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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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8TH MAY 1884, No. 314, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1884, No. 1124 :—

Read—the following letter from J. LAKSHNIKANTA RAO, Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, No. V Party, South Arcot, to the Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture, dated Cuddalore, 14th December 1883, No. 161-101 ; and endorsement by W. WILSON, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture, dated Madras, 8th March 1884 :—

As arrangements are being made by the Deputy Superintendent of No. IV Madras Survey for the demarcation and survey of the northern villages of the Chidambaram taluk, called Bhuvanagiri division, I have the honor to bring to your notice the necessity of re-demarcating and surveying on the present system the other villages of that taluk surveyed experimentally in 1853 by Captain Priestly and settled by Mr. Newell in 1861, with a view to their re-settlement being made in 1891 when the full term of the present settlement expires.

2. When talking to Mr. Beaumont, the Deputy Superintendent, he informed me that the question of re-surveying the villages of the said taluk once settled was, with the concurrence of the Collector of the district, mooted by him in 1879, but the Board of Revenue* agreed with the member in charge of settlement that it was unnecessary to disturb the work already done until the full term of the current settlement expired.

3. The defects in the experimental survey were fully detailed in the Deputy Superintendent's letter of the 24th July 1879, No. 2136-659, to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, and this taluk being the first in the Presidency to come under settlement, it differed somewhat in soil-classification from later-settled districts, as it was classified before the present method was matured. It is therefore clear that at the time of re-settlement, both the survey and settlement should be so revised as to place it on a uniform basis with the entire district.

4. As the orders of the Board of Revenue, referred to above, were to the effect that the present work should not be disturbed until the full term of the current settlement had expired and not prohibitive altogether, I venture to moot the question again.

5. Since that time, four years have elapsed and there remain only eight years to run before the expiration of the term when it is absolutely necessary to undertake the re-settlement, but I beg to submit that this cannot be effected unless and until demarcation and the survey operations on the present system are completed or old survey numbers are substantiated by erecting permanent marks in their proper places. As the Settlement Department has just started to settle the remaining portion of the district, it will take probably 7 or 8 years to complete it; thus by the close of the settlement operations, they will be ready to re-settle the villages of Chidambaram above referred to.

6. It may perhaps be thought that the commencement of survey operations in the said villages, even in this distant period, is somewhat premature, but it must be remembered that the work needs be done, if not now, a few years hence, and it seems to me that this can be done much better and cheaper while the survey party is available on the spot rather than after it leaves the district. Perhaps the survey will complete their operations a few years before the expiry of the term of the present settlement, but such intervals have inevitably occurred everywhere else.

7. In these circumstances, I beg to recommend that the orders of the Board may be reconsidered and steps taken for conducting the re-demarcation and survey of the Chidambaram villages in question simultaneously with those of the northern, in which the above operations are, I believe, just undertaken.

Endowment, No. 743-17A.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue, with the suggestion that their Proceedings, No. 3932, dated 12th April 1880, be reconsidered, and that advantage be taken of the presence now in the Chidambaram taluk of a survey party to have the 405 villages that were surveyed by the experimental party in 1853, surveyed again on the present method. The necessity for doing so seems clearly indicated in the correspondence. It is further suggested that the soils of the whole taluk be in due course re-classified by the settlement party now working in South Arcot in five sorts instead of in two as they are now. No change in the assessment of lands now occupied will, of course, be made during the currency of the present settlement.

Resolution—dated 26th March 1884, No. 1124.

Submitted to Government.

2. The Board think that Proceedings of 1880, No. 3932, of 12th April, should be reconsidered, and they accordingly recommend that both of the Director's proposals be acceded to, viz., that all the villages surveyed and classified for soils in 1853, should be again surveyed now and have these soils re-classified, so as to be ready to introduce any necessary changes in 1893 when the present settlement expires.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue
Department.

Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement
and Agriculture.

ORDER—dated 8th May 1884, No. 614, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

His Excellency the Governor in Council approves and sanctions the Director's proposals which are concurred in by the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

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

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G.O., 8th May 1884, No. 614.

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Re-survey and Classification of
Chidambaram Taluk.

Director's proposals regarding —, approved
and sanctioned.



No. 5. Revenue Survey Office
Saint Thomas Mount
24 July 1879 3h

No. 2136.
659

Dear Sir,

The Deputy Superintendent
No. 5 Revenue Survey
To, The Collector of South Arcot

Sir,

I have the honor to place before you
for an expression of your opinion the following—

The Chidambaram Taluk now consists
of 493 villages, 406 of which were surveyed by
the experimental Survey Party and an assessment
introduced in 405 of them for thirty years in 1861

This settlement has twelve years yet
to run.

2. On examining the ground in several
of these villages it is found:—

1. Many boundary pillars are not in
existence, and the boundaries have not been
properly defined.

2. Large villages have not been sub-divided.

3. No field marks in existence.

4. Changes of occupancy have occurred and

the survey maps do not thus agree with the ground.

5. Revenue fields, Imams and Sofas have been sub-divided although held on one puttah.

6. Land held by one and the same party, has been divided into more than one survey field, although none of the holdings are very small.

7. Fields of a few decimals in extent bear separate survey numbers.

8. Large bunds in fields have been ignored.

9. The maximum of two acres in extent for wet land when clubbing has been exceeded.

10. In some instances the topographical features inserted in maps are incorrect, but on the whole they are passable.

The villagers of several villages, upon which I have based this report express their wish that their fields should be demarcated; and this no doubt should be done as similarly sanctioned for certain villages

Vide G.O. No 1574
of the 28th August/78.

Villages

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villages in the Cuddalore Taluk; but the question is when can this be carried out, taking into account that the period for which, the assessment was introduced has not expired.

It seems to me that one of the following courses should be had recourse to.

1. Not to touch them until the expiration of the term of the present settlement.

2. To demarcate and survey them on the present system, when the remaining 88 villages are taken up for survey and a fresh assessment to be introduced on the new areas in 1891.

3. ——— Do ——— Do ——— Do. —

With reference to the classification of the soil of 1858, charging the ryots on the new survey areas according to the assessment — introduced in 1861 and to be in force until 1891.

I have

Signed W. Beaumont
Dy Supt. of S. Rev. Survey.

(True Copy)

Wm MacLure
Agent Secretary

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South Arcot
No. 117

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Collector's Office
Cuddalore
6 February 1880

From, A. Bruckshank Esquire
Collector of South Arcot
To The Deputy Superintendent
No 5 Revenue Survey

Sir,
With reference to your letter of the
24 July last no $\frac{2126}{659}$, I have the honor
to state that your second proposal commends
itself to me. The Head Assistant Collector
is also in favor of this proposal.

I have &c
(Signed) A. Bruckshank
Collector

1 True Copy

W. M. K. R. R.
Asst. Secretary

No 269
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No 5 Revenue Survey Office
Saint Thomas Mount
9 February 1880,

From,

The Deputy Superintendent
No 5 Revenue Survey

To
The Superintendent
Madras Survey

Sir, I have the honor to bring to your notice
that included within the limits of the Chidambaram
Taluk of the South Arcot District
there are 406 villages which were surveyed
by the experimental survey party, and
an assessment was introduced in 1861 for
thirty years in 405 of them. This settlement
has twelve years yet to run, and as the
original demarcation does not exist, and
the holdings in many cases not agreeing
with the survey, I made three propositions
to the collector respecting their redemarcation
and survey.

of the term of the present settlement.

2. To demarcate and survey them on the present system when the remaining 88 villages are taken up for survey and a fresh settlement to be introduced on the new areas in 1891

3. To demarcate and survey them on the present system with reference to the classification of the soil, 1888, charging the Ryots on the new survey areas according to the assessment introduced in 1861; and to be in force until 1891. Mr. Crichton is of opinion that No 2 proposition should be accepted, but I am inclined to recommend No 3. This however is a question that will have to be placed before the Board of Revenue. I beg to enclose the correspondence which has passed between the collector and myself on the subject.

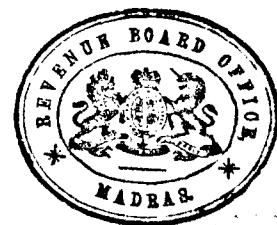
To the collector
2136
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From do. 117
to be ret^d

I have &c
(Signed) W. Beaumont
Dy Supt. or Rev. Survey.

(True copy)

Wm MacKenzie
Asst Sub Secretary



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 4th March 1880.

No. 2561 Miscellaneous.

READ the following letter from Col. A. J. Rogers R.E.,
Superintendent, Revenue Survey to the Secretary
to the Board of Revenue, dated 11 February
1880 *cr. 27/10*.

I have the honor to submit for the orders
of the Board of Revenue copy of letter dated
9th Instant, *cr. 26/77* with its enclosures, —
received from the Deputy Superintendent,
M.V. Perty regarding the re-demarcation
and resurvey of 406 villages of the Chidamba-
ram taluk of the South Arcot district which
were already surveyed by the experimental
Survey Party.

2. As far as this Department is concerned
the principal question appears to be whether
the demarcation and survey should be carried
out with reference to the classification of

the

the soil made in 1858 or not.

Referred to the First Member in charge
of the Settlement department for remarks

(True Copy and Extracts)

(Signed) C. A. Fulton
City Secretary

To The First Member of Board of Rev:
in charge Settlement Department
with origl encls. to be ret'd.

(True Copy)

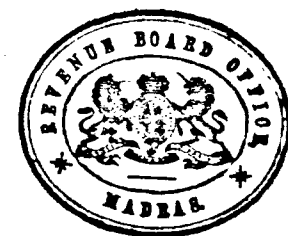
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Asst Sub Secretary

Enc.

W. A.

Copy of Bd's Pro: of 4 March
1880 No. 2561 Dis

Referring to the First
Member Bd of Rev: in ch: of
the Sett. Department for
remarks letter from the
Super: Rev: Survey regarding
the re-demarcation and resurvey
of 406 villages of the Chidambaram
Taluk of the South Arcot Dist
wh were already surveyed
by the Experimental Survey
Party.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 12 April 1880.

No. 3932 Dis

READ the following letter from the Director of
Revenue Settlement dated 9 March 1880 No.
592/9.

In reply to Board's Proceedings No. 2561 dated
4 Instant I have the honor to inform you that
the Chidambaram and Trichinopoly surveys
though acknowledged to be deficient in some
respects are still sufficient for revenue
purposes and it seems to be unnecessary
to disturb the work done until the full
term of the current settlement has expired.
The first proposal of the Deputy Superin-
tendent viz that the 406 villages of the
Chidambaram taluk already surveyed should
be left intact and that the remaining
88 villages of the taluk should be surveyed

Comment

Commends itself to me.

Resolution

Communicated to the Superintendent
of Revenue Survey and Collecting South
Aust.

2. The Board concur with the 1st
Member in charge of the Settlement
Department.

(True Copy and Extract,

(Signed) C. A. Galton
Secretary

(True Copy)

W. D. MacKinnon
Agent Secretary

*Copy of Bd's Pro: of 12 April
1880 No 3932 Mis*

*Concurring with the 19 Member
in ch: of Settlement Department
that it is unnecessary to survey
the Villages already surveyed
by the experimental Survey Party
in Chidambaram Taluk
S. Arcot Dk*

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BOARD OF REVENUE, 26TH MARCH 1884, No. 1124.

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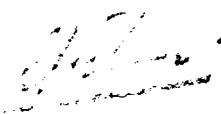
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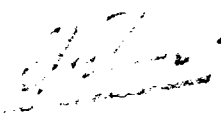
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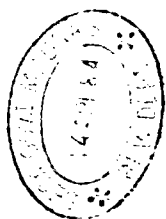
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Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

N. 2299.



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R. J. L.
Proceedings, 26th March 1884, No. 1124.
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Submitting to Government, with Board's recommendation, letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement regarding the re-survey on the present method of 405 villages of Chidambaram Taluk, South Arcot District, surveyed by the experimental party in 1833.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2299.

From Board of Revenue

Dated 26th March 1884.

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted for orders. The papers attached with the current papers have been obtained from the Board's Office, as without them, the correspondence is incomplete.

The proposed re-survey is likely to be useful as it will rectify the errors enumerated in the Deputy Superintendent's letter of 24th July 1879, but there is no prospect of a fair return being obtained on the ^{extra-}outlay to be incurred. Writing in March 1880, the Director of Revenue Settlement observed that "the Chidambaram and Trichinopoly Surveys,

though acknowledged to be
deficient in some respects,
are still sufficient for
Revenue purposes."

If the Survey, however,
is to be done over again at all,
it seems best that it should
be done now.

As regards the proposed
reclassification of soils, it
is not clear what ^{distinct} advantages
will be gained, for the application
of a standard table of rates
is, in practice, the work of mere
haphazard adjustment of existing
field assessments with those
in the standard table, whatever
it may be in theory.

The Board recommends
that the Director's proposals be
accorded to, so that any necessary
changes may be introduced in
1893 when the present settlement expires.

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G.O. 13th Aug 1883 no 975

G.O. 19th Oct 1860 no 1906
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G.O. 6th Sept 1882 no 944

~~It is proposed to~~
~~re-survey the~~

It is a very pathetic
work arrangement to
have 88 villages of a taluk
correctly surveyed & then
the remaining 405 with all
the defects pointed out.
One thing that the survey
maps do not agree with
the ground - I would
accept the Director's proposal
supported by the Board
to then entirely remake
a good job of it what-

the revision of assessment at
the end of 30 years ^{however} depends chiefly
on prices, not on the classification
of soils or on their grain values
which have been abandoned.

The Settlement conducted
in 1860 was considered to be
fair and sound. There are evidently
no complaints of inequalities in the
assessment then imposed.

The Collector has not been
consulted on the present occasion.

I submit that there is no
necessity for re-survey. Rede-
marcation on the basis of the
existing survey maps, slight
revision where necessary being
made, interstitial fields to
be measured, & necessary
corrections entered in the maps
& survey register - ought however
I submit to be carried out.
The expense will be much less.

than for revenue, and the
 result for revenue purposes
 will be all that is wanted.
 Reclamation of the soil
 ought also, I submit, be made.
 When the current settlement
 expires, the raised rates based
 on such reclamation, should
 be introduced; but pending
 the expiry of the settlement
 no changes of assessment can
 be made. The presence of
 Survey & Settlement parties
 in the district makes it expedi-
 ent that whatever is to be
 done, should be done now.

H.C.

CM 2299
 FOR ORDERS.

Resurvey of Chidambaram
 Taluk, South Arcot Dist -

The survey & settlement
 parties are on the
 spot for the purpose.
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Read Board's order of 26th March 1884

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 in Council approves and
 sanctions the Director's proposals
 which are concurred in by the
 Board of Revenue.

List from orders.

To

- 16 No Board of Rev.
- 25 " Director of Rev Settlements
- 8 " Supdt of Revenue Survey.

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Dr. J. S.

History & classification of

Chilodactylus latipes.

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