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14th July 1870.

No. 110. Read the following letter from the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 22nd June 1870, No. 872-23 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit the usual return of work performed and expenditure incurred by this department during the fourth quarter of the official year (1869-70) ending 31st March 1870.

2. *Kistna District.*—The field-work accomplished by the few hands retained in this district under the Uncovenanted Assistant in charge was 5,179 acres of new demarcation and 4,844 acres of new classification; they also measured 5,560 acres. The work in office consisted of—

1*st.*—Calculating and comparing areas of newly demarcated fields.

2*nd.*—Examination of sub-division measurements.

3*rd.*—Preparation of field-books for newly demarcated and measured tracts.

4*th.*—Preparing and perfecting the Settlement Registers.

Sixteen Diglot Registers of the Masulipatam Division were received in the Central Office, and Registers for twelve villages were printed during the quarter. The few books which have to be written up to complete the Guntoor Division Settlement Registers are in a forward state of completion.

3. The expenditure of this quarter is less by Rupees 1,175 than that of the previous period, owing to the reduction of establishments consequent on the near completion of work upon the Guntoor Division Registers, and likewise to a reduction from the same cause in the number of Registers printed for the Masulipatam portion of the district. Government are doubtless aware that this small establishment is, moreover, being held in readiness to commence work upon the Settlement of the Guntoor portion, when the Government orders are passed upon the scheme submitted with Board's Proceedings, dated 9th March 1870, No. 1,628.

4. The financial results of the Board's several emendations on Mr. Master's measure, as detailed in the above Proceedings, will be submitted in a few days, the Uncovenanted Assistant having worked out the various results on the spot.

5. *Kurnool and Cuddapah Districts.*—The field-work accomplished in this district amounts to 164 square-miles of demarcation and 215 square-miles of classification. Operations were continued and brought to a close in the Voilpad and Royachoty Talooks, and a commencement made in the Madenapally Talook. The outturn in demarcation is less than that of the previous quarter, while there is an improvement in the item of classification for the same period. Several causes tended to keep back the outturn of this Party from being what might fairly be expected therefrom. These hindrances were—

(1.) Sickness.
(2.) Difficulty in obtaining hands to fill vacancies.
(3.) Recess.

As regards the first I need not dilate upon the unhealthiness of the Cuddapah District; it is too well known to need any further narration at my hands; but I am glad to say there seems improvement as regards health, now that the work has been taken up in the Madenapally Talook, which has a climate certainly more favourable, especially to Europeans, than most other portions of the province. With reference to the filling up of vacancies I secured and despatched to Cuddapah several good hands when at Ahtoor, who were Volunteers in Mr. Goodrich's Office, and they are now working under Mr. Cox. Many other applications have been received, so that I trust vacancies need not now remain open as heretofore. Regarding the recess, it was agreed that one should be taken for three months, but finding that field-work was so behind-hand the recess had to be curtailed, and only those employés who were unequal to field-work were retained in office.

6. 2,441 masonry pillars were erected during the quarter, of which 954 were on village boundaries, and the remainder on those of Khandams; 86,297 field-stones were put down. There is a decrease in this branch of work when compared with the previous quarter, as the causes enumerated above naturally tended similarly to diminish the outturn of this section of our duty, and there was, moreover, difficulty experienced in obtaining stones.

7. Kyles to the number of 324 were made, of which 186 were in paddy and the remainder in dry grains.

8. Diglot Settlement Registers for sixteen villages in Kurnool proper were received in the Central Office and eighteen printed, thirty copies of each village being struck off as usual.

9. Proposals for the Settlement of the Pattekonda Talook of the Kurnool District have been received from Mr. Cox, the Deputy in Cuddapah, and further information has been called for on certain essential points which, when supplied, will enable me to submit the scheme in due course.

10. The expenditure shows a decrease of 1,012, arising chiefly from a short establishment as explained in paragraph 5.

11. *Nellore District.*—Field-operations have been brought to a close in the Ongole Talook of this district; some 4 square-miles of new demarcation and 360 square-miles of classification having been accomplished. Mr. Rundall and those of his Party in office have been busily engaged in preparing details and facts for the submission of the Settlement Report of those talooks forming the principal division; and some of the essential questions relating thereto have been inquired into, discussed, and settled.

12. 352 Kyles were made during the period under notice, 15 of which were in wet and the remainder in dry grains.

13. The expenditure incurred in this Party shows an increase of Rupees 837 owing to a larger number of Maps having been mounted and to augmentation of establishments.

14. *Salem District.*—Revision of classification and measurement of interstitial fields were continued during the quarter in the Ahtoor Talook of this district, embracing an area of 297 square-miles, containing 136 villages. Rough puttahs were issued in ten villages, and every endeavour made to introduce the new rates concurrently with this year's Jamabundy. The number of sub-division measurements comprised 49,576 holdings in 18,622 fields.

15. The work in Ahtoor is heavier than was at first expected, as the measurement of the interstitial fields had to be undertaken in addition to the introduction of Settlement and the revision of classification; the field-marks also being wanting naturally retarded the first of these tasks; but all seems to have been done thoroughly, though not so fast as was anticipated.

16. The outlay shows an increase of Rupees 7,666, owing to the Party having only worked one month during the previous quarter, and likewise to the augmentation of establishment.

17. *Trichinopoly District.*—The expenditure of Rupees 539 is on account of some of the Salem Establishment employed in this district as explained in paragraph 11 of the previous quarter's report. The expenditure is much reduced by the transfer of the hands to their legitimate duties in the Salem District. The result of the annual Settlement in Trichinopoly shows, I am given to understand, an increase over last year of Rupees 1,34,000, of which no inconsiderable portion may be safely credited to the examinations and scrutinies in which these employés took part.

18. *Tinnevelly District.*—The sum of Rupees 594 set opposite this district is the cost of the separate establishment employed under the orders of the Collector and the Survey Department on the revision of demarcation.

19. The sum of Rupees 5,538 at the foot of the statement is the cost of the separate Settlement Establishments working under the Collector of Tinnevelly, but debitable to the Budget of this department by order of Government.

20. *To summarize.*—The small Kistna Party in Guntoor were demarcating and measuring the newly-cultivated tracts, as well as classifying, measuring, and demarcating the islands in the Kistna River. The report appertaining to the Guntoor portion of the district is now before Government. Cuddapah did not show well, but affairs are looking better, now that less feverish ground has been taken up; and the Madenapally Talook is now well in hand. The report for Pattikondah has been submitted by Mr. Cox, and I purpose next month proceeding to this talook and writing my proposals to the Board from there. The Nellore Party have completed field-work, and want new ground. I have suggested that the Chendragherry Talook be taken up by them; meanwhile, Mr. Rundall is at work at his report for the Nellore principal division. Mr. Goodrich in Salem had plenty to do with re-classification and examination of numerous details for Settlement purposes; the Ahtoor Talook should properly be completed within the Fusly, but the Jamabundy has caused delay, owing to the Curnums being required by the Collector.

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Statement showing Work and Expenditure in the Settlement Department for the fourth quarter of 1869-70, *ending* 31*st March* 1870.

Names of Districts.	Standard estimate for a quarter of a year.	Actual Work: In completed villages.	Actual Work: In villages in progress.	Total.	Difference.	Expenditure.	Average cost per square-mile.
1.	2	3	4	5	6	7.	8
Demarcation.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ MS.	SQ. MS.	SQ. MS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
Kistna	.....	5	3	8	.....	2,232	.....
Kurnool	375	120	44	164	−211	759	.....
Cuddapah						11,590	70 10 9
Nellore	.....	4	.....	4	.....	401	.....
Tinnevelly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	561	.....
Total ...	375	129	47	176	.....	15,543	.....
Add cost of boundary pillars	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	375	129	47	176	.....	15,543	... ..
Classification.							
Kistna	.....	5	3	8	.....	1,149	.....
Godavery	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	781	.....
Kurnool	375	186	29	215	−160	2,245	.....
Cuddapah						10,870	50 8 11
Nellore	375	316	44	360	−15	12,932	35 14 9
Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,881	.....
Trichinopoly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	621	.....
Tinnevelly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	.....
Total ...	750	507	76	583	.....	43,523	.....
Add charges not debitable to parties not under this office	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,538	.....
Grand Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64,604	.....

Madras,
22*nd June* 1870.

(Signed) G. BANBURY,
Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.

No. 111.

Order thereon, 14th July 1870, No. 1,065.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE OFFG. DIRECTOR OF REVENUE SETTLEMENT.

Dated July, 14th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 14th July 1870, No. 1,065.

JULY.
Nos. 110-111.

Work performed in the Settlement Department.--Statement for the fourth quarter of 1869-70, recorded.