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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th November 1878, No. 1,912.

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THE Board approve the Collector's proposals, and the sanction of Government will be solicited for the entertainment of the temporary establishment required for four months from the commencement of next official year; the cost will amount to Rupees 600.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 343. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1878, No. 1,912.

Miscellaneous.

SANCTIONED as recommended.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant-General.

Fxd. J. W. Fischer.

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Govt. of [1878] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 25th.

Printed 28th.

Read.

Recd.

Statements connected with the survey of certain divisions of the Town of Madras.—Sanctioning the entertainment of a temporary establishment for the preparation of — as recommended by the Board of Revenue.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 342-343.

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No. 683.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th March 1878.

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 13th February 1878, No. 52:—

WITH reference to paragraph 5 of my letter, No. 108, dated 28th March 1876, in which I informed the Board that the Deputy Collector of Madras promised to send in shortly the reports on the survey of the marginally-noted divisions of the town, I have the honor to submit, for the Board's consideration, the following observations.

Black Town.	Perambore.
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2. The survey of Madras was commenced in 1854 and was completed in 1864. For the purposes of the survey the town was divided into eight divisions—Black Town (including Peddoo Naick's Pettah and Muthialpettah), Tondiarpettah, Pursewalkum (including Vepery), Perambore (including Veyasurpaudy), Egmore (including Kilpauk and Chetput), St. Thomé, Nungumbaukum, and Triplicane. Reports on the results of the survey of the last four divisions showing the assessable area brought to light by the survey and the additional quit-rent levied thereon were prepared with the aid of the establishment specially entertained for the survey work and submitted to Government, whose orders on the subject are contained in the papers marginally noted.

G.O., No. 788, dated 6th August 1857.
" " 1,648, " 21st May 1858.
" " 436, " 21st March 1860.
" " 1,416, " 30th July 1863.

3. It would appear that about the middle of 1864 an attempt was made to prepare the reports for the remaining four divisions, and for this purpose petitions presented during the time of the survey by owners of certain pieces of land in those divisions claiming exemption of their land from quit-rent were submitted by the Deputy Collector of Madras to the then Collector of the district,* Mr. Fane, for his orders. No action appears to have been taken by Mr. Fane or his successors in the matter, and there are no papers on record to show why no orders were passed on the papers submitted. It is probable that action was deemed unnecessary with reference to the Orders quoted in the margin, in which it is directed that reports on the survey of the four divisions referred to were to be submitted, not by the Collector of Madras, but by the Director of Revenue Settlement and the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

* Madras then formed part of the Chingleput District.

Board's Proceedings, No. 181, dated 13th January 1860 (*vide* paragraph 10).
G.O., No. 436, dated 21st March 1860.

4. In October 1870, soon after Madras was constituted a separate Collectorate, the papers forwarded to Mr. Fane in 1864 were returned to this office by the then Collector of Chingleput, Mr. W. T. Blair; they were then returned to the Deputy Collector of Madras, who was asked to examine and report how far the existing circumstances of the land accorded with those recorded in the survey registers. Deputy-Collector Ragoonath Row passed orders on the several claims brought forward, but no further action seems to have been taken either by him or his successors.

5. In Board's Proceedings, No. 113, dated the 20th January 1875, the Board remarked that the report on the results of the survey of some divisions has not yet been submitted and requested the Collector to report what was being done in the matter. The Deputy Collector, to whom the paper was referred for report, promised in February 1876 to submit the reports shortly, and this was duly communicated to the Board in my letter, No. 108, dated 28th March 1876, as already stated. Reminders were sent to that officer to expedite the submission of the promised reports, and after several promises of a speedy despatch a letter† has been now received in which it is stated that there are numerous difficulties in the work and that a special establishment (particulars of which are not given) is required to get through it.

† No. 79, dated 17th January 1878.

6. Since the completion of the survey changes have occurred in the holdings owing to the causes mentioned below. Land has been extensively taken for the Railway, several blocks have been made over to the Municipality for sewage farms, rubbish depôts, waterworks fountains and other public purposes, quit-rent certificates have been issued for land enjoyed rent free during the survey and entered accordingly in the survey registers, land on which quit-rent was formerly paid has been exempted from assessment under orders of Government as forming places of public worship or burial and burning-grounds, many pieces of land have been purchased by Government at auction sales for arrears of revenue, and quit-rent has been imposed on land that formerly escaped assessment. Not one of these changes has been recorded in the survey registers or plans, and, if a report on the results of the survey correct up to date is to be submitted, all these changes should first be brought to account. The labor involved is very great, and as the changes spread over upwards of thirteen years it is almost hopeless to secure trustworthy results from the investigation. Nothing but a resurvey can give accurate figures, and I would not recommend this course as the advantages to be gained thereby are not likely te compensate for the heavy cost which would be involved. Further, the number of cases in which assessment is actually escaped is probably very small. The Quit-rent Conicopillays know the land within their divisions which do not pay quit-rent and in all cases of doubt assessment is imposed, exemption being allowed only when the right to it is satisfactorily established.

7. The survey reports for the divisions already submitted only gave the results up to the date of the survey, and similar reports can, if desired, be forwarded for the divisions for which reports are due, but they will be of little practical use as they will merely show the state of things immediately after the survey, viz., thirteen years ago; subsequent alterations in holdings and occupations will not be shown.

8. Under these circumstances, I request to be informed whether the Board desire that reports should be furnished for the remaining divisions. There may be a delay of a few months in submitting these reports, and I am not sure that a petty establishment may not be wanted. I shall report on these points if required on receipt of the Board's orders asked for above.

The Board think that reports on the remaining divisions should be furnished. It is not necessary that the results of the survey correct *up to date* should be shown; this would be impossible without a resurvey, and the reports on the divisions already dealt with related merely to the state of things at the date of the survey; this will suffice for the remaining divisions. The increase of annual revenue brought to light in the divisions already reported upon was nearly Rupees 4,000, and, though it is possible that the number of cases in which assessment is actually escaped is very small, the reverse may be the case, and steps should be taken to ensure that every locality brought to light by the survey has been duly assessed or formally exempted. The reports should show the area discovered by means of the survey to be unassessed, the extent charged, that formally exempted and that remaining unidentified. It is not necessary to inquire into the subsequent history of numbers which have

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once been charged or formally exempted as there is not much risk of the assessment being evaded in such cases. If the Collector deems some assistance to the ordinary establishment requisite, he should apply for sanction.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Madras.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

Proceedings, 14th March 1878, No. 683.

Encl.

Received

MARCH.
No. 683.

Survey of certain Divisions of the Town of Madras.—Stating that reports on the — should be furnished, and issuing instructions to Collector on the subject.

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No. 2,938.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

The SECRETARY to GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated November 2nd.

Printed 9th.

Received

Proceedings, 2nd November 1878, No. 2,938.

Copy submitted.

NOVEMBER.
No. 2,938.

Establishment, Temporary — required for the preparation of statements connected with the survey of certain divisions of the Town of Madras.—Soliciting sanction of Government for the entertainment of the — from the commencement of next official year.