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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 13th April 1858.

No. 7. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Honorable the President of the Council of India in Council in the Financial Department under date the 5th March 1858, No. 1158.

Read the undermentioned papers regarding the proposed General Survey and Revenue Settlement of the Madras Presidency.

Extract from the Proceedings of this Government in the Home Department, No. 397, dated the 13th February 1858, and its accompaniments.

Endorsement from the Home Department No. 492, dated the 27th February 1858, on a message by Electric Telegraph received from the Government of Madras.

RESOLUTION.—The Honorable the President in Council observes that the question of a General Survey and revision of Assessment in the districts subordinate to the Madras Presidency has engaged the attention of the Local Government during the last ten or twelve years; that towards the end of the year 1855, that Government submitted the final result of its deliberations both to the Honorable Court and the Government of India; and that after a careful consideration of the subject in the Home Department, this Government submitted the papers to the Honorable Court with a "strong and unanimous recommendation that the measures proposed by the Madras Government should be generally sanctioned, and that authority should be given to carry them into effect."

It was proposed that the survey and assessment should include all land usually cultivated and all that has been cultivated within memory, or according to the village accounts, as well as such as may seem likely to be brought under the plough under the operation of an improved revenue system; that for the purpose of obtaining greater accuracy the survey should be connected by minor triangulations with the Great Trigonometrical Survey; that the mode of settlement should be that commonly termed *Ryotwar*, or more correctly *Khetwar*, the assessment on each field being defined and fixed, so that the cultivator may know precisely the amount of the Government demand on the land occupied by him; and that the survey should be extended to tenures on which land is at present held rent free, it being observed that in every district *enams* to a large amount are held without any valid title whatever.

The area to be subjected to survey and settlement was assumed at 38 million acres, or 60 thousand square miles; the total cost of survey at Rupees 38,40,000; that of the assessment and settlement, including the classification and valuation of the land (to be entrusted to a separate Agency) at 38,00,000 Rupees, which added to the cost of the survey would aggregate Rupees 76,40,000, and the time that the operations would occupy was estimated at 22 years.

The Honorable Court after a careful review* of the whole scheme, fully concurred in the opinion of the Madras Government that the cost about to be incurred was not

more than commensurate with the importance of the objects sought to be attained by it; and in giving their sanction to the expenditure required, observed that the work should be pushed on as fast as efficient establishments can be organized, not only that the people and the Government may the sooner benefit by the projected measures executed with caution and judgment but also from motives of economy.

The Madras Government now report that the appointments of Director of Revenue Settlement and Superintendent of Revenue Survey have been filled up, and apply for early sanction to the expenditure proposed in the detailed Schedule of Establishments that accompanies their letter, from which it appears that the plan of operations which it is proposed to carry out

	Per annum.	Rs.	plates the completion of the whole work within a period of 14 years, instead of 22 as originally estimated, and that the total annual expenditure that will be required when the proposed establishments have been raised to their full strength, is Rupees 5,47,616 as noted in the margin, or Rupees 76,66,624 in 14 years, instead of Rupees 76,40,000 in 22 years.
Survey Department,	-	2,41,920	
Assessment do.,	-	2,56,844	
Demarcation Establishment,	-	39,840	
Lithographic Press,	-	9,012	
Total...		5,47,616	

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செப்பனிருவர பெயர் : 4-6 மார்ச்

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The Madras Government at the same time request that discretionary authority may be given to the presiding officers in either Department to make such re-arrangements of their Staff as experience may dictate, provided that in no case the sum allotted for a party shall be exceeded, and that the consent of the Madras Government shall be obtained.

They further request that immediately on sanction to the proposed Establishments being granted, this Government will order the despatch to Madras of as many of the instruments entered in the list annexed to their letter as may be readily procurable in Calcutta, so that the survey parties may be enabled at once to commence their work.

The Honorable the President in Council considers it very desirable that the work should be completed in as short a period as possible, and as the salaries entered in the schedule above referred to appear unobjectionable, he is pleased to sanction (subject to the orders of the Honorable Court) the proposal of the Madras Government to complete the Survey and Settlement of the Presidency in 14 instead of 22 years at an increase of charge amounting to Rupees 26,624 over and above the amount (Rupees 76,40,000) sanctioned by the Honorable Court.

His Honor in Council will not object to the presiding officers in the two Departments being allowed to re-arrange their Staff as experience may dictate, provided the sum allotted to a party is in no case exceeded, and on the understanding that no changes in the sanctioned scale shall be made without the consent of the Madras Government being previously obtained, and that no part of the Establishment shall be appointed until there is a certain assurance of its finding a sufficiency of work to keep it fully employed.

With respect to the instruments required by the Madras Government, His Honor in Council desires that the necessary orders for the despatch of the instruments to Madras according to the list submitted may issue without any avoidable delay from the Military Department.

ORDER.---Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Home Department, and the original papers received therefrom be returned, copies being kept for record.

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution and of the list of instruments referred to be sent to the Military Department for information and guidance.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. HUGH LUSHINGTON,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 422.

Forwarded to the Government of Fort Saint George, with reference to Mr. Acting Secretary H. Forbes' Telegraph Message of the 23d Ultimo, and to letter No. 97 dated 25th January last.

By order.

HOME DEPARTMENT, }
The 11th March 1858. }

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 8.

ORDER THEREON, No. 462; dated 10th April 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, in continuation of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 12th March 1858, No. 328.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Madras

From Captain J. B. Freeston, 26th May 1858

Superintendent Revenue Survey

R. Newell Esq. Director of the Settlement

Sir, Calcutta 26th May 1858

In forwarding for your perusal a letter received from Lieutenant Hooper Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey, I have the honor to request that the sanction of Government be obtained for retaining the services of the few volunteers not as yet absorbed into the fixed establishments.

2. Of the 60 volunteers entertained 35 have been provided for and the others will doubtless be taken in the fixed establishments at no very distant period.

3. With regard to Mochies it appears that I have estimated for their pay at too low a rate and I therefore request that Lieutenant Hooper's proposal of paying the Head Mochy 8 Rupees, the Second 8 Rupees, the Third 6 5. 8 and the fourth 4. 8. instead of respectively Rupees 5. 8. Rupees 4. 8. Rupees 4. 8. Rupees 4. 8. be complied with.

4. It was to prevent these trivial applications that I requested discretionary power to be given to myself and the Deputy Superintendents and fear that unless a wider discretion is granted, there will be continual reference on such petty subjects necessarily made to Government.

5. I am still of opinion that the pay of individuals should be apportioned according to their respective qualifications always provided that the sum sanctioned be not exceeded.

considered.

6 It sometimes happens that in order to retain a really valuable man his pay must be raised a little above the sum estimated, the difference can always be made up by giving to inferior men a rate of pay slightly less than that sanctioned.

7 The Pay. Abstracts passing through my hands any great Deviation from the fixed rate would at once be perceived and only permitted on satisfactory reasons being adduced.

8 Such unimportant changes as those now in question as to whether a Mosby should have a Paper at two more per. month, may I think be best left to the Officer in charge of the party, who is responsible for due performance of work by it.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Serv

[Signed] Frederick I. D. Prusley

The Director of }
Proc. Settlement }

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Director of Proc. Settlement

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Resolution

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discretionary authority may be given to the presiding Officers in either department to make such rearrangements of their Staff as experience may dictate provided that in no case the sum allotted for a branch shall be exceeded and that the consent of the Madras Govt shall be obtained.

They further request that immediately on sanction to the proposed Establishments being granted, the Govt will order the despatch to Madras of as many of the instruments entered in H. P. B. as may be ready for perusal in Government, so that the parties may be enabled at once to commence their work.

The Govt the President informed considers it very desirable that the work should be completed in as short a period as possible, and as the salaries entered in the Schedule and as the salaries entered in the Schedule above referred to appear unobjectionable, he is pleased to sanction (subject to the order of your Hon^{ble} Court) the proposal of the Madras Govt to complete the Survey and Settlement of the Presidency in 14 instead of 22 years.

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Order

Ordered, that a copy of the above
Resolution be forwarded to the Home Depart^{mt}
and that the original papers received therefrom
be returned as soon as possible for record.

Resolved, that a copy of the reso-
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and guidance.

(A True Extract)

Right Hon^{ble} Secy^{ry}
Secretary to the Govt. of India

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