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No. 1,337.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22ND May 1876.

Read the following letter from C. RUNDALL, Esq., Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 26th April 1876, No. 898-36 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward a return of the work performed and the expenditure incurred in the Settlement Department during the third quarter of 1875-76 ending 31st December last.

2. KISTNA.—The writing in diglott of the final settlement registers of this district was completed as far as at present possible, for the re...ion effected to tank ayacuts still needs the confirmation of the Collector in respect to 171 villages. The Collector has been requested to dispose of the proposals as early as practicable. The registers of 275 villages were printed during the quarter.

3. KURNOOL.—The printing of the diglott registers of Pattikonda was almost completed, only nine villages requiring to be struck off. The preparation of similar registers for Koilkuntla has been accomplished, and copies for seventy-five villages were received into the Central Office. Printing was commenced during the quarter and the registers of five villages were struck off.

4. CUDDAPAH.—As previously reported, the orders of Government sanctioning the settlement scheme of the Budwail, Sidhout, and Pullampet Taluqs were received, and the preparation of accounts preliminary to settlement was undertaken. Experience has, however, suggested some slight modifications to the proposals thus sanctioned, consequent in the increase of area by survey greatly exceeding the results anticipated. The matter was reported in my letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, No. 749, dated 10th March 1876, which is now before Government. Early orders on the subject are solicited so that the introduction of the new rate may be proceeded with. A small extent of land newly taken up was demarcated, measured, and classified, and the writing of the final settlement registers of the settled taluqs progressed fairly.

5. NELLORE.—Considerable progress was made in the preparation of the settlement registers, those for 272 villages being completed during the quarter. The abstracts of the villages had however to be closed before they could be despatched to the Central Office for the purpose of being printed.

6. NORTH ARCOT.—The party employed in this district has had many disadvantages to contend with. The tract of country under operation continued very unhealthy, and many of the hands were prostrated with fever and had to leave the district. It was found impossible to fill the vacancies thus occasioned. Two experienced Head Classifiers died in the taluq of fever during the quarter, and altogether the period lost from sickness directly and indirectly was very great. Men were drafted from Cuddapah to maintain the strength of the party employed on operations; but several hands had to be transferred to the Chendragiri Taluq from Guriattam towards the end of the quarter to mark survey stations and prepare the taluq for handing over to the Survey Department. This retarded current work. When the demarcation was performed in Chendragiri, no stations were erected in accordance with G.O., No. 754, of 28th April 1871. The

northern half of the Chittoor needs to be similarly treated. The outturn of the quarter for the foregoing reasons was small and the cost high.

7. SALEM.—The progress of redemarcation in the Salem and Trichengode Taluqs continued slow, Mr. Clogstoun has been giving his attention to the operation as far as possible; but, in the absence of a Settlement officer in the district, it is difficult to get the ryots to undertake the requisite work and mark their holdings. The registers of 276 villages were printed during the quarter.

8. COIMBATORE.—The outturn of field work in the taluqs of Dharapuram and Caroor was satisfactory in every way.

9. MADURA.—This is the first time this district appears in the return. In accordance with the Government Order marginally quoted a small party was set to work under my personal superintendence towards the end of November, and arrangements were made for villages likely to be influenced under the Perryaur Project being roughly classified in order to provide data for the Deputy Director to submit approximately the probable revenue return from the project. Good progress was made in December, and Mr. Clogstoun took charge of the work on his return from privilege leave early in January. It is anticipated that it will shortly be finished.

Dated 6th November 1875, No. 1,594.

10. CHINGLEPUT.—As in the previous quarter, the Deputy Director was engaged in revising the classification, and the establishment was employed on the preparation of the Settlement accounts of the remaining villages of Sydapet in anticipation of the orders* of Government on the sixty-nine villages of the taluq reported on by Mr. Puckle. By the end of December, Major Stuart had completed the examinations of all save twenty-one villages of the Sydapet Taluq, and the accounts were rapidly being completed.

* Received in February.

11. GANJAM.—The area regularly classified under the field system amounted to sixteen square miles, while the classification of twenty-eight villages previously accomplished was blocked out. The small outturn of field classification was due chiefly to the majority of the hands being employed in testing the crops during November and December, the number of experiments effected being 732.

12. TINNEVELLY.—As already reported, I took charge of this party during November, the second month of the quarter under reference. The work then in progress was purely of an in-door character. The preparation of registers, descriptive memoirs, and eye sketches were progressing for the Tenkarai Taluq. The financial results of the new Settlement of the taluq came to hand after I had left for Ganjam. The report received will now be forwarded on. A great reduction was effected in the extra establishment whilst I was in Tinnevelly, as the introduction operations had been brought to a close. Arrangements were at the same time made for operations being started in Nangunery, the results of which will be reported in the fourth quarter.

G.O., No. 1,517, dated 16th October 1875.

13. The enclosed statements exhibit the exact outturn of work in each district.

14. In conclusion, I must explain that, owing to my prolonged absence in Ganjam, the submission of this report has been delayed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement of Work performed in each District during the Quarter ending 31st *December* 1875.

Items.		Kistna.	Kurnool.	Cuddapah.	Salem.	Coimbatore.	Nellore.	North Arcot.	Chingleput.	Ganjam.	Tinnevelly.
English entries in Settlement Registers.	Villages.	20	30	168	349	...	10	...	...	...	36
Vernacular do. do. ...	Do.	...	...	30	...	...	272	...	...	...	126
Comparison of entries	Do.	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Abstract of Registers prepared	Do.	...	36	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Registers received in Central Office ..	Do.	...	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95
Do. printed	No.	275	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Preparation of accounts preliminary to introduction of new Settlement ...	Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	...	...
Stones planted	No.	...	51	694	59,529	...	...	18,718	...	...	6,192
Do. on Railway circuits ...	Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	321	...	...	...
Minor holdings measured	Fields.	...	306	792	...	1,723	...	...	...	25	...
Experiments of produce made	Kyles.	...	...	...	...	541	...	14	...	732	...

MADRAS,
26th April 1876.

(Signed) C. RUNDALL,
Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Statement showing the Work and Expenditure in the Settlement Department for the Third Quarter of 1875-76 *ending* 31*st December* 1875.

Items.	Names of Districts.	Standard Estimate for a quarter of a year.	ACTUAL WORK. In Villages completed.	In Villages in progress.	Total.	Difference between Columns 3 and 6.	Total Expenditure.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			SQ. MILES.				
Demarcation.	Kurnool	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Cuddapah ...	.....	1	1	2	.....	988
	Nellore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	610
	North Arcot ...	125	2	18	20	— 105	8,573
	Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,083
	Total...	.....	3	19	22	.....	12,254
Classification.	Kistna	.....	1	2	3	.....	4,228
	Kurnool	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,953
	Cuddapah ...	.....	1	1	2	.....	5,832
	Nellore	.....	2	1	3	.....	3,070
	North Arcot ...	125	14	.....	14	— 111	807
	Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,613
	Coimbatore ...	375	118	247	365	— 10	10,412
	Madura ...	.....	16	10	26	.....	521
	Chingleput ...	.....	.....	Settlement work.	.....	.....	13,530
	Ganjam	140	16	.....	16	— 124	9,841
	Tinnevelly ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,461
	Total...	.....	168	261	429	.....	77,268
	Grand Total...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	89,522

The charges against Kistna, Kurnool, and Salem is chiefly for printing the registers. The establishments in Cuddapah, Nellore, Tinnevelly, and Chingleput were exclusively employed on Settlement work. The only districts, therefore, in which regular field classification was in progress were North Arcot, Coimbatore, Madura, and Ganjam. The outturn in these districts was 429 square miles and the cost was Rupees 21,581, or Rupees 50 per square mile.

The cost of demarcation in North Arcot is estimated at Rupees 8,573, or Rupees 428 per square mile. The explanation rendered in the preceding quarter holds good for this quarter, but the cost appears to be unduly enhanced owing to the want of any proper proportionment of the charges to the operations. The demarcators do much of the preliminary operation of classification, whilst the cost is all credited to demarcations. The amount includes as well the work of station-marking in Chendragiri. Field classification having been reverted to, matters will a[illegible]t themselves [illegible] and the error now apparent will be rectified in the annual returns.

MADRAS,
26th April 1876.

(Signed) C. RUNDALL,
Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The delay in introducing the revised rates of assessment in the Budwail, Sidhout, and Pullampett Taluqs of the Cuddapah District, the scheme for which was sanctioned by Government in their Order, dated 13th October 1875, No. 1,491, is owing to the modifications which Mr. Rundall found it necessary to propose in consequence of the unexpected enhancement of the aggregate demand resulting from the application of the new rates to the arrears as determined by survey. The nature of these modified proposals and the expediency of adopting them are fully treated of in Board's Proceedings, No. 749, dated 16th March last, which are now under the consideration of Government.

3. The small outturn of work in North Arcot is explained by the Acting Director to be owing to the unhealthiness of the part of the district where the party is employed. Two Head Classifiers died from the effects of fever during the quarter under report, and several of the employés were incapacitated from the same cause.

4. Mr. Rundall attributes the slow progress of redemarcation of holdings in Salem to the want of a Settlement officer on the spot to induce the ryots to push on the work. This delay is to be regretted and might be obviated by a little exertion on the part of the local officials. The Collector will be requested to give his attention to the subject.

5. In Madura, the department has been engaged in the investigation of the probable financial returns from the Perryaur Project ordered in G.O., Revenue Department, No. 1,926, dated 16th August 1875. Mr. Clogstoun, the officer deputed by Government to conduct the inquiry, having been granted three months' leave in September, the work was initiated under the personal supervision of the Acting Director in November. Good progress is reported, and Mr. Clogstoun having returned from leave in January, it is anticipated that he will soon be in a position to submit the required information.

6. The operations of the department in other districts do not appear to call for any special remark.

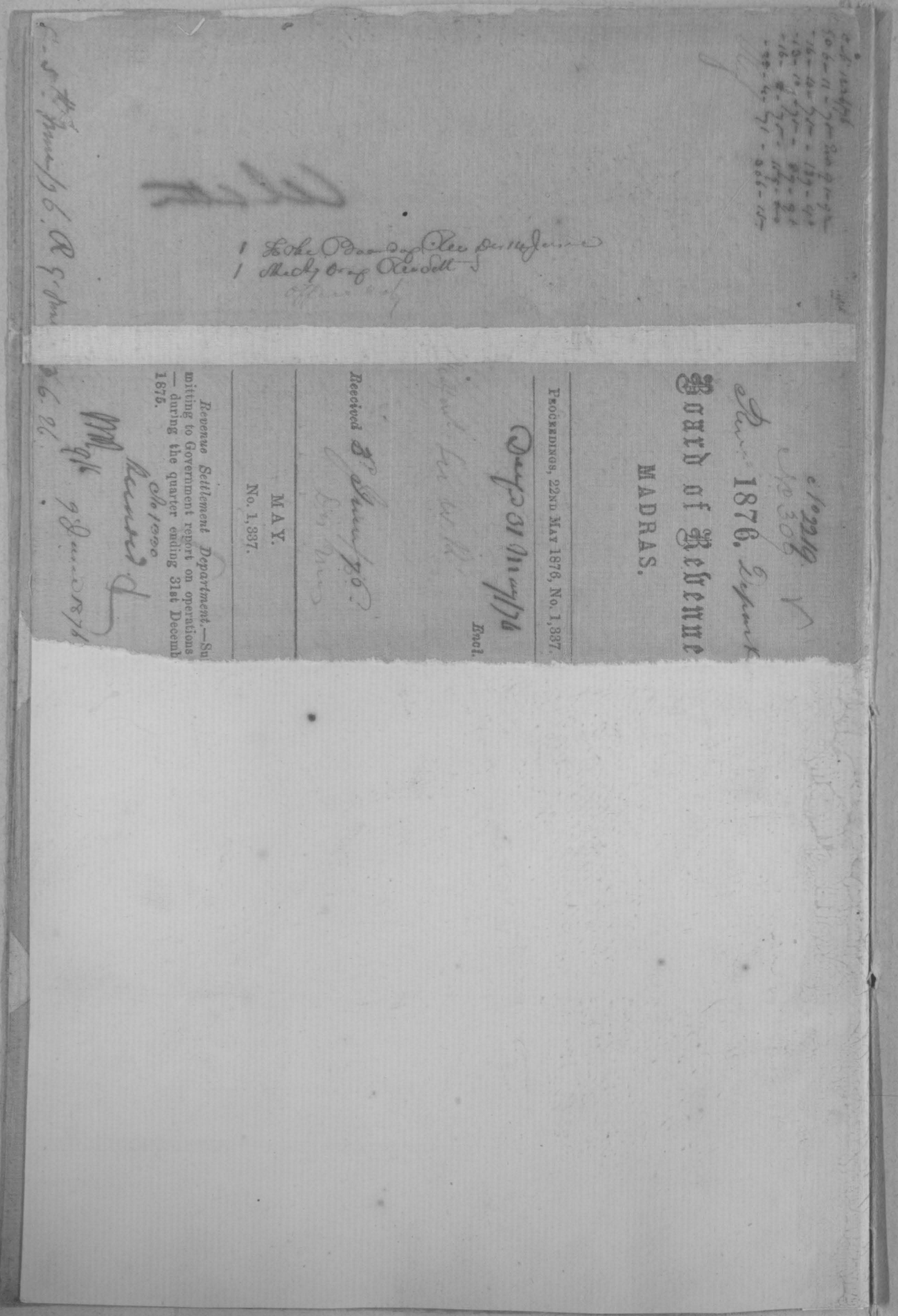
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Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, the Collector of Salem.
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