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No. 105. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 23rd February 1861, No. 312 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor, with reference to the Orders of Government No. 953, dated 9th June 1860, requesting a further report on the effect of employing a fixed Establishment in the Godavery and Kistna Districts for measuring fields where village labor is insufficient, embracing more exact information as regards the present plan, that originally contemplated, and that prevailing before the late change, to forward communications from the Superintendent of Survey dated 27th December last and 15th February instant, from which it will be observed that the present system shows a great increase in the monthly outturn, and a slight increase in the daily rate of work over that originally contemplated, and that prevailing before the late change with a corresponding diminution of cost in the Godavery District, while in the Kistna a steady increase in the outturn resulted, the cost being identical in the present plan with that immediately preceding it.

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2. Although there is some difficulty in parties so lately organized to obtain exact comparison, Captain Priestley expresses a decided opinion as to the marked improvement in regard to the outturn and cost of the experiment under the present system. The measurements performed by the fixed Establishment have been found much more accurate and satisfactory than those made by persons temporarily employed, saving much subsequent out-door and in-door labor, while time has been considerably economized.

3. In the Godavery District Rupees 5,332-1-1 have been expended, and in the Kistna District Rupees 6,823-13-6, total Rupees 12,155-14-7. The average cost per square mile in the former District is Rupees 9-5-0 and in the latter District Rupees 15-1-7, the difference between these sums is attributed to the greater extent of aid available from village servants in the Godavery District. The monthly expenditure in each District being Rupees 187½ and Rupees 213¾ respectively.

4. The arrangements as described in detail by Captain Priestley for checking payments made on account of hired labor referred to in paragraph 6 of the Proceedings of Government under reply, appear suitable and sufficient to check dishonesty.

5. On the whole it may be considered that although the cost of the Survey operations is increased from about 9 to 15 Rupees a square mile, the object for which the sanction was accorded has been attained, and Captain Priestley concurs generally with his Assistants, Captains Pratt and Crewe, that without it, it would be impossible to prosecute the Survey operations efficiently, particularly in the Kistna District where village labor is scarce and uncertain. He therefore requests that the Establishment may be continued with some alterations in regard to the lower class of measurers which he proposes to abolish, substituting men on a higher pay, but as the Government have already expressed their unwillingness to dispense with a scale of pay, Captain Priestley has been requested to bring forward this proposition in a more definite form if he thinks this nesessary.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1861, No. 520.

Referred to the Board of Revenue with reference to the Order of June 9th 1860, No. 953.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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