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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1113 Press Mis.

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Dated 26th April 1869

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No. 508. Read the following letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 10th April 1869, No. 452-14 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward the usual Return of work performed and expenditure incurred by the Settlement Department during the fourth quarter of 1868.

2. GODAVERY DISTRICT.—The settlement establishment in this district having been finally broken up in the third quarter, no expenditure was incurred in that under report. Four supplemental Lunka Registers were, however, printed at Madras, and the usual number of copies struck off.

3. KISTNA DISTRICT.—The Party under the Acting Sub-Collector on special duty performed field-work, in the Guntoor Division, to the extent of 6,475 acres of new demarcation and 6,052 acres of new classification. They also measured 4,519 acres. The office establishment was employed in calculating and comparing areas for newly demarcated fields in the examination of sub-division measurements ; in the preparation and comparison of field-books for the newly demarcated fields ; and in writing and comparing Settlement Registers. Registers for twenty-seven villages in the Masulipatam Division were received in the Central Office ; but those for three only were printed during the quarter, the work of printing having been, by an arrangement with the contractors, temporarily stopped. One hundred and twenty diglott Registers for villages in the Guntoor Division were partially written. The expenditure in this Party shows a decrease of Rupees 1,478-5-0 chiefly occurring in the item of printing charges.

4. KURNOOL AND CUDDAPAH DISTRICTS.—In the field, operations were continued in the talooks of Pullampet, Voilpad, and Royachoti. The area demarcated during the quarter was 208 square-miles and that classified 177 square-miles, showing an improvement in both branches over the previous quarter's outturn. This result may be deemed satisfactory, particularly when it is considered that the work was carried on in an unhealthy locality, and at an unhealthy season. Several fatal cases of fever occurred in the Party during the quarter, one death being that of a Deputy Inspector. I am happy, however, to say that since the close of the quarter, though sickness still continues, there has been a marked improvement in the health of the Party.

5. The number of masonry pillars built during the quarter was 4,307, of which 1,372 were on village boundaries, and the remainder on those of Khandams. The field-stones put down were 230,305 in number, or an increase over the previous quarter's work of 67,226.

6. Experiments of produce to the number of 1,295 were made in various crops during the quarter.

7. The survey areas of the seven villages still remaining to be settled in Kurnool proper, having been received, the necessary accounts have been prepared, and the new settlement will be introduced and explained, so as to come into force from the commencement of the ensuing Fusly.

8. The completion of the diglott Registers for the Press has been a good deal delayed for want of interstitial field areas. These are gradually being procured, and I hope shortly to have the printing in active progress.

9. The expenditure shows a net decrease of Rupees 1,480, resulting from an increase in the cost of field establishment, and a decrease in gazetted Officers' salaries, contingencies, and batta.

10. NELLORE DISTRICT.—The field-work in this district made rapid progress during the quarter, 430 square-miles having been classified in the talooks of Rapur, Kavalli, and Udayagirri. Some 9 square-miles of new demarcation were also performed in four talooks. In office the extra establishment was employed in preparing abstracts of final results of classification, abstracts of crops, and experiments of produce, irrigation statements, lists of tanks, alphabetical lists of villages for the Press, and other miscellaneous work. The expenditure in this district shows an increase of Rupees 772, occurring chiefly in the item of salaries.

11. SALEM DISTRICT.—Settlement operations are in abeyance pending the orders of Government. In accordance with their Proceedings of the 17th ultimo, No. 717, the bulk of the establishment has been placed temporarily at the disposal of the Collector of Trichinopoly.

12. TINNEVELLY DISTRICT.—The expenditure in this district consists of the pay of a small establishment, employed under the orders of the Collector and the Survey Department in the revision of demarcation. I learn from the Collector that the services of this establishment may shortly be dispensed with.

13. The sum of Rupees 9,679 at the foot of the statement is the cost of the separate establishment employed under the Collector of Tinnevelly, debitable to this department by Order of Government. The increase observable in this item is chiefly owing to the disbursement of increased pay in arrears to Mr. Symonds, Special Assistant to the Collector for Settlement purposes, under G. O., 19th November 1868, No. 2,900.

Return of work and expenditure in the Settlement Department for the fourth quarter ending 31st December 1868.

Names of districts.	Standard estimate for a quarter of a year.	Actual work.		Total.	Difference.	Expenditure.	Average cost per square-mile.
		Incompleted villages.	In villages in progress.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Demarcation.	Sq.-ms.	Sq.-ms.	Sq.-ms.	Sq.-ms.	Sq.-ms.	RS.	RS. A. P.
Kistna	.....	8	2	10	.....	1,738	.....
Kurnool	375	.....	208	.....	—167	312	.....
Cuddapah		.....	.....	208		12,882	61 14 11
Tinnevelly...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,387	.....
Nellore	.....	3	6	9	.....	226	.....
Total ...	375	11	216	227	.....	16,545	.....
Classification and Assessment.							
Kistna	.....	6	2	8	.....	3,963	.....
Kurnool	375	.....	.....	.....	—198	935	.....
Cuddapah		49	128	177		12,148	68 10 1
Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,645	.....
Nellore	375	370	60	430	+53	13,060	30 5 11
Total ...	750	425	190	615	.....	32,751	.....
Add charges not debitable to parties.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,679	.....
Grand Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58,975	.....

MADRAS,
12*th April* 1869.

(Signed) R. E. MASTER,
Director of Revenue Settlement.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th April 1869.

No. 509. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1869, No. 1,113.

Land Revenue.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Parsonne 1869 Oct 8th

No 1180.

Sir,

I Have the Honor to
Acknowledge
the receipt of your
letter of the 4th Inst
Enclosing the Sum of
Twelve Dollars
Collected by the
Collector of Customs
at Clarenville
Trinity Bay
Amounting to
Twelve Dollars
Currency

I have &c &c &c
Robert Bond
Colonial Secretary

To the Collector of Customs
Clarenville

Dated 12th October
1869

No 1452

Recorded

Oct. 8th 1869

REVENUE.

No.

THE DIRECTOR OF REVENUE

SETTLEMENT

Dated April, 29th.

Read. Sent.

G. O. 29th April 1869, No. 1.118

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Work performed in the Settlement Department.—Returns received, Reports & Duplicates for the month of April, 1869, examined.