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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th June 1875.*

No. 243. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd June 1875, No. 1,480:—

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Acting Third Member, of the Revenue Board, in charge of the Settlement Department, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tiruvattore, 10th May 1875, No. 932-25:—

With reference to the accompanying letter and its enclosure from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, I have the honor to point out that much of the complaint made of faulty demarcation performed by the Settlement Department was in my opinion reasonable when the nature of the ground demarked is borne in mind, and when it is remembered that the Settlement and Survey were, however, unintentionally apparently playing at cross purposes; the Settlement demarking in fields and the Survey requiring minor circuits with theodolite stations round such areas as could not be chained across.

2. The difference may appear technical, but it is important, and the neglect of the Settlement Department to provide minor circuits, i.e., to lay out village sites, tanks, betel gardens, dense topes, and other grounds that cannot be chained across with theodolite stations and offsets instead of with simple field stones, has undoubtedly entailed an immense amount of extra work on the Survey. A village may be beautifully demarked in fields and all may appear complete, but the Survey officer has to lay out perhaps ten, twelve, or twenty minor circuits, plant theodolite and offset stones, and clear chain lines that may occupy him for weeks before the village is ready for survey; and if this labor is multiplied 200 or 300 times according to the number of villages in a taluq, a large staff is required to do what is strictly demarcation work, and work that might easily have been done in the first instance had the wants of the Survey been known. I cannot determine now how the wants of the Survey in this particular item were overlooked for so many years, but I can well understand the great inconvenience that the Survey must have continued to suffer, and can appreciate the constant complaint that the demarcation made by the Settlement Department was defective.

3. A few taluqs of the North Arcot District are now being demarked by the Settlement Department, but in future all demarcation will be performed by the Survey Department.

4. The outlay of minor circuits in North Arcot is being specially attended to, but before handing over these taluqs for survey, I will have them carefully inspected to see that every requirement of survey has been completely fulfilled.

With this explanation, I feel sure that the Board will exonerate the Superintendent of Survey of being too critical of the work of another department, or of requiring more than is necessary to enable him to push on with his work.

The accompanying sketch exhibits the nature of the demarcation that minor circuits require; the theodolite stations and chain lines are marked in red ink.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Copy of letter from Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Sketch.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to G. O., dated
26th June 1874, No. 796.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1875, No. 978.

Miscellaneous.

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Acting Secretary.

To the Officiating Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with enclosures to be returned.

Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement,
to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Ed. W. H. French.

For the information of the Settlement
Department—Revenue Board's Proceedings and
including explanation of the letter relative to
the complaint made of it.

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Partial Demarcation—performed by Settlement Department.—Explanation of Director of Revenue Settlement on the subject of complaint made of certain—, submitted to Government with reference to their Order of 20th June 1874, No. 796.

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