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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

29th April 1880, No. 499.

No. 286. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st April 1880, No. 436.

ABSTRACT:—Submitting for orders of Government letter from Acting First Member, Board of Revenue, in charge of Settlement Department, requesting permission to prepare a register of survey area held by individuals and names of actual Puttahdars, &c., of lands surveyed on the Nilgiris.

No. 287. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1880, No. 499.

Land Revenue, No. 6.

His Grace the Governor in Council approves Mr. Puckle's proposal for the preparation of registers and descriptive memoirs for the lands on the Nilgiri Hills which have been surveyed. Funds can be provided from the source indicated.

2. The actual printing of these should not be undertaken until it has been decided what action is to be taken as to the revision of assessment.

3. This question will be referred to the Commissioner for early consideration and report, his attention being specially drawn to the extract from the District Manual which the Board have forwarded.

4. The facts to be recorded in the descriptive memoirs will doubtless throw light on the question of revision, and the Commissioner should be supplied with copies of these as completed for the purpose of reference.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with two enclosures.
„ the Commissioner of Nilgiris.

Exd. W. H. French.

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See to it that the
survey is completed

Board of Revenue
Nilgiris

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No. 436.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st April 1880.

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Acting First Member of the Board of Revenue, in charge of Settlement Department, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd March 1880, No. 748-10:—

The survey of the Nilgiris is now completed and village maps on the 16-inch scale are available. To turn this survey to account, it seems necessary to enter the lands and prepare the usual printed registers showing the survey number, situation, area, assessment and name of the occupant of every field, block or estate; the terms of favorable grants; the claim of Government to reserves, freehold, rights, &c., might also find place in the register, and if the usual descriptive memoir illustrated by a sketch, as shown in the accompanying specimen, is carefully prepared and amplified, the register may be made a valuable record, not only for Government officers but for land-owners and others.

2. I am not aware whether it is intended to take advantage of the completion of the survey to revise the assessment of putta lands on the Nilgiris, but even if the assessment remains as it is, a printed record of the survey areas held by individuals and the names of the actual Puttahdars would be valuable as a record, and enable the Commissioner to identify the holdings of the Native cultivators. I understand that Major Freeth, who conducted a great part of the survey, is likely to be in North Coimbatore for some little time to come. His local knowledge would thus be available in any difficult cases, and if the registry is taken in hand before the configuration of the ground differs very much from the survey maps, and before the establishment lately reduced is entirely scattered and gone, the work might be quickly done under my general instructions.

3. The saving effected by the abolition of an Assistant Director and his establishment—viz., Rs. 514 per mensem—would provide funds for the work. This saving was sanctioned in G.O., No. 2,180-A, dated 19th November 1879, but the money cannot be utilized according to the rules except under special sanction.

4. Orders on the subject are requested at an early date, as the reduced hands are seeking other employ from the end of the current month.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Specimen Survey and Settlement Register.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The necessity for a careful scrutiny of the land assessment of the Nilgiris is urged in Chapter XIII, Part I (a), of the District Manual. A proof sheet of the portion bearing on this subject is enclosed, and the Board are of opinion that the work, if undertaken, should be done as soon after the completion of the survey as possible.

(A true Copy and Extract).

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with one original enclosure and proof sheet of District Manual (pages 311 to 328) to be returned.

Copy to the Commissioner of Nilgiris.

" " Member, Board of Revenue, in charge of Settlement Department.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Revenue Department.
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No. 436
Proc of the Board
of Revenue.
Dated 7th April 1880.

Read the following letter
from R. M. Puckle Esq^r, Agt^r
Member of the Board of Revenue
In charge, Settlement Department,
to the Secretary to the Board of
Revenue dated 22nd March 1880 at
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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated April 1st.

Printed 7th.

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PROCEEDINGS, 1ST APRIL 1880, No. 436.

APRIL.
No. 436.

Lands on the Nilgiris.—Submitting for orders
of Government letter from Member, Board of
Revenue, in charge of Revenue Settlement De-
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printed registers showing survey numbers,
situation, area, &c., of—

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2. I am not aware whether
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of the completion of the survey

to revise the apportionment ¹⁸⁹⁹ of the
lands on the railroads but
even if the apportionment remains
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survey areas held by individuals
and the names of the actual
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series.

3. The saving effected
by the abolition of an Assistant
Director & his Establishment viz:-
Rs 574 per annum, would
provide funds for the work -
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Submitted for the
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(Encopy & Extract)

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Secretary

To the Secretary of Government
R. Q.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2007.

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From Revenue Board

Dated 1st April

1850, No. 436

FOR ORDERS.

Mr Buckle A. J. Member of
the Board in charge of the Revenue
Settlement Department requires

(1) Whether it is intended to
take advantage of the completion
of the Survey of the Nilgiri hills
to revise the assessment of
Pattali lands

(2) Even if the assessment
remains as it is, whether a
descriptive village-wise memoir
illustrated by a sketch, similar
to the enclosed specimen report,
showing the Survey number, situation,
area, assessment, occupation,
tenure of grant, claims of Govt.
to reserves &c, should not be
prepared, as it is done in all
settled districts.

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of results accounts
by survey on the
files is entirely
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I doubt the
indignificance.
Mr. Griggs remarks
certainly indicate
some questions.
but I doubt whether
there is any real
land life. It is known
right that the facts

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Mr. Puckle is of course in favor of ^{securing} ~~maintaining~~ a permanent record, such as that described above. He states that Major Drecth who conducted a great part of the Survey and who will be for a little time longer in North Colaba would be available for reference in any difficult cases and that it would be easy to get through the work if undertaken before the land marks are effaced or altered and the reduced establishments are scattered and gone.

As to funds, he anticipates no difficulty, as the savings effected by the abolition of Mr. Mayer and his establishment may be made available for the purpose by an order of Government.

In submitting Mr. Puckle's

Should be ascertained & I think we must defer the question of revising the assessment. On survey results & the Commr. for his opinion.

I have felt much confidence in Mr. Puckle's statement. But I certainly have no opinion that the rates adopted by Govt. are correct in the present state of the land for

a 3 or 4 years fallow or have resulted in

So 15th Nov 1877
No. 2180. I
In this G.O. Mr. Puckle's proposal to spend this saving in pushing on printing & registry was approved. It was not intended to keep it as a saving.

a very favorable note on letters for orders of the Board's holdings for land. The contrary may however have resulted. In reply on this point

* Proof enclosed

is likely to take some time to answer. I have seen the registers in the preparation of the assessment being completed before the necessary before

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before printing.
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The completion of the registration of the land in the district of the Nilgiris is quite an exceptional

remark "the necessity for a careful scrutiny of the land assessment of the Nilgiris is urged in Chapter XIII. Part I of the district manual" and that "the work, if undertaken, should be done as soon after the completion of the survey as possible".

As regards the 1st point - viz the revision of assessment, attention is solicited to the following remarks in a letter recently sent to the Government of India, on the subject of the probable increase of land Revenue by the revision of Settlement:-

"The other six districts it is not proposed to bring under a revision of assessment for reasons which are succinctly as follows:-
Nilgiris - is quite an exceptional

district - the soil very poor generally, and for planting purposes is settled under the Waste Land Rules."

Mr. Gigg's opinion, as expressed in his manual above adverted to, is at variance with this view; thus he says -

"There can be little doubt that the whole land question of the district requires thorough and systematic treatment, and it will probably be found, advisable, on completion of the Survey, to have a fresh settlement of the Country."

It is submitted that the grounds assigned by Mr. Gigg for a resettlement are worthy of much consideration.

FOR ORDERS.

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Revenue Department.

No. 199

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 29th April 1900

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue 1st April 1900 regarding revision of assessment in the district.

His Grace the Governor in Council approves the Board's proposal for the preparation of Registers and descriptive maps of the lands in the Telugu Taluk which have been surveyed - Funds can be provided from the source indicated.

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Yours

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