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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

3rd May 1880, No. 510.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS:—

No. 17. Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.
Revenue (Miscellaneous), INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
No. 10. 19th February 1880.

MY LORD DUKE.—I have considered in Council your Grace's letter, No. 35, Miscellaneous, dated 18th November 1879, giving cover to the Annual Report of the Survey Department of your Presidency for the year 1878-79, together with the reviews thereof of the Board of Revenue and of your Grace's Government.

2. I observe that of the 21 districts comprised in the Madras Presidency, all survey operations have been completed in 4, and Revenue Survey operations in 14. Of the total estimated area of these 21 districts, 141,429 square miles, 48,478 square miles have been completed by the Revenue, and 41,195 by the Topographical branch of the department, leaving 51,756 square miles for survey, either revenue or topographical.

3. During the year under report five survey parties were employed, of which one appears to have been engaged wholly, and the rest partially, on topographical work. The total strength of the department was 2,567 men, against 2,758 in the previous year, and, partly on account of this decrease, partly from the exceptionally unhealthy nature of the season, partly from the department having been called on for a good deal of special work, Canal, Municipal, and Forest Surveys, there is a falling off of work in most branches as compared with that of the two preceding years. The total expenditure of the department appears, however, to have been reduced in proportion, being Rs. 6,86,217 against Rs. 7,19,336 on the average of three previous years. In other respects the work of the department during the year under report appears to be satisfactory, and various improvements have been effected in it.

4. The Board of Revenue, however, point out that the Settlement work has almost overtaken that of the Revenue Survey, its necessary preliminary, and that there is risk of settlement operations being brought to a standstill in consequence. The facts adduced by the Board certainly show that this risk is not remote, and deserve the serious consideration of your Grace's Government. Against six settlement parties, four survey parties only are engaged, partially on Revenue Survey work. During the year under report, 1,159 square miles only were plotted in fields ready for settlement, while 2,790 square miles were brought under settlement. In each of the districts of Bellary, Madura, and South Arcot, one taluka only has as yet been completely prepared for settlement by the Survey, while it is intended to bring these districts under settlement between 1881 and 1883.

5. This question has not escaped the attention of your Grace's Government, but you appear to be of opinion that financial considerations will prevent the adoption of the measures desired by the Board of Revenue to obviate the inconvenience they anticipate. And I agree with your Grace's Government that, under present circumstances, no increase in the cost of the Survey Department is permissible.

6. I must, however, point out that, important as is the work of the Topographical branch of the Survey, it must be postponed to that of the Revenue branch. For any avoidable delay in the introduction of settlements must be carefully guarded against, both because of the waste of money in keeping the Settlement Department not fully employed; of the loss of the increase of revenue anticipated from the settlements; and of the postponement of the benefits to the agricultural classes of the settlement system. I request, therefore, that in determining

the scale on which the Survey and Settlement Departments are to be maintained, a matter now under your consideration, you will treat as the main object to be aimed at the early completion of settlement work, and, with this end, will direct the concentration of the entire strength of the Survey Department upon the revenue work of the three districts particularly referred to by the Board of Revenue.

7. I desire also to take this opportunity of urging upon your Grace's Government the advisability of vigorous and effectual measures to hasten the completion of settlement operations in your Presidency.

8. In connection with this subject, I beg to call your early attention to my letter of the 20th November 1879, No. 31, and to request an early reply.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) CRANBROOK.

To His Excellency the Most Noble
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

No. 18. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th April 1880, No. 455.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government letter from the Member, Board of Revenue, in charge of Revenue Settlement Department, stating that the settlement of certain districts in Madras Presidency will not be finished till 1894.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1880, No. 510.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government observe that the Board in their Proceedings of the 18th November last, No. 3,198, stated that they no longer anticipated delay on the part of the Survey Department in providing the Settlement Department with maps, and in October* the late Superintendent, Revenue Survey, reported that, when framing his reductions, he had, after consultation with the Director of Revenue Settlement, made due provision for maintaining the progress of the survey at the rate necessary for the requirements of the Settlement Department. He further stated that Mr. Wilson, the late Director, concurred with him in considering that the future outturn of the Settlement Department after its reduction would "under any circumstances not exceed 1,200 square miles per annum."

2. Mr. Puckle is of opinion that the three parties which now constitute the Settlement Department "can turn out 1,395 square miles of fields per annum," and is disposed to question the power of the Survey Department to keep pace with this outturn under existing circumstances.

3. The officer in charge of the Survey Department will submit his views on the point through the Board of Revenue, and state with special reference to the Secretary of State's instruction that Topographical must be postponed to Revenue work, what fresh arrangement (if any) he considers necessary to ensure that the requirements of the Settlement Department shall be regularly and promptly met.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. W. H. French.

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India Office,
London, 19th February 1880.

Revenue (Miscellaneous),
No. 10

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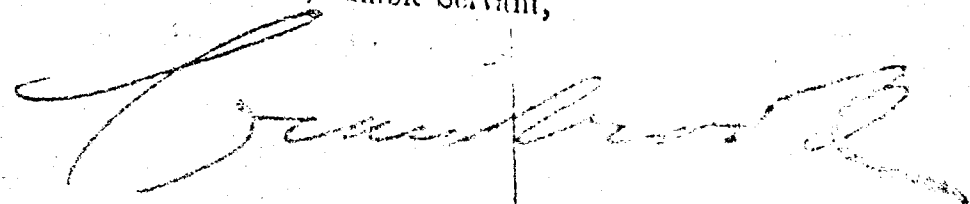
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I have the honour to be,

My Lord Duke

Your Grace's most obedient, humble Servant,



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Revenue
(Miscellaneous)
19th Feb 1880

The
Letter to Hon^{ble} S. George

No. 10
Recd 13th March 1880

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Handwritten note:
The Settlement Department
is now working on the
Annual Report of the
Survey Dept of the Madras Regt
for 1878-79.

Handwritten note:
Passing certain observations
on the Annual Report of the
Survey Dept of the Madras Regt
for 1878-79.

No. 455.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th April 1880.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 6th January 1880, No. 7, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Progress Report of Operations of the Settlement Department during 1878-79.*—Communicating to the Board of Revenue despatch from the Secretary of State requesting to be furnished with certain revised information regarding the — and directing the Board to report, in communication with their First Member in charge of the Revenue Settlement Department, on the subject of paragraph 3 of the despatch.

From R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Acting First Member, Board of Revenue, in charge of Revenue Settlement, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 24th March 1880, No. 778-11.

In reply to G.O., No. 7, dated 6th January 1880, I have the honor to furnish the information called for in paragraph 3 of the Secretary of State's despatch, dated 20th November 1879. The Superintendent of Survey, with whom I have communicated, has furnished me with the enclosed statement showing in detail the approximate dates on which I may expect to receive areas for the twenty-nine taluks of Madura, South Arcot, and Bellary Districts. From this statement it appears that two taluks of Madura, one of South Arcot, and one of Bellary are finished, and that these three districts will not be out of hand until December 1883, September 1886, and June 1891, respectively, and even then maps will only be partly furnished, and may occupy perhaps a year more to complete.

2. The cause of the wide divergence in the estimates furnished in 1878—vide G.O., No. 575, dated 11th April 1878—and now is no doubt partly attributable to the recent abolition of one Survey party and partly to another party having been taken off Revenue Survey work for topographical purposes, there are thus but three Revenue Survey parties left, and these I am assured cannot turn out more than 400 square miles each per annum; in fact, only 1,023 square miles were surveyed in fields by four parties last year.

3. The Settlement Department has been reduced by one-half, but there are still three parties left, and these, at the rate of last year's work, can turn out 1,395 square miles of fields per annum; the Settlement is thus either too strong for the Survey, or the Survey is not strong enough to find work for the Settlement, even when reduced by one-half.

4. In the Settlement the one Tamil party remaining is now turning out work at the rate of two taluks per annum, and will complete the Coimbatore District by the end of 1881.

One of the Telugu parties is working in Cuddapah, and, when the revised scheme for the settlement of the remaining four taluks is sanctioned, will complete the Cuddapah District by June 1882.

The other Telugu party is working in North Arcot, and a scheme for the settlement of that district is expected daily. When this is sanctioned four taluks of North Arcot may be finished by this second party by June 1882; there will then remain five taluks in North Arcot, which will occupy the two Telugu parties till the end of 1884, when one of the Telugu parties may be moved to Bellary, where five taluks will be ready for settlement.

In the mean time the Tamil party will have been moved to Madura at the end of 1881, when three taluks will be ready for settlement.

5. Up to the end of 1884 there will be no great difficulty, but it is of no use attempting to put two parties into a district like Bellary containing fifteen taluks with no prospect of all the areas needed being available for seven years; one of the two Telugu parties is therefore clearly not needed, and may be dispensed with at the end of 1884, or the strength of the Survey in Bellary must be doubled or trebled at once to find work for two Settlement parties. In their Proceedings, No. 2,228, dated 5th August 1879, reviewing last year's work of the Survey, the Board pointed out the disproportionate strength of the Survey and Settlement parties, and urged an increase of the Survey; the late reductions have cut down both departments, but the Settlement is still too strong for the Survey.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3rd May 1880

Read the following papers.

1. Despatch from the Secretary of State dated 19th February 1880 by Mr. (Revenue) his Excellency's observations on the annual Report of the Survey Department for 1878/79.
2. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th April 1880, by Mr. (Revenue) submitting Mr. Pickles's letter stating that the settlement of certain districts will not be finished till 1894.

The Government observed that the Board in their Proceedings of the 7th March 1880, stated that they would anticipate delay in the settlement of certain districts.

Before the draft of the settlement of the districts was prepared, the Board of Revenue had decided to postpone the settlement of certain districts.

6. To summarise, a scheme for the settlement of the remaining taluks of Cuddapah can be submitted immediately, as it has been received from the district; a scheme for the settlement of North Arcot will be submitted this year; a scheme for the settlement of Madura will be submitted by June of 1883; a scheme for Bellary will be submitted by the end of 1886; and a scheme for South Arcot will be submitted by the end of 1888.

The settlement of these districts may be expected to be finished by the end of 1894.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to G.O., No. 7, dated 6th January 1880.

2. The recent reductions of establishment have necessitated a considerable extension of the period formerly named for completing the districts proposed to be settled; all will not now be finished till 1894, when the re-assessment of the districts first settled can be made if required.

3. The revised forecast submitted provides for the further reduction of one Settlement party at the end of 1884, but the progress of Survey is so slow, the first taluk of Madura having taken eight years, and the first taluk of Bellary nearly seven years to finish, that it seems desirable to strengthen the Survey in the Bellary District to ensure work being provided for even one Settlement party.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with original statement to be returned.
Copy to the Member, Board of Revenue, in charge of Settlement.
" " Superintendent, Revenue Survey,
with G.O., dated 6th January 1880, No. 7.

Ed. A. Grubert.

Settlement of certain Districts in Madras Presidency.—Submitting to Government letter from the Member, Board of Revenue, in charge of Revenue Settlement Department, stating that the — will not be finished till 1894.

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To
The Right Honorable
The Secretary of State for India

My Lord,

We have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt
of your Lordship's despatch
of the 19th ultimo No. 10 passing
observations on the report of the
Revenue Survey in this Pre-
sidency for 1878/79.

2. Since the submission
of that report we have been
compelled to make con-
siderable reductions in the
establishments of both the
Survey and Settlement De-
partments. These having
been affected by the trade
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of the Departments in consultation with each other, arrangements have been made for the progress of the Revenue Survey being maintained at the rate required by the Settlement Department, and it is no longer anticipated by the Board that there will be delay in providing the Settlement Department with maps.

3. The Board of Revenue have been called upon to expedite the information called for in your Lordship's despatch of the 20th November last No 31 and we hope to reply to it at an early date.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Communicated to
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2. In regard to para 2
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informed that due provi-
sion has been made by the
Supt. Revenue Survey in
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Vide para. 2 of L. Secy's
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Director of Revenue Settlement
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Board no longer anticipate
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being delayed for want of
maps.

Pres. Pres. 18th Feb/79 No. 3195.
in G.O. 19th Dec/79 No. 1125.

3. The report called for
in the Secretary of State's
despatch of the 28th November
last No. 31 (G.O. 1st January
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