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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th February 1876.*

No. 125. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th January 1876, No. 75 :—

Read again Court's Proceedings, dated 13th September and 27th October 1875, Nos. 2,558 and 2,982.

Read also the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 20th November 1875, No. 435.

ADVERTING to paragraph 2 of the Court's Proceedings, dated 27th October 1875, No. 2,982, I have the honor to submit herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Fischer, the Trustee of the Shevagungah Zemindari. From this it will be observed that the lady is desirous that the survey of her estate should be undertaken, but that she would, as an experiment, like to have one of the taluqs of her estate surveyed in the first instance, and that as a sum of Rupees 38,000 would be required for the work, and as she is now involved in debt, she requests that the Government will advance Rupees 18,000 for Fashi 1285 and Rupees 20,000 for Fashi 1286.

2. The object for which the above sum is required is a very desirable one, but I doubt whether Government would be disposed to make the advance requested, as there might be difficulties about security. If, however, the Zemindari were allowed to keep her peishah in arrears for Faslis 1285 and 1286 by whatever amount might have to be advanced for the survey, and to pay up the balance within the end of Fashi 1287 with the usual interest on the arrear, she would be able to find funds for the work, and Government could neither be a loser nor be involved in any difficulties as to the recovery of the money. I therefore recommend that this course be sanctioned.

3. It seems unfortunate that surveys are not one of the objects for which advances can be made under the Land Improvement Act.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From B. FISCHER, Esq., Trustee of Shevagungah Zemindari, to H. W. BLISS, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, dated Shevagungah, 11th November 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters, dated 6th ultimo and 6th instant, numbered 2,486 and 2,450 respectively, and in reply beg to inform you that I have explained the contents thereof to the Zemindari, who has directed me to say that she is extremely desirous of having her estate surveyed, but that as the estimates have been prepared upon very unreliable data she would, as an experiment, like to have a survey made of one taluq of her estate and the cost accurately ascertained before proceeding with the others.

2. If this could be done she is willing and prepared to pay for the survey of one taluq. The extent of the one she has selected for this purpose, viz., the Ellavacottah Taluq, is about 200 square miles, of which about one-fourth is cultivated. It will probably cost, at the rate given by the Survey Department, Rupees 38,000, and as she is now involved in debt she begs that the Government will advance Rupees 18,000 for Fashi 1285 and Rupees 20,000 for Fashi 1286, and collect these sums from her either with the peishah of those faslis, or at the end of the years 1276-77, for which she will be exceedingly grateful.

3. As this is a Warranthy Zemindari I give below a statement of the kind of work that is required to be done by the Survey Department.

4. The villages may be divided for this purpose into the three following classes, viz. :—

I.—*Ana*, i.e., villages belonging to the Zemindari.

II.—*Devasthanam*, *Chritnam* and *Madappuram* Villages.

III.—*Dormasamam*, *Jeevatham* and *Sab* Division or allotted villages.

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5. All three classes may again be sub-divided according to the nature of their tenure into—1. Waraputh, 2. Varisaputh, and 3. Teeraputh.

6. For the Ain Varisaputh and Teeraputh villages she wants a Cadastral survey; the wastes therein to be laid out in blocks of from 50 to 100 Acres showing the arable and inarable portions.

7. For the Ain Waraputh village also she wants a Cadastral survey, but the cultivated portions need only be laid out in blocks of wet, dry, and waste.

8. For all the other villages of the second and third class, of whatever tenure they may be, no Cadastral survey is required. The exterior boundary only need be marked and surveyed, and the total area of the wet, dry, and waste lands separately ascertained.

9. She also wishes the exterior boundary of all lands covered with jungle to be marked and surveyed.

10. In making the calculation for the survey you will perceive that I have omitted the cost of the Topographical survey, as the Zemindari claims this ought to be borne by Government, and she hopes you will support the view she has taken.

N.B.—I enclose the Zemindari's letter to me on the subject.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government. As the Board consider it desirable to encourage surveys, with a view to the improvement of the administration of estates, they are no objection to the Collector's suggestion regarding postponement of payment of peshkash.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary

No. 126. ORDER IN COUNCIL, 12th February 1876, No. 195.

Land Revenue, No. 5.

The Government sanction, as a special case, the proposal to allow the Sivaragunah Zemindari to keep her peshkash in arrears for Faslis 1285 and 1286 by the amount which might have to be advanced for the survey of the Elavencottah Taluk of her estate on the condition that she should pay up the arrears in Fasli 1287 with the usual interest.

2. It is observed that the cost of the survey is estimated at Rs. 38,000, while according to the average rate specified in paragraph 3 of the letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey it will amount only to Rs. 29,200.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Accountant-General.

By J. Talbot.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT OF WARDS, dated 15th July 1875.

Read the following letter from W. McQUEEN, Esq., Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Chinnamanur, 20th June 1875, No. 260:—

I HAVE the honor to request the Court to sanction the survey of the Oothapanickanur Estate in the same way as Bodinaickanur and Gantamannickanur have been done. The cost should not exceed Rupees 6,000, and the estate can afford it. The estimated area is twenty-eight square miles.

2. Sandayur and Ramnad cannot afford a survey at present. With regard to Ramnad I may state two conclusions at which I have arrived. First, we cannot substitute money rents for waram without an Act. The curams and leading ryots are against it, and the change will never be completed voluntarily on any terms which would be fair to the estate. Second, while ryots can refuse pottah for their actual holdings, most of the benefits of a survey are lost.

3. A topographical survey of every estate on the 2-inch scale will eventually be necessary in order to complete the maps of the district. A survey of Ramnad for this purpose would cost about Rupees 37,616 and of Sandayur about Rupees 240. The cost of demarcating, surveying, computing, and plotting a boundary in ordinary ground may be roughly estimated at Rupees 10 per linear mile, but in every estate the greater part of this work will eventually be done by the Survey Department when demarcating the adjacent Government villages.

4. The Zemindari of Shevagingah is anxious that her estate should be completely surveyed by the Survey Department, and I beg to recommend that the sanction of the Government be obtained for this, and that the Rani be furnished with a rough estimate of the cost.

5. Attempts are now being made to settle the boundaries of Zemindaries where they are disputed, and the difficulty and delay arises from the absence of evidence. The boundaries between Bodinaickanur and Travancore must be settled by the Commissioners appointed to mark out the boundaries between British Territory and Travancore. On this side there is no difficulty in doing this, as the watershed is quite healthy from July to February and labor can be obtained; but I have already pointed out that none of the Revenue Officers can possibly be spared, and a separate party must either be formed to mark out the boundary, or it must be left unsettled till the Tinnevely party comes up.

The Collector will ascertain and report when the establishment at present engaged in surveying the Ettappuram Estate in Tinnevely can undertake the survey of Oothapanickanur, as the Board believe that their work is nearly completed.

2. With reference to paragraph 4, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey is requested to furnish the Board with an estimate of the cost of surveying the Shevagingah Zemindary, and to state when the Survey Department will be able to undertake the work, should Government accord their sanction.

3. The question referred to in paragraph 5 has already been settled by G. O., 25th August 1874, No. 1,074.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura,
" the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Edw. J. W. Lewis.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT OF WARDS, dated 13th September 1875.

Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Chepauk, 20th August 1875, No. 2,413-104:—

Referring to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Court of Wards of the 15th ultimo, No. 1,967, calling on me to furnish the Board with an estimate of the cost of surveying the Shervagunah Zemindari, I have the honor to submit that, by the report received from the Agent to the Zemindars, it appears there are 956 villages which she wishes to have demarcated and surveyed in detail. The area of these villages (or rather of the cultivated portions of them) is given as 361 square miles. The total area of the Zemindari, consisting of 2,000 villages, is given as 562 square miles.

2. In his letter of the 6th instant, No. 713-175, the Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Survey reports that, taking the area scaled from the Local Fund map, 1,608 square miles as approximately accurate, the area to be demarcated, surveyed, and mapped on the 16-inch scale would appear to be 1,087 square miles, and the rest of the Zemindari (about 600 square miles) would require a Topographical survey on the 4-inch scale showing the boundaries of villages and of land held on different tenures.

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Cadastral survey at Rupees 100 per square mile	2,06,530	3. Adopting the rate estimated for by me and approved of by the Court of Wards, I have to submit that the total charge for demarcating, surveying, and mapping the Zemindari would be about Rupees 2,47,000, or nearly Rupees 146 per square mile, as per particulars given in the margin.
Topographical survey at Rupees 40 per square mile	24,240	
Share of Central Office	18,154	
Total	2,48,924	

4. In a letter of the 2nd instant Mr. Fischer states that the whole extent of the Zemindari is roughly calculated to be about 1,600 square miles.

5. From the inquiry made in paragraph 1 of the Proceedings it is apparently the intention of the Board of Revenue that the Survey Establishment at present employed in the Ettiapuram estate should be employed in the survey of Oothapannikanar Zemindari.

6. In the survey of the Ettiapuram Zemindari several checks which are considered absolutely necessary in the Survey Department have been dispensed with. It would be a matter for regret if such an unsystematic survey were to be extended to another district.

7. An additional reason for being averse to the Ettiapuram Survey Establishment being entrusted with the survey of Oothapannikanar Zemindari is that the person in charge of it was, when in the Survey Department, considered untrustworthy. *Vide* extract of letter from the Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Survey appended.

1875.

Court of Wards,

MADRAS.

Proceedings, 16th July 1875, No. 1,967.

Encl.

Received

JULY.

No. 1,967.

Oothapannikanar Estate—under charge of Court of Wards in Madras District.—Collector to ascertain when the establishment now engaged in surveying Ettiapuram Estate is free to undertake survey of — Superintendent of Revenue Survey to furnish Board with estimate of cost of surveying Shervagunah Zemindari, and to state when the Survey Department can undertake the work, should Government record their sanction.

*Extract of letter from the Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Survey, No. 713-175 of
6th August 1875.*

8. I have the honor to state that Tirukamiah, lately in charge of the survey of the Ettapuram Zemindari, was not discharged from the department but that he was permitted to resign.

10. Mr. Gompertz, the Acting Deputy Superintendent, in letter, No. 380-165, dated 1st June 1872, reported that he did not consider Tirukamiah trustworthy. Since that time the topographical details of the map of village No. 51, Pinnakayal of Tenkasi Taluk, which had been examined and reported correct by Tirukamiah, were found to be utterly wrong. The map had to be cancelled and a fresh map prepared.

11. I think it appears hardly advisable to rely almost completely on an individual whose work has been proved to be unworthy of credit. The work of the Zemindar may be good, but it has not been proved to be so.

12. In the Madurai District two large Zemindaries have already been taken up for Cadastral survey by our department. The survey of another Zemindari, Saccayanganal, is now in contemplation. I respectfully submit that it is not advisable to allow the survey of a Zemindari conducted on a different system and by different agency to go on in the immediate neighbourhood.

13. If the work as done in Ettapuram is sufficient for all Revenue purposes then work performed by us must be considered needlessly minute and extravagant.

14. I therefore submit the Collector if the district considers it better that the survey of the small Zemindari of Oothapannikanur should be performed by the Revenue Survey Department.

Communicated to the Collector of Madurai, who will inform the Agent to the Zemindari of Saccayanganal of the amount estimated by the Superintendent of Revenue Survey as the probable cost of surveying that estate. It is not stated when the Survey Department will be able to undertake the work.

Under the circumstances now brought to notice it does not appear to the Court advisable to entrust the survey of the Oothapannikanur estate to the party at present engaged in the Ettapuram estate. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey is requested to state when his department will be able to take up the survey of Oothapannikanur and what the probable cost will amount to.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

C. A. GALTON

Acting Sub-Secretary

To the Collector of Madurai

and the Superintendent of Revenue Survey

Enc. 1. Encl.

1875.
Court of Wards,
MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Court of Wards, No. 2,558.

Encl.

Recd 30/10/75

Received

SEPTEMBER

No. 2,558

Shivagunah Zamindari in Madura District. — Letter from Superintendent of Revenue Survey, Tiruchirappalli, estimating the cost of surveying the same, and reporting on the advisability of entrusting the surveying party with the survey of the same. The same is submitted to the Collector, Tiruchirappalli, for his report, and to the Collector, Tiruchirappalli, for his report, and to the Collector, Tiruchirappalli, for his report.

No. 2,382.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT OF WARDS, dated 27th October 1875.

Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to H. E. STORES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated 16th October 1875, No. 3,013/131:—

With reference to the Proceedings of the Court of Wards, No. 2,558, of the 13th September 1875, I have the honor to state that the demarcation and survey of the Othapanaikanur Zemindari situated in the Tirumangalam Taluk, Madura District, can be taken up at once.

2. As soon as sanction is obtained for the demarcation and survey of the Shivagunah Zemindari, the officer in charge of the Madura Survey Party will proceed to take on and train men for the work, which might be commenced within a month or two of receipt of orders.

The Superintendent of Revenue Survey has omitted to state the probable cost of the survey of the Othapanaikanur Estate. It is requested to furnish the information.

2. The Collector should ascertain at an early date whether the Zemindari of Shivagunah is desirous that the survey of her estate should be undertaken or not.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey,
the Collector of Madura.

Edw. J. W. Fisher

Outstanding. Refer to the charge of Court of Wards in Madras District. The Survey Department of Revenue Survey to assess the probable cost of the survey of -- and the Collector to ascertain whether the Zemindar of Shevagungan is inclined that the survey of her estate should be undertaken or not.

OCTOBER
No. 2,982.

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RECORDED, 27th OCTOBER 1875, No. 2,982.

Court of Wards,
MADRAS.

1875.

No. 75.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th January 1876.

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2. The object for which the above sum is required is a very desirable one, but I doubt whether Government would be disposed to make the advance requested, as there might be difficulties about security. If, however, the Zemindari were allowed to keep her peishush in arrears for Fasils 1285 and 1286 by whatever amount might have to be advanced for the survey, and to pay up the balance within the end of Fasil 1287 with the arrears of the peishush, she would be able to find funds for the work, and Government could neither be a loser nor be involved in any difficulties as to the recovery of the money. I therefore recommend that this course be sanctioned.

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Proceedings of the Executive Government
Victoria dated the 12th February 1876

Read the following business of the County Board.

Subg. letter from Collector
recommending that the Gymnasium
of Cheongchungul Gymnasium in modern
style be allowed to purchase fragments
of parchment for his year to contribute
to find funds for sending his
son to school.

The Government cannot
recede the proposal to withdraw the
Shirazgergah from its service and
keep her personal income
for Nos. 1285 and 1286 by the
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Business for the orders of Government. As the Board consider it desirable to encourage surveys, with a view to the improvement of the administration of estates, they see no objection to the Collector's suggestion regarding postponement of payment of malikdani.

Acting Club-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copies of Board's Proceedings, dated 15th July 1875, No. 1,857 ;
14th September 1875, No. 2,455, and 27th October 1875, No. 3,932.
Copy to the Acting Collector of Madura.

For J. Fullerton

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It is observed that
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mated at \$38000 while ac-
cording to the average rate of
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from the Superintendent of Amer-
ican survey
it will amount only to
\$29500.

Wm. B. Owsen, Director
of the American Survey

12/1/29

