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17th August 1878, No. 1,319.

Read the following paper :—

No. 216. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd May 1878, No. 1,166.

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X	216	1	6	1	4	..	..	3	5½	3	4	..	..	92
XI	180	1	6	1	4	..	..	2	5	2	3½	..	..	169
XII	144	1	5	1	4	..	..	2	4	2	3	..	..	389
XIII	108	1	5	1	3	..	..	2	3½	2	2½	..	..	
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60	10	0	0	8	10	0	0
51	9	0	0	17	9	0	0
81	8	0	0	19	8	0	0
77	7	0	0	29	7	0	0
117	6	0	0	74	6	0	0
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...	...			252	3	0	0
...	...			889	2	0	0
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17	4 0 0	...	...
91	3 and under.	27	4 0 0
477	...	14	3 0 0
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195	4 0 0	24	3 8 0
335	3 0 0	120	3 0 0
792	2 0 0	128	2 8 0
2,420	1 and under.	559	2 0 0
81	...	2,080	1 0 0
4,134	4 11 0	2,959	1 6 0

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2	3 0 0	8	3 0 0
101	2 and under.	6	2 0 0
103	0 6 0	14	2 9 0

IN the foregoing letter, Mr. Puckle submits a scheme for the revision of village establishments throughout the whole of the Chingleput District; the scheme is exactly in accordance with those accepted by Government for Salem and Tinnevelly, the principle being a graduation of the staff according to the proceeds of the Village Service Cess, the assets being supplemented in the poorer villages from the General Fund. The opportunity is taken to revise the scheme approved in G.O., dated 2nd

September 1875, No. 1,318, for sixty-nine villages of the Sydapet Taluq so as to bring it into conformity with the proposals for the rest of the district.

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Ponneri, Sydapet, Chingleput, and Trivellore.

	As per Revenue Accounts.		As per Settlement.		Difference.	
	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Rupees.
		RS.		RS.		RS.
Trivellore	87,846	2,28,370	98,795	2,36,753	+ 10,949	+ 13,388
Chingleput ...	62,128	1,71,188	66,569	1,74,487	+ 4,441	+ 3,299

3. There are 1,463 villages by survey, of which 32 are uninhabited and 122 yield less than Rupees 20 each. These villages with three exceptions have not been provided with separate establishments; the proposals relate therefore to 1,312 villages only. The total assets amount to Rupees 1,43,389, of which Rupees 98,047 is the sum realized by the cess and the remainder the proceeds of enfanchisement of Service Maniams. The average assets per village are only Rupees 10½ which is low as compared with Tinnevelly and Kistna. A large number of village servants will be thrown out as shown by the marginal figures, but this is unavoidable if proper remuneration is to be provided for those retained out of the limited means at disposal. In his Settlement Report for the principal division of this district, Mr. Banbury pointed out that the position in respect to the Village Service Cess is peculiar, and that whereas in other districts the introduction of the Act has greatly augmented the remuneration of the village servants, in Chingleput the existing fees are so liberal that the present emoluments will be considerably reduced by the change. He includes in the assets a sum of Rupees 11,111 as now paid by the State in the principal division, but Mr. Puckle has not taken credit for any contribution by Government. The omission should be explained. The rates of monthly salary proposed range as shown below :—

Class.	Existing number.	Number proposed.
Curnams	1,222	854
Munsifs	1,477	1,312
Monegars	628	57
Taliaries	2,209	1,445
Vetties	1,925	1,514
Nirganties	103	14

Class.	Maximum.	Minimum.
	RS.	RS.
Curnams	14	3
Munsifs	9	2
Monegars	5	3
Taliaries and Vetties	4	1
Nirganties	3	2

The scale of establishment ranges from Rupees 720 per annum in the richest villages to Rupees 34 in the poorest; the salaries provided in the two lowest groups

are exceedingly small, and the Board trust that in introducing the scheme it may be found possible to improve the condition of the servants in those groups.

4. Adjacent villages have been grouped to form Curnams' charges; a large number will be thrown out of employ, and the Board think it might be preferable to reduce the salaries provided in the higher classes and devote the saving to the remuneration of some of those whom it is proposed to dispense with. This can only be done, however, where the staff is partly provided from the General Fund, and it may be that in the highest classes the cess suffices to cover the whole pay of the establishment, in which case nothing would be gained by reduction as the cess cannot be spent elsewhere.

5. It seems that in one village the proceeds of the cess are in excess of the sum which can profitably be utilized for the payment of an establishment, and Mr. Puckle suggests that the Collector should devise some method of spending the surplus within the limits of the village. The Board observe, however, that the proceeds of the cess are restricted by law "to the payment of village servants employed on Revenue and Police duties within the village or group of villages or township in which such cess is imposed." There is no alternative but to reduce the rate of the cess.

6. With reference to paragraph 16, the Board observe that residence of village officers within the limits of their villages should be insisted upon as an essential condition of retention of office.

7. Mr. Puckle requests that sanction may be obtained for the imposition of the cess at one anna per Rupee of assessment throughout the Chingleput District from 1st July next. He states that the cess has not yet been collected, but the Board observe that the requisite notification was issued for the levy thereof in the sixty-nine villages of Sydapet separately treated (G.O., dated 28th February 1876, No. 294,) and that the Collector reported that it had been entered in the puttas for Fasli 1285. The Board recommend the extension of the Act to the rest of the district from the date mentioned.

8. With these remarks, the scheme will be submitted for the early orders of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 217. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1878, No. 1,319.

Land Revenue, No. 13.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council accepts, with the following remarks, the revision of village establishments in the Chingleput District reported on in the papers recorded above.

2. The Director was right in bringing into conformity with his present proposals the revision of the establishments of the sixty-nine villages in Sydapet Taluk sanctioned in G.O., 2nd September 1875, No. 1,318, Revenue Department, inasmuch as that did not provide separate Munsifs, Taligries, and Vettios for each inhabited village.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
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103	0 6 0	14	2 9 0

In the foregoing letter, Mr. Puckle submits a scheme for the revision of village establishments throughout the whole of the Chingleput District; the scheme is exactly in accordance with those accepted by Government for Salem and Tinnevelly, the principle being a graduation of the staff according to the proceeds of the Village Service Cess, the assets being supplemented in the poorer villages from the General Fund. The opportunity is taken to revise the scheme approved in G.O., dated 2nd September 1875, No. 1,318, for sixty-nine villages of the Sydapet Taluq so as to bring it into conformity with the proposals for the rest of the district.

2. Although only four out of the six taluqs have been settled up to date, the settlement of the two remaining taluqs will be completed within the current fasli, and the scheme has therefore been prepared for the whole district. Mr. Puckle's calculations are based on settlement actuals for Ponneri and Sydapet only, whilst for Chingleput and Trivellore he has taken the Jamabandi figures of Fasli 1285 as the basis of calculation. The Board have ascertained that the settlement actuals for these two taluqs were not received in the Settlement office till the end of March, and as Mr. Puckle was anxious to submit the scheme before leaving India, the Jamabandi figures for these two taluqs, as also for Conjeveram and Madrantacum, were adopted. These approximate so closely to the settlement actuals as to warrant there being accepted as a reliable basis. As shown in the marginally noted figures, and as regards the two unsettled taluqs, Conjeveram and Madrantacum, the Board think that in consideration of Mr. Puckle's intimate acquaintance with the revenue conditions of the district and his wide experience in dealing with such questions his assurance that the introduction of the settlement rates will involve an almost inappreciable modification of the proposals now submitted may safely be accepted.

Ponneri, Sydapet, Chingleput, and Trivellore.

	As per Revenue Accounts.		As per Settlement.		Difference.	
	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Assessment.	Acres.	Rupees.
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Trivellore ...	87,846	2,23,370	98,795	2,36,758	+ 10,949	+ 13,388
Chingleput ...	62,128	1,71,188	66,569	1,74,467	+ 4,441	+ 3,279

3. There are 1,463 villages by survey, of which 32 are uninhabited and 122 yield less than Rupees 20 each. These villages with three exceptions have not been provided with separate establishments; the proposals relate therefore to 1,312 villages only. The total assets amount to Rupees 1,43,289, of which Rupees 98,047 is the sum realized by the cess and the remainder the proceeds of enfanchisement of Service

Maniams. The average assets per village are only Rupees 10?, which is low as compared with Tinnevelly and Kistna. A large number of village servants will be thrown out as shown by the marginal figures, but this is unavoidable if proper remuneration is to be provided for those retained out of the limited means at disposal. In his Settlement Report for the principal division of this district, Mr. Baubury pointed out that the position in respect to the Village Service Cess is peculiar, and that whereas in other districts the introduction of the Act has greatly augmented the remuneration of the village servants, in Chingleput the existing fees are so liberal that the present emoluments will be considerably reduced by the change. He includes in the assets a sum of Rupees 11,111 as now paid by the State in the principal division, but Mr. Puckle has not taken credit for any contribution by Government. The omission should be explained. The rates of monthly salary proposed range as shown below :—

Class.	Existing number.	Number proposed.
Curnams	1,222	854
Munsifs	1,477	1,312
Monegars	628	57
Taliaries	2,209	1,445
Vetties	1,925	1,514
Nirganties	103	14

Class.	Maximum.	Minimum.
	Rs.	Rs.
Curnams	14	3
Munsifs	9	2
Monegars	5	3
Taliaries and Vetties	4	1
Nirganties	3	2

The scale of establishment ranges from Rupees 720 per annum in the richest villages to Rupees 84 in the poorest; the salaries provided in the two lowest groups are exceedingly small, and the Board trust that in introducing the scheme it may be found possible to improve the condition of the servants in those groups.

4. Adjacent villages have been grouped to form Curnams' charges; a large number will be thrown out of employ, and the Board think it might be preferable to reduce the salaries provided in the higher classes and devote the saving to the remuneration of some of those whom it is proposed to dispense with. This can only be done, however, where the staff is partly provided from the General Fund, and it may be that in the highest classes the cess suffices to cover the whole pay of the establishment, in which case nothing would be gained by reduction as the cess cannot be spent elsewhere.

5. It seems that in one village the proceeds of the cess are in excess of the sum which can profitably be utilized for the payment of an establishment, and Mr. Puckle suggests that the Collector should devise some method of spending the surplus within the limits of the village. The Board observe, however, that the proceeds of the cess are restricted by law "to the payment of village servants employed on Revenue and Police duties within the village or group of villages or township in which such cess is imposed." There is no alternative but to reduce the rate of the cess.

6. With reference to paragraph 16, the Board observe that residence of village officers within the limits of their villages should be insisted upon as an essential condition of retention of office.

7. Mr. Puckle requests that sanction may be obtained for the imposition of the cess at one anna per Rupee of assessment throughout the Chingleput District from 1st July next. He states that the cess has not yet been collected, but the Board observe that the requisite notification was issued for the levy thereof in the sixty-nine villages of Sydapet separately treated (G.O., dated 28th February 1876, No. 294,) and that the Collector reported that it had been entered in the puttas for Fasli 1285. The Board recommend the extension of the Act to the rest of the district from the date mentioned.

8. With these remarks, the scheme will be submitted for the early orders of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Director of Revenue Settlement.
" Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

C. N. 2187 of 1878. Revenue Department

Board's Proc. 2nd May 1878 No. 1166
submitting for orders the Scheme
for the revision of Village Establish-
ments in Chingleput District.

For orders.

Read the Settlement
Subject & pass the pro-
cession as per the
Draft written Para
herewith Dated 4/5

G.O. 1318 of 2nd Sept. 1875.

Right

With the foregoing Proceedings, the
Board submit for Govt's sanction
for the revision of Village Establish-
ments in Chingleput District.

2. The establishments of 69
Villages in Sydapet Taluk were
revised in 1875, and that revision
also is comprised in the present scheme
with a view to modify and bring it
into conformity with the proposals
for the rest of the District. Under
G.O 28th February 1876 No. 294, the
Cess was entered in the Pattahs
for Fasli 1285 for those 69 Villages,
and the Board recommend the
extension of the Act to the rest of the

1878.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 2ND MAY 1878, No. 1,166.

Read 29th April 1878

Encl.

Received 2nd May 1878

MAY.
No. 1,166.

Revision of Village Establishments— in Chingleput District. — Submitting for orders of Government scheme proposed by Director of Revenue Settlement for —, and recommending the extension of the Village Cess Act to the whole of the district from 1st July 1878.

District from 1st July next.

3. In the scheme, there is nothing new requiring special orders, and "it is" the Board observe, "exactly in accordance with those accepted by Government for Salem and Tuinerelly, the principle being a graduation of the staff according to the proceeds of the Village Service Fees, the assets being supplemented in the poorer villages from the General Fund."

4. The District Consists of 6 Talukhs of which 4 have been settled and two will be settled before 30th June 1878. Mr Buckle's Calculations are based on the Settlement actuals for 2 Talukhs, and on the Jamabandi figures of F. 71285 for the rest. The Board are satisfied that the latter "approximate so closely to the Settlement actuals as to warrant them being accepted as a reliable basis."

5. The District Consists of 1463 villages by survey, of which 32 are uninhabited and 119 are too small to have separate establishments. The total assets amount to 1,43,389 Rupees, giving an average 109 rupees to each village to be provided for. The average is

	No
1 Salem	112
2 Tuinerelly	265
3 Kistna	315

The best village, in climate but is to have an establishment of 720 Rs, and the worst one having Rs 84.

6. In Calculating the assets, Mr Buckle has, the the Board observe, "not taken credit for any contribution from Government", which amounts to Rs 11,111, and they have called for explanation. If this amount is to be included in the assets, the position of some of the village servants can be bettered. The pay proposed to be given them is shown in the margin. It would appear from

Note

× 3 other villages, though small, are provided with separate establishments in consideration of their importance. They are
1 Byd apet Cuddapah
2 Palaverum
3 Pulicat

No village is too small to pay all it really needs.

Sd Jay. The Govt. do not consider the moderate amount required (Such villages will be met (in cases of that many of them have a Manager-at least provided.

Sd to Mr Buckle to approve the Genl Fund (enfranchised Inams) contributions being made available for this purpose. Also increase the pay of the Servants of poorer villages —

Quite so — Mr Buckle to be informed.

Mr Cowasjee.

× To the adder to the General Fund.

× This sum had reference to the Govt contribution in the 3 Talukhs of the Principal Division — the part of the District then under Fort St George.

G.O. 24 Feb (75)

	Max —	Min.
Curnums	14 —	3
Tunnisdhs	9 —	2
Monegars	5 —	3
Talianies & Vettees	4 —	1
Nirgunties.	3 —	2

the table given in paragraph
11 of Mr Buckle's report, of 5 Cowries
have been hitherto receiving monthly
emoluments ranging between 15 & 39 rupees
and the maximum amount has been
fixed being only 14 rupees in
5 cases.

12. In a village called Ketra-
-mallur, the cess at one anna
is greater than can be utilized
for the payment of a 1st class
establishment. Mr Buckle suggests
that the Collector should devise
means to spend the excess within
the village, but the Board point
out that the proceeds of the
cess are restricted by law "to the
payment of village servants employed
on Revenue and Police duties within
the village or group of villages
or townships in which such cess
is imposed," and that therefore
"there is no alternative but to
reduce the rate of the cess." It is not stated however what rate of cess should be adopted. The Board have lately (1st & 2nd May 1878 vide Pro recorded in G.O. 4 Feb 1875 No 295.

13. In para 6 the Board refer
to the question of insisting upon

suggested an alteration in the law and practice as to principles of levy.

village Servants [illegible] within
the limits of their villages, as
it would appear from para 16 of
Mr Buckle's letter that this
is not the case at present in many
villages.

14. The Board request early orders

15. Neither Mr Buckle
nor the Board allude
to the difficulties an-
ticipated by the Board
in 1874 in revising the
Chingleput village esta-
blishments. The figures
then given had, however,
reference to half of the
District only - viz the
3 Talucks of the Princi-
pal Division - but it
was pointed out that
the assets would be insuf-
ficient without supp
plemental aid from
Govt.

Rates and the lowest
average pay which can be
given to Cowries is Rs
5 — Mr Buckle's ave-
rage is 4-11-0 and
out of 854 Cowries
765 are to be paid
under 7 Rupees —

the Village Servant law
is right & more than the
Village can pay at the pre-
sent Rate. There is no
alternative but to
reduce the Rate of
Cess 2 6

with regard to the work
to make villagers do not
more than 6 hours work
a day Cowries a day

there is no work

It was also pointed out (para 37) that it w[oul]d be necessary to open consideration to present incumbents and continue to them for life the large stipends they had been receiving. There is no provision for this in the present scheme.

The Board then thought (para 38) that Rs 1,15,000 w[oul]d only just suffice for the village establishments of 3 Talukas. Now Rs 1,43,389 will do for 6 Talukas!

[illegible]

I w[oul]d accept the Bd.'s recom[mendatio]n expressing the hope that means may gradually be provided for improving the Estab[lishmen]t & adding to the allow[ance]s. [illegible] regarding the contrib[utio]n during the [illegible] of the Board. [illegible] 1st April [illegible]. [illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

C No. 2187 of 1876

Memo for orders.

Regarding revision of village establishments in Chingleput

— Several dist[ric]ts have been settled & no pensions for them drones have been provided. Their claims have been enfranchised at 5/8 only. The bal[ance] pro[vide] orders for many.

Abundant for the work we do not employ the whole time of the village officers

[illegible] that [illegible] is due in the [illegible] amt. is due in the [illegible] "Barnard's Treatise" [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] village [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] to the Board. [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] village [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as regards the difficulties as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

without separate establishment

1319/11

+ without any separate officer — with have [illegible] the principle of village officers — I would require it —

I think explanation as to the Govt contribution sh[oul]d have been given with the papers

I do not very clearly see how the present incumbents can be deprived of the emoluments they now receive —

[illegible] 13/7.

Revenue Department

No 1319

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 17 August 1878

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue dated 2nd May

1878 No 1166

His Grace the Governor

in Council has, with

the following remarks, the

revision of Village Estab-

lishments in the Chingleput

District reported on in the

papers recorded above.

2. The Director was right

in bringing into conformity

with his present proposals,

the revision of the Estab-

lishments of the 69 villages

in Sydapet Taluk sanctioned

in G.O. 2nd Sept. 1875 No 1318 R.D.

misconceived

inasmuch as that did not provide separate Munsifs, Salaries and Vatties for each inhabited village.

3. Mr Packle states that the Seuria Cess "has not yet been collected" and suggests that it may be levied throughout the District at one anna per Rupee of assessment from 1st July 1898. The Board point out however that the requisite notification for its levy in the 69 villages referred to has already been received and that the Cess had been entered in the ryots Pattas for Fasli 1285. They consequently recommend the extension of the Act to the rest of the District from

G.O. 28 February 1894

from the date mentioned.

His Grace the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the Board's proposal.

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, the Govt accept the basis of calculation adopted by Mr Packle in regard to the assets of Chengalpat, Trivellore, Conjeveram & Madrantacum Compound Salukes.

5. The Board observe that credit has not been taken for any contribution to Government amounting in the three Salukes of the Municipal Divisions alone to Rs 11,111 - and the Governor in Council presumes that a corresponding amount is due in the sub divisions

division also. "Barnard's Tarapadi" account shows for every village the Govt share due, and this must be scrupulously credited to the Fund. The cause of this omission should have been explained.

6. In the village of Uttamalliur where the [illegible] cess at one anna is stated to be in excess of requirements it should be reduced as suggested in paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings and the rate reported so that it may be specified in the notification extending the Act.

7. The condition of residence specified in paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings is of course essential for retention of office.

8. The Government hope that means may gradually be provided for improving the establishments. No doubt, as the Revenue improves, the General Fund (Contract on enfranchised Inams) will be relieved substantially and become available for other village purposes such as increasing the pay of the servants or the powers of villages.

14 Feb Board's Proc dt 25 Aug
2b Do dt 9 Oct
4 Both recommended

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