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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th February 1876.

Read the following letter from C. RUNDALL, Esq., Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 6th January 1876, No. 35-3:—

I HAVE the honor to forward a return of the work performed and the expenditure incurred in the Settlement Department during the second quarter of 1875-76, ending 30th September last.

2. KISTNA.—The preparation of the diglot registers of this district is fast approaching completion. Printing was commenced during the quarter, and the registers of 88 villages were struck off.

3. KURNOOL.—The scheme for the settlement of the Cumbum and Markapur Taluqs was received with the following financial results, and the report is now in the Press:—

Items.	As per Revenue Accounts.	As per new Settlement.	Difference.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Dry	1,21,050	1,12,560	— 8,490
Wet	83,688	78,553	— 5,135
Total ...	2,04,738	1,91,113	— 13,625

The registers of 60 villages of the Pattikonda Taluq were printed during the quarter under reference and those of Koilkuntla continued under preparation.

4. CUDDAPAH.—The orders of Government subsequently received, as per margin, on the settlement of the Budwail, Sidhout, and Pullampet Taluqs were awaited. Lands newly taken up for cultivation continued to be demarkated, measured, and classified, but the progress in the preparation of diglot registers of the settled taluqs was somewhat impeded by delay in procuring information required from the taluqs. Steps to obviate this have been taken.

5. NELLORE.—The reclassification of lands permanently injured by floods was brought to a close during the quarter, and statements showing the changes thus effected in the assessment of these lands are now under preparation. A small extent of land was demarcated, classified, and measured, and a commencement was made towards completing the diglot registers already partly written up.

6. NORTH ARCOT.—Field-work progressed as in the preceding quarter, and fever continued to occasion much impediment to operations and disabled many hands. The Deputy Inspector died from this cause. Consequently the outturn is small, and the cost very heavy. The employment of the classifiers solely on demarcation, in place of demarcation and classification combined as performed previous to Mr. Puckle's change, has also much augmented the cost of demarcation.

7. SALEM.—The redemarcation in Trichengode and Salem Taluqs was proceeded with, but the progress was not as good as was anticipated. Attention is being given to this matter, and it is hoped better results may be attained.

8. COIMBATORE.—The party entered the field again during the quarter, and the Dharapuram and Caroor Taluqs were in progress. Proposals for the revision of assessment in the five taluqs already classified have been received and are being reviewed. The financial results, as submitted by Mr. Clogstoun, stand as below:—

Items.	As per Revenue Accounts.	As per new Settlement.	Difference.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Dry	11,20,428	11,90,329	+ 69,901
Wet	3,09,725	3,52,092	+ 42,367
Total ...	14,30,153	15,42,421	+ 1,12,268

9. CHINGLEPUT.—The introduction of the new rates into the remaining villages of Saidapet was deferred pending the receipt of Government orders on the report of the 69 villages already settled under the system advocated by Mr. Puckle. The classification of the Chingleput Taluq under the block system was completed, and Major Stuart was engaged in revising the classification of further villages of Saidapet. The whole party is employed in the preparation of accounts preliminary to the introduction of settlement into the latter taluq. These have now so far advanced that, as soon as orders may be received, the new rates of assessment can at once be put in force as regards most villages of the taluq.

10. GANJAM.—In the early part of the quarter field classification was gradually being discontinued under instructions given by Mr. Puckle; but, finding that the field hands would not be fully employed, I gave instructions for the taluq to be completed under the field system, leaving the field classification to be blocked out during revision operations. This partial cessation materially affected progress, and the outturn is much below that of the preceding quarter. The Acting Deputy Director was principally occupied in revising the villages first classified in Berhampore under the block system. Mr. Goodrich's report on the settlement of the Chicacole Taluq will be reconsidered under the orders of Government as per

G.O., dated 16th October 1875, No. 1,515.

margin and forwarded to the Board and Government as soon as I can give time and attention to the subject.

11. TINNEVELLY.—During the quarter under reference this district continued to be under the supervision of the Collector. The settlement of Tenkarai Taluq was finally completed by Mr. Comyn, who prepared and placed on record a memorandum of the financial results. This will be forwarded on as soon as certain statements called for are received from the Additional Sub-Collector. A separate report has

* No. 2,488-64 of 29th November 1875 to Board. been submitted* as to the action taken in pursuance of G.O., No. 1,517, dated 16th October 1875.

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

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement of Work performed in each District during the Quarter ending 30th September 1875.

Items.	Kistna.	Kurnool.	Cudda- pah.	Salem.	Coimba- tore.	Nellore.	North Arcot.	Ganjam.	Tinne- velly.
	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.
English Entries in Set- tlement Registers	33	45	12	527	...	2	...	...	39
Vernacular do.	13	1	1	89	...	4	...	...	...
Comparison of Entries ..	...	35	65	...	...	...	...	...	...
Abstracts of Registers prepared	...	48	11	...	...	...	...	...	11
Registers received in Central Office	...	...	...	302	...	...	...	...	32
Do. printed	88	60	...	415	...	348	26,542	139	...
Stones planted	...	501	1,083	35,208	...	...	146	...	...
Do. do. on Rail- way Circuits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	160	...
Minor Holdings measur- ed	...	289	5,404	...	5,264	...	...	...	...
Experiments of Produce made	Kyles	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	...

(Signed) C. RUNDALL,
Actg. Director of Rev. Sett.

MADRAS,
6th January 1876.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Statement showing the Work and Expenditure in the Settlement Department for the 2nd Quarter of 1875-76, ending 31st September 1875.

Items.	Names of Districts.	Standard Estimate for a Quarter of a Year.	ACTUAL WORK.			Difference between Columns 3 and 6.	Total Expenditure.
			In Villages completed.	In Villages in Progress.	Total.		
			4	5	6	7	8
		SQ. M.	SQ. M.	SQ. M.	SQ. M.	SQ. M.	RS.
Demarcation.	Kurnool	...	1	1	2	...	245
	Cuddapah	...	2	1	3	...	841
	Nellore	...	2	1	3	...	276
	North Arcot	125	23	26	48	77	10,072
	Salem	...	...	...	...	...	990
	Total ...	...	27	29	56	...	12,424
Classification.	Cost of Boundary Pillars	...	...	...	...	...	278
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	12,697
	Kistna	...	1	1	2	...	1,122
	Kurnool	...	3	2	5	...	3,683
	Cuddapah	...	6	4	10	...	7,911
	Nellore	125	...	...	...	...	3,331
	North Arcot	...	...	...	...	...	1,140
	Salem	375	326	157	483	+ 103	3,567
	Coimbatore	250	15	...	15	...	11,535
	Chingleput	250	42	...	42	208	12,775
	Ganjam	...	...	...	...	...	9,871
	Total ...	...	393	164	557	...	54,835
Tinnevelly Settlement Establishment ...		...	...	...	...	...	17,083
Grand Total ...		...	...	...	...	...	84,615

The establishments in Kistna, Kurnool, Cuddapah, Nellore, and Tinnevelly were exclusively employed on the introduction of settlement sanctioned, while those in Chingleput had both field work and settlement work. The charges against Salem for printing the registers. The cost of the 540 square miles classified in Coimbatore, Chingleput, and Ganjam was Rupees 24,181, or Rupees 63 per square mile.

3. The cost of demarcation in North Arcot was Rupees 10,072, or Rupees 210 per square mile. The cost is excessive owing to the bulk of the establishment being employed in demarcation instead of demarcation and classification combined.

(Signed) C. RUNDALL,
Actg. Director of Rev. Sett.

MADRAS,
6th January 1876.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The progress of settlement work has not been very satisfactory owing to various causes, which however do not call for particular notice here save that the uncertainty as to the system to be pursued has tended to delay.

3. The Government Order shortly expected will remove uncertainty, and accelerated progress may be looked for.

(True Copies and Extract.)

C. J. W. Fischer
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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No. 364.

Operations of Settlement Department—
during quarter ending 30th September 1876—
Submitting to Government report of Director of
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C. J. W. Fischer

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