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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

11th April 1878, No. 575.

Read the following paper :—

No. 148. From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Singaperumal Covil, 18th March 1878, No. 576-7.

I FORWARD, for the information of Government, a Memorandum explaining the present position of settlement work and the measures proposed to ensure the completion of all the districts in the Presidency that it is proposed to settle by 1885.

2. There is nothing new in these proposals except the concentration of working parties, and that has been approved of in the Survey Department in G.O., No. 3,430, dated 21st December 1877. All that is needed is simply to maintain the present system of working and the rate of progress that has been already achieved under the peculiarly unfavorable circumstances of this year.

MEMORANDUM.

Chingleput.—There has been some correspondence with the Collector and Sub-Collector of Chingleput relative to the Jammabundy this year, and the Board have sanctioned the arrangement proposed, viz., that the Jammabundy of the Trivellore and Chingleput Taluqs should be made in April and that of the Madranticum and Conjeveram Taluqs in June, to allow of the settlement of the entire district being completed before the annual Jammabundy is made. There is nothing in this arrangement, however, to prevent officers in charge of settlement parties from making over the settlement records to the Tahsildar as each village is settled, and thereby facilitating the earliest possible preparation of the Jammabundy accounts of each village.

2. Every exertion will be made to finish the settlement of Madranticum and Conjeveram within the current fasli and with the detailed arrangements already made and the progress already secured in those taluqs. There will be no difficulty in this.

3. Acting Uncovenanted Assistant Ayavayengar has been working up the accounts of the Conjeveram Division of the Conjeveram Taluq, and Acting Supervisor Kistnasamy Ayengar those of the Utramellur Division of the Madranticum Taluq, now for some time past ; and it is proposed that Ayavayengar should settle the division in which he is working, and that Special Assistant Vencatacharri should settle the Utramellur Division, leaving the Streeperambadur Division of Conjeveram for Uncovenanted Assistant Vencata Row, and the Madranticum Division of Madranticum for Uncovenanted Assistant Rungacharri ; and these four officers with their parties will be in these two taluqs before the 1st April. Mr. Arundel will be available about that time for the general control of the work.

4. *Coimbatore.*—When Chingleput is finished the three Tamil parties will be transferred to Coimbatore, where, under the general control of Mr. Arundel, three taluqs should be allotted to each party, and work should commence from the north-

western frontier. Thus Vencatacharri's party may well take up the three river-side taluqs of Bhowany, Erode, and Caroor, commencing with Bhowany. Vencata Row's party may take up Udumalpetta, Dharapuram, and Palladam, while Rungacharri's party takes up Sattamangalam, Coimbatore, and Pollachy, commencing with Sattamangalam. The field classification will need thorough inspection, and it should be thrown into blocks as in Tinnevelly and Chingleput; but this can be done as the registration of each village is made, and the officers and men of the three Tamil parties are thoroughly well acquainted with this work.

5. *Ganjam.*—Mr. Spedding is unfortunate in being temporarily deprived of the services of his Sheristadar by sickness, just as he is about to commence the settlement of Chicacole, and it is impossible to find a substitute for three months. Mr. Spedding will, however, be able to complete the Chicacole Taluq by the end of the fasli and the Berhampore Taluq by the end of the calendar year, leaving the small portion of Gumsur that lies in the open country for completion before the end of next fasli. No separate scheme is needed for Gumsur as it will be sufficient to apply the lower rates sanctioned for Chicacole and Berhampore to such Gumsur villages as lie in the open country, the hill villages being excluded from settlement.

6. *Kurnool.*—The Cumbum and Markapur Taluqs of Kurnool will be finished by the end of this fasli, and this completes the Kurnool District. The North Arcot party employed in Kurnool should then join Mr. Cox, and assist him in the completion of the remaining taluqs of Cuddapah.

7. *Cuddapah.*—The Cuddapah, Jammalamadugu, Proddatur, Sidhout, and Budwail Taluqs are finished, and the remaining six taluqs will be disposed of by about the end of 1879.

8. *North Arcot.*—In the mean time Mr. Rundall, aided by Uncovenanted Assistant Balaji Row, and a few selected hands, might prepare a scheme for the settlement of the Telugu taluqs of North Arcot; this scheme should be as brief as possible, and the grouping and table of rates should be so arranged as to admit of application hereafter to the Tamil taluqs of the same district without any further scheme.

9. *Tinnevelly.*—The Tinnevelly District is finished. Vencatacharri's party has been withdrawn, and Mr. Arundel will bring away the last of the hands early in April after aiding the Collector to arrange his records.

10. *Printing.*—The printing of registers for all districts has been brought up to date, and there are now no arrears. The despatch of the registers of the last two taluqs of Tinnevelly should be expedited, and the Chingleput registers should be printed as fast as written in diglott. Sidhout and Budwail are the only two Telugu taluqs in hand, and the registers of these should be printed before those of Cumbum and Markapur are sent to the Press. The printing of all the registers mentioned above can be finished by the end of the current calendar year.

11. *Estimate for* 1878-79.—On the whole, it is expected that eleven taluqs will be settled during the official year 1878-79, viz., Cumbum and Markapur in Kurnool, Pulivendla and Pullampet in Cuddapah, Conjeveram and Madranticum in Chingleput, Chicacole and Berhampore in Ganjam, and three taluqs in Coimbatore; if this is done, and if the printing is kept up to date, and schemes for the settlement of the Telugu taluqs of North Arcot and the sub-division taluqs of Cuddapah are submitted for sanction shortly, good work will have been done, and the estimated rate of progress necessary to ensure the completion of the Presidency in 1885 will have been fully maintained.

12. *Estimate for* 1879-80.—Experience shows that a settlement party working in the mode now adopted can complete a taluq in six months; and as proportionately more work is turned out by concentrating the parties than by scattering them over the Presidency, all needful arrangements have been made to concentrate the three Tamil parties on Coimbatore in July, and thus complete that district by the middle of 1880.

13. *Estimate for* 1880-81.—In the mean time Ganjam and Cuddapah will have been finished, so all six parties will be available for the settlement of North Arcot, which, at the liberal estimate of one and a-half taluqs for each party per annum will occupy them just one year. This allows for the three Tamil parties settling the five Tamil taluqs and the three Telugu parties the four Telugu taluqs.

14. *Estimate for* 1881-1884, *Telugu Parties.*—In the middle of 1881 the three Telugu parties can move into Bellary, the last district that they will have to settle, and four years will be quite sufficient for the settlement of that district. This brings us up to the middle of 1885, when there will be no more work for the Telugu parties.

15. *Estimate for* 1881—1884, *Tamil Parties.*—In the mean time the three Tamil parties, after leaving North Arcot, will have settled the six taluqs of Madura in two years or by the middle of 1883, and will take two years more to dispose of the eight unsettled taluqs of South Arcot. The Tamil parties will thus have completed their work also by the middle of 1885, and allowing a wide margin of six months for accident or miscalculation every thing, printing inclusive, ought to be finished by the end of 1885.

16. That this will be done I have no doubt, as during this famine year working with only five parties (the Ganjam party having done no settlement work) and these five parties being greatly weakened by the absence of most of the European officers and many of the Native subordinates, we have nevertheless settled eight taluqs and have printed the registers of no less than sixteen taluqs.

17. Reversing the above method of calculating future progress, there yet remain sixty taluqs to be settled, viz., two in Chingleput, two in Kurnool, six in Cuddapah, three in Ganjam, nine in Coimbatore, excluding Collegal, nine in North Arcot, fifteen in Bellary, six in Madura, and eight in South Arcot, excluding Chelambaram already settled, and these at only eight taluqs per annum, the rate attained in this famine year can be settled in seven years and a-half; this brings us up to the end of 1885.

18. I have consulted the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, and find that he will be able to furnish me with the village maps of each district in the order mentioned above by about the dates required.

19. The orders of Government are requested regarding the pay and employ of the Tinnevelly party; this party was formed under the sanction conveyed in G.O., No. 1,258, dated 9th June 1865, on a rather more liberal scale than the other settlement parties; it was intended to work under the Collector's orders, and did so work for the nine years that I was Collector. Since I have been removed to the post of Director of Revenue Settlement, this party has worked under my orders as Director, and the district has since been completed. The Tinnevelly party differs in organisation from other parties in being officered by an Additional Sub-Collector and a Special Assistant instead of by a Deputy Director and his two Assistants in the higher salaries given to Head Classifiers; and in the number of classifiers being fewer than in other parties. Altogether it does not cost more than any other settlement party, but as on leaving Tinnevelly the offices of Additional Sub-Collector and Special Assistant to the Collector of Tinnevelly will cease, new appointments, I conceive, must be found for Mr. Arundel and Vencata Chariar. I therefore suggest that the former be appointed as the Head Assistant Collector of a district, but to act as a Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in the place of Major Stuart now absent on furlough, and that the latter be appointed as an Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement, 1st grade, now vacant, but to act as a Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in the place of Mr. Rundall now absent on furlough.

The rest of the establishment may perhaps remain as at present, as a special case; they have done excellent service, and are without exception the most skilful and the best trained body of men in the department.

The orders of Government on this point are requested to take effect from the 1st April to allow of my closing the Tinnevelly accounts from the end of the current official year.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT furnished by the Superintendent of Revenue Survey showing probable Dates of completion of the several Districts in progress or not commenced as to Survey.

Coimbatore	November 1878.
Cuddapah	July 1879.
North Arcot	November „
Madura	September 1880.
South Arcot	December 1882.
Bellary	March 1885.
Ganjam	„ 1879.

SINGAPERUMALCOVIL,
18th March 1878.

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
Director of Revenue Settlement.

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1878, No. 575.

Miscellaneous.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council has read with satisfaction the encouraging report and forecast which Mr. Puckle has submitted upon the progress of settlement work in the Presidency, and it is hoped for completion by the end of 1885. He relies upon Mr. Wilson maintaining the lines now laid down as far as possible.

2. Arrangements will be made in due course for the employment of the gazetted officers referred to in paragraph 19 of the Memorandum. No change need be made in the rates of pay granted to the Tinnevelly subordinate establishment on transfer to the districts.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of [1878] Madras.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated April 11th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 11th April 1878, No. 575.

APRIL.

Nos. 148-149.

Settlement Work and its Completion.—Expressing satisfaction in the encouraging report and forecast on — submitted by Mr. Puckle, and stating that arrangements will be made for employment of gazetted officers referred to in paragraph 19 of the Memorandum.