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5. The insufficiency of the Subordinate Revenue Agency is an acknowledged fact, copiously reported some six or seven years ago, and as long as one Revenue Inspector has 150 or 200 square miles to trudge over, it is of course well known that there is no real check over a Curnam's cultivation returns which form the basis of land revenue; but if an attempt is to be made to secure the registration of all land irrigated by the canal, with the numerous measurements entailed by permitting irrigation of small undemarcated portions of fields, inspection by superior officers must be constant and real, and not occasional and visionary.

6. If it is asked why a Revenue Inspector is wanted in Koilkuntla for the small irrigation revenue, I would reply that there are only three Revenue Inspectors in Koilkuntla Taluq, which extends over 578 square miles; the existing establishment can do nothing; not a particle of information was supplied this settlement, and without crop, which the village officers averred they had reported, was not inspected; this acts as a great discouragement to irrigation, for if remission is to be refused unless crops are inspected, and if Tahsildars have no one to send to inspect when loss is reported, ryots will be very shy of incurring their liabilities.

7. Ryots look entirely to the subordinate of the Company to substantiate their claims to remission at the settlement for withered crops, &c., &c. In answer to the question "did you report it?" the invariable answer is "I told the Overseer" or "I told the Amin," but not one ryot has said "I told the Revenue Inspector" or "I told the Tahsildar." Hardly a single ryot in Sirwell Taluq knew the Special Revenue Inspector by sight.

8. This must be entirely altered if the canal is ever to succeed; the subordinates of the Company must distribute the water, and Revenue officers must bring the irrigated areas to account, and measure up the withered crops; nothing but constant supervision and careful inspection can secure satisfactory results.

The Curnams have never made any attempt to do their work; in dispute after dispute at the settlement the crop which the ryot said he had sown was not that entered in the cultivation account, clearly showing that the account had not been written on the fields; that month at the Taluq Cutcherry for the preparation of Jamabandi accounts is a fatal mistake.

9. I ask for 30 Rupees pay for the Revenue Inspectors, for I wish to get Surveyors who can measure and sketch in pencil the irrigated plots in the village map; on less pay even the best Taluq Gannastahs will not leave the Cutcherry voluntarily.

10. I do not lose sight of the seeming inconsistency between my recommendation for Deputy Curnams and this proposal as regards the severance of matters connected with the Company from ordinary revenue work; but the inconsistency is more apparent than real, for I would far prefer the duties not being separated, if the Subordinate Revenue Agency of a taluq were sufficiently increased to admit of the reduction of Revenue Inspectors' divisions to reasonable proportions; but there is no chance of that being done—at all events by the 1st July—and while a special officer has charge of irrigation matters it is more convenient that there should be Special Revenue Inspectors who cannot plead "other work" for neglecting this; when the irrigation is transferred back again to the Divisional Officers it would be better that the Revenue Inspectors should be absorbed in the general establishment, and do all inspection work in small ranges.

11. These Revenue Inspectors will be wanted for ever—or at all events as long as there is a canal—so it will be far better if the posts are made permanent from the first, with a view of obtaining better men; the difficulty of getting a temporary office together is enormous; I speak feelingly and with confidence on this point.

12. The total cost will be Rupees 288 a-month; Ramachandra Row had prepared a return for the employment of forty-two Curnams at a monthly cost of 242 Rupees in the Nandikotkur, Nandial and Sirwell Taluqs; I have asked for one Curnam on Rupees 10; so this scheme only costs 56 Rupees a-month more; and as most of the troubles now arise from Curnams not doing their work from ignorance and indolence, it would seem a more profitable investment to employ men to instruct them in their duty and to see that they do their work, than to give them assistance to help them to do nothing, or to relieve them of part of their legitimate duties.

13. I have not dwelt at length upon the advantages of our securing such an effective and accurate registration of irrigated plots that the Company can reasonably be expected to accept it; this must be the first step to doing away with the double measurement—and the inquiries heretofore necessary—by the Company's servants into shares and divisions; in fact, we must do our Revenue work ourselves before we can expect the Company to abandon what has hitherto been the only check upon the Curnams, the sole means of securing the canal revenue.

14. Whatever is done, I hope the proposed salary will not be reduced; it will be a life of constant travelling, involving considerable expense and of many temptations; Rupees 30 is the lowest sum likely to secure the services of men worth having.

True Copy.)

(Signed) A. L. LISTER,
Special Sub-Collector.

SUBMITTED for the early orders of Government.

2. Mr. Lister requests sanction for the entertainment of four Revenue Inspectors on Rupees 30 per mensem and four Peons on Rupees 6, total Rupees 144 per mensem, for employment on canal work in the Cuddapah District. In the Kurnool District he requires eight Special Revenue Inspectors and a similar number of Peons on the same rates of pay; but the Board have not yet received any communication from the Collector of Kurnool on the subject, though Mr. Lister's letter is dated 14th May last, and the Collector of Cuddapah has taken six weeks to send on the application. Seeing that the additional staff was required from the beginning of the current fasli, the delay is not creditable. The necessity for a special staff of Revenue Inspectors is clearly shown in Mr. Lister's letter, and the Board recommend that sanction be accorded as regards the number required for both districts. Mr. Lister recommends that the establishment be made permanent from the first, as it is likely to be required as long as the canal is in working; but the Board think that further experience of requirements must be gained before it is definitely decided to make a permanent addition to the existing Revenue establishment.

(A true Copy and extract.)

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

No. 280.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1878, No. 1,141.

Irrigation, No. 2.

THE Board of Revenue recommend for sanction a proposal made by the Special Sub-Collector, on duty connected with the Irrigation Company's Canal in the Kurnool and Cuddapah Districts, for the entertainment of a special staff of Revenue Inspectors and Peons, as noted below, for employment on canal work in those districts:—

Kurnool.		RS.
8 Revenue Inspectors, at Rs. 30	...	240
8 Peons, at Rs. 6	...	48
Total	...	288
Cuddapah		RS.
4 Revenue Inspectors, at Rs. 30	...	120
4 Peons, at Rs. 6	...	24
Total	...	144
Total cost per mensem for both districts		432

2. From the explanation submitted, the Government are satisfied as to the necessity for this agency in both districts, and sanction its employment for the period of one year as a tentative measure.

3. The Government note the Board's remark that no communication on the subject has as yet been received from the Acting Collector of Kurnool. That officer will be called upon for explanation of the apparent neglect.

4. This sanction will be reported to Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Accountant-General.

Exd. C. Howerth.

Revenue Inspectors and Peons for employ-
ment on Canal Works in the Karnool and Gad-
dapah Districts.—Sanctioning for the period
of one year a special staff of —, directing to
call upon the Acting Collector of Karnool for
explanation of the apparent neglect in the
non-submission of any communication on certain
subject, and resolving to report this sanction to
the Government of India.



Nos. 279, 280.

Dated 5th July 1878.
O.O., 22nd July 1878, No. 1141.

GOVT. OF 1878-81
REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

VER 5667/79
VER 8220/79

No 1141

Proceedings of the Madras Govt

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3048.

From Board of Revenue
Dated 13 July 1878.
FOR ORDERS.

Have been in for
some communication
with Mr. [unclear] on this
matter & [unclear]
that the estimate is revised
to both sides. Mr. [unclear]
for one year as a tenta-
tive measure = Rs 4,120

Not sanction as
proposed. Wish to good
economy for the [unclear]
we can [unclear] & both. The
has to pay for [unclear]
the [unclear]

a year -
Probs delay to
be made in
1877-78
tentatively, Jagu [unclear]

in the Karnool and Gad-
dapah districts, for
the entertainment of
a special staff

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the Government of India.

FOR ORDERS.

VER 566

VER 82

15-7-78
17-7-78

No 1141
Proceedings of the Madras Govt

22 July 1878

Read Procs of the
Board of Revenue dated
13 July 1878 No 1947, sub-
mitting for sanction Mr
Lester's proposal to employ
for Canal work a special
staff of Rev. Inspectors & Peons
in the Karnool & Madrasah
districts.

The Board of Revenue
recommends for sanction
a proposal made by
the Special Sub Collector
on duty connected with
the Irrigation
Company's Canal
in the Karnool and Ma-
drasah districts, for
the entertainment of
a special staff

of Revenue Inspectors

Plans, as noted below,
for employment on
canal work in these
districts -

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C No 30 - }
8 Plans C No 6 - 18
Total - 288

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4 Revenue Inspectors } 120
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Total for both districts. 432

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Note
The annual work
be Rs 5184. but the
entered in the Nov. Dec
W. Robinson's note is
Rs 4120.

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fact is very ~~apparent~~ neglect.

4. This sanction
will be reported to
Govt India -

Ind Copy to the Board of Revenue
14 October 1877. On 2 August
21 the B. W. Sept on 23 May
6 the Accountant General

Take for Secy's Office
for this sanction to be reported
to the Govt India in continu-
ation of letter 14 Dec 1877
No 3389.

50
 sanctioning for
 inspection of
 work in the
 Taluk

Taluk

See Mr. D.
 of the 8th Aug. 1878
 Draft letter to
 Mr. D. 18/8

Special Subcollectors
 Office, Camp Cuddalore
 Dated 30 Aug 1878.

N^o 140.

From

The Special Subcollector
 Murud and Cuddalore

To The Collector of
 Cuddalore.

Sir

I have the honor
 to request that sanction
 may be obtained for the
 employment of four Reve-
 nue Inspectors on 30 Rupees
 each and of four persons
 on Six Rupees each from
 the first July; two to be posted
 in the Cuddalore Taluk
 and

and two in the Probstone
Daley.

I enclose a copy
of my letter to the Collector
of Kasmool on the subject

Shamgee
J.P. / et. L. Riker
Special Sub Collector

True Copy /

W. H. Riker
Agent

114/8

Special Sub-collector's Office
Camp Dhoot 14th May 1878

No 105

From

The Special Sub-collector
Kurnool & Cuddapah.

To

The A.C. Collector of Kurnool.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that sanction may be obtained for the employment of the following establishment for Kurnool District from the 1st July.

2. It would perhaps have been preferable to have submitted this application with a General report upon the special duty assigned to me, but it is impossible for me to write that report, before the Settlement is over, this will last until the end of June; and these Additional Revenue Inspectors should enter upon their duties

in

Enclosure in Order
revenue of the A.C.
of the Government, to the
Secretary to Government
B.C. dated 15th May
1878 No. 1947.

Recd 30th 8/78

For 22 July 1878

in July, the commencement of the Revenue year, and when water is expected in the Canal.

3. I apply for eight Revenue Inspectors on Rs 30 a month and eight peons on Rs 6 to be posted as follows. One Revenue Inspector in Raichur, ^{one in Haidkuntla} and one in Haidkuntla, and two in each of the Taluqs of Nandikotkur, Nandial & Sinswat.

4. The three Special Revenue Inspectors who were appointed this year have been of very little use, all the irrigation villages in the Taluq were assigned to them although it was a physical impossibility, as the Tahsildar of Nandikotkur reported, for them to do the work; they were all Taluq Gornastars with no special qualifications for the post.

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I have &c
Capt A. L. Sikes
Special Subcollector
Trenton City - I.

Capt A. L. Sikes
Special Subcollector.

Capt A. L. Sikes
Special Subcollector.

W. H. Sikes
Secretary.

Revenue Department

No. 1947

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 13th July 1898

Read the following

No. 395

From,

M. D. Araleay Esq.
Collector of Cuddapah

To,

C. A. Galton Esq.
Ag. Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the orders of the Board of Revenue the enclosed letter from the Special Sub Collector in charge of Canal affairs proposing that 4 additional Revenue Inspectors should be appointed in this District to work in the Taluks of Jammalamadugu, Proddatur and Cuddapah to look after the Canal work in villages irrigated by the Canal. I am strongly in favor of this proposal as the Inspectors are to be employed in connection.

Enclosure in Pro-
ceedings of the Board
of Revenue to the
Ag. Secy. Government
No. 395 dated 13th
July 1898 No. 1947.
No 1947/1901
40-13-1901-1898

connection with canal work alone. The present system of having one set of Inspectors for Govt and Canal work does not answer, as so many demands are made upon the Inspectors at one time by two sets of masters that in the end everything is left imperfectly finished and no one is satisfied. Moreover the distribution of water will be better regulated with an Inspector to look after it and some check will be placed upon the rapacity of bankers and the frauds of the ryots. The number of villages in these Taluks under the influence of the Canal is

Jammalmadeju	7
Quddatur	29
Cuddapah	20

and the cost of 4 Inspectors and 4 peons will be Rs. 1444 a month. I beg that the enclosures may be returned.

I have &c

Cuddapah Collector's Office
Camp Horsley Nonda
6th July 1878

Signed M. D. Horsley
Collector

Submitted for the early orders of

of Government.

2. Mr. Dickson requests sanction for the entertainment of 4 Revenue Inspectors on Rs 30 per mensem and 4 peons on Rs. 6, total Rs 1444 per mensem, for employment on canal work in the Cuddapah district. In the Kurnool District he requires 8 special Revenue Inspectors and a similar number of peons on the same rates of pay, but the Board have not yet received any communication from the Collector of Kurnool on the subject, though Mr. Dickson's letter is dated 14 May last, and the Collector of Cuddapah has taken six weeks to send on the application. Seeing that the additional staff was required from the beginning of the current Fasli the delay is not creditable. The necessity for a special staff of Revenue Inspectors is clearly shown in Mr. Dickson's letter and the Board recommend that sanction be accorded as regards the number required for

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Revenue Establishments.

(True Copy & Extract)

W. L. Lister
Ag. Secretary

To

The Secretary to
Government R.D.
with copies of 2 enclosures.

Revenue 1898 Report

No 3048.

Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

DD. 1141-23 July 1898

Sept 13 July 1898.

Recd 18th Dec 98

Submitting for the early

order of Govt. With from

the Director of Land Revenue

with Director's proposals

to undertake 4 additional

New districts & second to

look after the same Districts

in certain Districts of the District

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