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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

28th August 1878, No. 1,374.

Read the following paper :—

No. 327. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th August 1878, No. 2,245.

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(3). No division or minor circuit stones are to be found on the ground.
(4). No field marks of any kind can be seen.
(5). The original demarcation was carried out by clubbing of fields without reference to extent.
(6). There are no proper Pymaish accounts for these villages, and the demarcation appears to have been performed according to possession of that time.
(7). The land as held now on puttah does not in many instances agree with the former possession.
(8). Fields have been in many cases demarcated in arbitrary blocks, large bends having been omitted.
(9). Dry land has been converted into wet.
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4. The maps, as they stand at present, would be of little use to the Settlement Officers.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. Under the circumstances stated there seems to be no alternative but to survey the whole tank.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 228.

ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1878, No. 1,374.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED accordingly.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

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No. 2,245.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. Under the circumstances stated there seems to be no alternative but to survey the whole taluk.

(A true copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 13th October 1877, No. 4,731.

Copy to the Collector of South Arcot.

" " Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. G. Freeman.

1878.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated 15th *August.*

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PROCEEDINGS, 12TH AUGUST 1878, No. 2,245.

AUGUST.

No. 2,245.

Village of Cuddalore Taluk, South Arcot District — which were experimentally surveyed by Colonel Priestley in 1853.—Submitting to Government letter from Superintendent of Revenue Survey recommending that the — should be redemarcated and resurveyed in accordance with the present system.

No. 4,731.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th October 1877.

Read the following letter from Major A. DEC. SCOTT, R.E., Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 2nd October 1877, No. 3,023-111 :—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I propose to take up the demarcation and survey of the Villapuram Taluq of the South Arcot District as soon as it becomes necessary to draft men from Tindivanam (in which No. V Party is at present at work) in consequence of the closing there of the operations referred to.

2. The Collector recommends that Villapuram should be taken up next in order to Tindivanam, and I understand from Mr. Beaumont that the effects of the famine have not been so severely felt in the former as in the other taluqs of the district.

I request that I may be informed whether the Board see any objection to the course suggested.

3. The Deputy Superintendent of No. V states that in Kullakurchi and Tirunamalai the distress is severe, but in order to provide work for the Field Surveyors and Demarcators of No. I Party, who will be available whether on the completion of the Collegal Taluq or on their retransfer from famine duty, it is necessary that a taluq in South Arcot, in addition to Villapuram, should be entered on shortly. I should be glad to receive information as to the wishes of the Board on this subject.

They will observe from the enclosed letter received [illegible] eye sketches, which has just been completed after nearly a year's labor of a Sub-Assistant, does not provide an area ready for Demarcators as was anticipated.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. SEWELL, Esq., Political Agent of Puducottah, to Major A. DEC. SCOTT, R.E., Acting Superintendent, Revenue Survey, dated Trichinopoly, 25th August 1877, No. 205.

WITH reference to your letter, dated 17th instant, No. 2,522-776, I have the honor to state that I regret to inform you that the state of season is so bad in Puducottah and the revenue so seriously impaired that it is out of the question at present to provide funds sufficient for the prosecution of the survey on the scale originally contemplated. After the preliminary work is completed the matter must stand over for a more favorable time. I regret the necessity for this greatly, but it is unavoidable.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. DEC. SCOTT, Major, R.E.,
Ag. Superintendent, Revenue Survey.

THE Superintendent of Revenue Survey should take up the Villapuram Taluq and that part of the Cuddalore Taluq which has not been already surveyed before proceeding further inland; by the time that the Coast taluqs are finished the famine will have probably ceased.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

To the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
Copy to the Collector of South Arcot, with copy of enclosure.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

1877.

Board of Revenue

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 18TH OCTOBER 1877, No. 4,7

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No. 4,731.

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