and with this additional aid the accounts have so far progressed that Mr. Cox was able to issue the rough puttas of Koilguntla and Jummalamadugu Taluqs, with the exception of a few first-group villages where a considerably enhanced assessment called for a re-consideration of the classification. In Cuddapah, Major Stuart was similarly able to distribute the tickets for three-fourths of the taluq. A few hands were working in Proddatoor at accounts, and this party has since been strengthened. The chief items of account-work accomplished during the quarter are noted below:—

Items.	Number of Villages.	Survey Numbers.
1. Calculating the fieldwar assessment ...	116	36,337
2. Entering survey areas and assessment in the Asamiwar Chittahs	109	54,516
3. Writing out Tickets	305	118,092
4. Comparing the same	276	104,289
5. Preparing Asamiwar Chittahs	109	66,595

11. The expenditure in this party shows a decrease of Rupees 2,492, resulting from vacancies caused by the transfer of a number of classifiers, etc., to Ganjam and to a reduced outlay in regard to contingent, batta, and printing charges.

12. NELLORE AND NORTH ARCOT.—As in the previous quarter, the introduction of new rates in Nellore and the field-work in North Arcot were conducted under the superintendence of Mr. Rundall. The field-work in the latter district exhibits a falling off, which is attributed by the Deputy-Director to heavy rain in October and to the Christmas holidays in December. This diminution is, however, made good by increase in the area demarcated in Khandams. 129 experiments of paddy were also made in the Chittoor and Guriattum Taluqs:—

Items.	Last Quarter.		In this Quarter.		Difference.	
	Acres.	Stones.	Acres.	Stones.	Acres.	Stones.
Area demarcated in detail	21,732	44,815	19,587	38,481	—2,145	—6,334
Do. on Khandams...	16,566	4,608	19,092	3,693	+2,526	— 915
No. of stones erected on village-boundaries	...	1,536	...	1,581	...	+ 45
Area classified...	22,651	...	14,186	...	—8,465	...

13. The number of stones planted in marking out the one-mile radius of railway stations and defining the Zemindari boundaries are given below:—

Items.	On Government Villages.	On Zemindari Villages.
No. of stones erected on village-boundaries ...	249	2
Do. on Khandams	315	...
No. of field-stones	181	2
Total ...	745	4

14. *Revision of Tank-ayacuts.*—This task as elsewhere was carried on concurrently with field-work, but no return has previously been submitted. The outturn of work up to the end of the quarter under reference is shown in the subjoined abstract:—

Particulars.	Extent.
Number of villages	62
Number of survey fields	4,231
Existing wet ayacut	3,621
Deduct from wet to dry	65
Remaining	3,556
Add from dry to wet	609
Total wet ayacut...	4,165
Of which extent classified as Dofassal	1,268

15. In Nellore, the introduction of the new rates was finally completed, and rough puttas were distributed for Gudur, Rapur, and Udayagherry Taluqs; but the results of the new settlement have not yet been communicated. The progress made in connection with the settlement accounts is shown in the following abstract:—

Items.	Actual Work in Survey Numbers.
1. Preparation of Classwar List...	103,730
2. Completing the above	83,544
3. Calculation of Rates	24,712
4. Preparation of Chittahs	53,105
5. Writing out Tickets	58,391
6. Comparing the above	57,457
7. Fair writing the Classwar List	9,390
8. Checking the Rates...	27,761

16. There is a net decrease of Rupees 540 in the expenditure of this party chiefly caused by the additional pay drawn in arrear by Mr. Rundall during the previous quarter.

17. Salem and Coimbatore.—In Salem, the task of introducing the new settlement was completed in the previous quarter, the work accomplished during the present quarter being chiefly in connection with the Diglott Settlement Registers. These were printed for 106 villages of Salem Taluq:—

Items.	Number of Villages.	Number of Survey Fields.
1. Comparing Diglott Registers with the original Registers	144	64,654
2. Calculation of Assessment	144	32,327
3. Khatavani	144	32,327
4. Comparing the same with the Registers	144	32,327
5. Preparing Abstracts	376	47,631
6. Comparing the Chittahs with the original Registers and Khatavani.	376	66,491
7. Comparing the Curnam's Register with the original Registers ...	376	66,491
8. Making out fresh Abstracts	376	66,491
9. Comparing the same		

18. In Coimbatore, the taluq of Perindoray was completed and classification in Palladum and Sattiyamungalam exhibits an outturn of 179,510 acres against 128,535 acres in the preceding quarter. The increase is due to the transfer of the whole party to this district from Salem. There is likewise an increase in the number of sub-divisions measured, these being 9,990 in number against 8,210 in the previous three months.

19. Restoration of demarcation was performed to the extent of 35,658 stones being newly set up and 6,285 old stones re-planted. This work chiefly appertains to Sattiamungalum Taluq where the original demarcation was not revised by the survey.

20. *Revision of Tank-ayacuts.*—This work received the attention of the department, but comparatively few modifications were called for. 54 acres were transferred from wet to dry and 217 acres from dry to wet. The latter are lands which have hitherto paid tirwajasty. 1,111 produce-experiments were made, viz., 136 in cholum, and 515 in cumboo, and 460 in paddy.

21. There is a small decrease of Rupees 143 in the expenditure of this party, which calls for no remark.

22. Chingleput.—The villagewar financial results, as well as other accounts prepared, were carefully scrutinized by Mr. Banbury, and statements and appendices necessary for the settlement report of the three taluqs of the principal division were prepared under his orders. The report itself is under preparation by that officer. A detachment from this party for the re-measurement and demarcation of the lands of Areagoshti in South Arcot, ordered in G. O., dated 20th January 1873, No. 72, completed their task during the quarter under report.

23. The expenditure was very nearly the same as in the previous quarter, the difference being only Rupees 81.

24. Ganjam.—A new classification party was organized under Mr. Goodrich by drafting men from the Kistna and Cuddapah parties. 14,176 acres were classified in the Chicacole Taluq, and 448 experiments of produce were made. As the party started only in November, nothing more could be expected.

25. The expenditure of the party amounts to Rupees 87.

26. TINNEVELLY.—The outlay incurred by this party is Rupees 16,161, being Rupees 649 less than that of the previous quarter.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement showing the Work and Expenditure in the Settlement Department for the third Quarter of 1873-74, *ending* 31*st December* 1873.

	Districts.	Standard Estimate for a quarter of a year.	Actual Work. Incompleted Villages.	Actual Work. In Villages in progress.	Actual Work. Total.	Difference between Columns 3 and 6.	Total Expenditure.	Average Cost per Square Mile.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
Demarcation.	Kistna	...	5	5	10	...	1,096	.....
	Kurnool	..	4	...	4	...	440	.....
	Cuddapah	375	61	...	61	— 314	8,195	.....
	North Arcot	125	38	23	61	— 64	6,174	101 3 5
	Salem	...	..	...	...	...	994	.....
	Coimbatore	...	...	...	...	...	2,103	.....
	Chingleput	...	...	...	...	...	320	.....
	Total ...	...	108	28	136	...	19,322	.....
	Cost of boundary-pillars.	...	...	...	...	...	1,005	.....
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	20,327	.....
Classification.	Kistna	...	5	5	10	...	7,313	.....
	Nellore	...	...	...	12	— ...	1,886 17,654	.....
	North Arcot...	125	14	8	22	— 103	7,226 5,078	..... 230 13 1
	Salem	...	...	...	...	...	4,428	... .
	Coimbatore	250	194	86	280	+ 30	9,940	35 8 0
	Chingleput	...	...	...	...	...	3,906	.....
	Ganjam...	250	2	20	22	— 228	87	.....
	Total ...	...	231	119	350	...	57,548	.....
	Grand Total...	...	...	...	..	...	77,875	.....

NOTE.—The expenditure of the Ganjam party for the month of December will be included in the next quarter's return.

MADRAS,
14th March 1874.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
Offg. Director of Revenue Settlement.

IN the foregoing letter, the Acting Director reports the progress made by his department during the quarter ending 31st December last.

2. In the Kistna District, the work of measuring interstitial fields fell off considerably when compared with the results of the previous quarter; and it does not appear that as yet any Diglott Registers have been prepared for printing. The Board observe from the last report that it was arranged to send Mr. Cox "after Christmas" to the Kistna District "to see that they are making proper progress." It would be well apparently that this visit should not be longer postponed.

3. The preliminaries for the introduction of the new rates into the taluqs under settlement in Kurnool and Cuddapah appear to have been energetically carried on, so that the rough puttas for Koilguntla, Jummalamadugu and three-fourths of Cuddapah were issued.

4. In North Arcot, the field-work fell off, and, in fact, the North Arcot party appear to be working slowly when their outturn is compared with that of the small field-party in the Kistna District. But no doubt these points as well as the cost per square mile are fully engaging Mr. Sullivan's attention. The work of introduction in Nellore has evidently been expeditiously and satisfactorily managed, the tickets or rough puttas having been distributed throughout the Gudur, Rapur, and Udayagherry Taluqs. When the principal division is completed, the financial results will, as usual, no doubt be forwarded to the Board.

5. The task of introduction having been finished in Salem during the previous quarter, the closing of accounts and printing of Diglott Registers alone engaged attention, and under the latter head 106 villages were completed. Mr. Clogstoun appears to have made a good start with his field-party in Coimbatore, and has classified 179,510 acres. The details might have been given as usual.

6. The Board would be glad to know the financial results of the work in Areagoshti, which village Mr. Sullivan says is now completed; and also whether it is intended that permanent stone-marks should be fixed on the field-boundaries.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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