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From R. E. Master Esqr.
Director of Land Revenue

To R. A. Dalyell Esqr.
Actg Secretary to
Government
Revenue Department.

Sir

Referring to the Order of Government dated 11th instant No 2808, calling for information as to the nature of the impediments to the working of the Permanent and Cadastral Settlement parts of the Record Register of 1868 and the reasons why they cannot be removed, I have the honor to state that the chief hindrances, viz the unhealthiness of the

the locality and the consequent unpopularity of Service in it, are unfortunately not susceptible of remedy. Sickness [illegible] the Quarter in the Talookas under operation and a Collective Number of 1125 days respectively lost from this cause alone. The Village Officers and Ryots were instructed as often as the Settlement Servants, so that even when the latter were fit for duty, the absence of the former frequently impeded the work. The Sickness Report to say shews no signs of abating and in this Report for September, the Officiating Deputy Director states that notwithstanding the

the presence of the Inspectors in the Talookas where the men are working and his treatment of the greater number of the patients, one death & fever had taken place, and that other men had been obliged to take leave and try by thorough rest and Change to shake it off.

2 The Officiating Deputy Director has also the greatest difficulty in obtaining returns for the demarcation and classification of parties, and notwithstanding his efforts and the frequent examination of the Servants from the Examination Rules by special sanction of Government, he has been quite unable to keep his establishment at its full strength

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three months of April May
and June an aggregate number
of 1,331 days was lost from
offices being vacant and that
these days represent the work
of 18 Surveyors for the entire
quarter. Some idea may be form-
ed of the extent to which the
field work must have been
impeded from this cause. Mr
Cox has advertised for fresh
hands to the Port Saint Jorge
and the various District Gazettes,
but as yet with only partial
success.

B. Another hindrance against
which the Officer in charge of the
party has to contend, is the
undoubted superiority of the
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hands

…hands are drawn, in Kurnool
and Cuddapah as compared
with the other Districts in
which the Department has
worked, except in the
Kistna and Godavery, and the
dislike of the men to the
latter Districts to proceed to
or serve in the former is un-
equally undoubted fact. On
these points I beg permission
to quote from my last Annual
Report. In para 18, shewing
the work of this very party,
I remarked "the Officiating Deputy
"Director also found it necessary
"to withdraw some of the most
"experienced Clasjeers for the
"purpose of re-examining certain
"doubtful work in the Kurnool
"district and in the Northern talooks
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"of Cuddapah, and though the
"ordinary courses in such cases
"as to replace the men so with-
"drawn by acting Classifiers,
"it was found impracticable
"to adopt it in Cuddapah,
"No qualified Men being pro-
"curable. This is a disadvantage
"under which the Department
"will, I fear, continue to labour
"in Kurnool and Cuddapah. The
"new and untrained hands in
"those Districts, and though there
"are plenty of qualified Per-
"sons in the Kistna and Godavery,
"to [illegible] the deficiency of the
"latter to the Climate of the
"Ceded Districts, that they
"cannot be tempted to go there.
"From these causes the Officiating
"Deputy Director is often unable
to

"to keep his ordinary establishments at their full
"sanctioned strength"

4. The second quarter was also the last season which as the Government are aware was this year in Cuddapah exceptionally severe and trying. The usual rains altogether failed. The extreme heat rendered the ground so hard that the working of demarcation was more than usually laborious, while from the same cause the attendance of the Villagers was very irregular. Yet at this very time, Chain lines had to be cleared through extremely heavy jungle, for which a large amount of labor was indispensable.

5. I need not enumerate minor impediments. The foregoing explanation

explanation will, I doubt not, satisfy the Government that there were causes for the short work in Cuddapah to which exception has been taken and those beyond the control of the Officiating Deputy Director in charge.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

(Illegible)
Director of Revenue Settlement

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th January 1869.

No. 58. Read the following letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 21st November 1868, No. 1,381-45 :—

1. Referring to the Order of Government, dated 14th instant, No. 2,868, calling for information as to the nature of the impediments to the work of the Kurnool and Cuddapah Settlement Party in the second quarter of 1868, and the reason why they cannot be removed, I have the honor to state that the chief hindrances, viz., the unhealthiness of the locality, and the consequent unpopularity of service in it, are unfortunately not susceptible of remedy. Sickness was prevalent throughout the quarter in the talooks under operation, and a collective number of 425 days was entirely lost from this cause alone. The Village Officers and Ryots were prostrated as often as the Settlement servants, so that even when the latter were fit for duty, the absence of the former frequently impeded the work. The sickness, I regret to say, shows no signs of abating, and in his report for September, the Officiating Deputy Director states that notwithstanding the presence of the Dresser in the talooks where the men are working, and his treatment of the greater number of the patients, one death from fever had taken place, and that other men had been obliged to take leave and try, by thorough rest and change, to shake it off.

2. The Officiating Deputy Director has also the greatest difficulty in obtaining recruits for the demarcation and classification parties, and notwithstanding his efforts, and the frequent exemption of the servants from the Examination Rules by special sanction of Government, he has been quite unable to keep his establishment at its full strength. When I state that during the three months of April, May, and June, an aggregate number of 1,331 days was lost from offices being vacant, and that these days represent the work of eighteen Goomastahs for the entire quarter, some idea may be formed of the extent to which the field work must have been impeded from this cause. Mr. Cox has advertised for fresh hands in the *Fort St. George*, and the various *District Gazettes*, but as yet with only partial success.

3. Another hindrance, against which the Officer in charge of the party has to contend, is the undoubted inferiority of the class from which the field hands are drawn, in Kurnool and Cuddapah, as compared with the other districts in which the department has worked; as for instance, the Kistna and Godavery, and the dislike of the men in the two latter districts to proceed to or serve in the former is an equally undoubted fact. On these points, I beg permission to quote from my last Annual Report. In paragraph 18, speaking of the work of this very party, I remarked, "The Officiating Deputy Director also found it necessary to withdraw "some of the most experienced Classifiers for the purpose of re-examining certain "doubtful work in the Kurnool District and in the Northern Talooks of Cuddapah, "and though the ordinary course in such cases is to replace the men so withdrawn "by Acting Classifiers, it was found impracticable to adopt it in Cuddapah, no "qualified men being procurable. This is a disadvantage under which the depart-"ment will, I fear, continue to labor in Kurnool and Cuddapah. The men are "not to be had in those districts, and though there are plenty of qualified persons "in the Kistna and Godavery, so great is the dislike of the latter to the climate of

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"the Ceded Districts, that they cannot be tempted to go there. From this cause "the Officiating Deputy Director is often unable to keep his ordinary establish- "ments at their full sanctioned strength."

4. The second quarter was also the hot season, which, as the Government are aware, was this year in Cuddapah exceptionally severe and trying. The usual rains altogether failed. The extreme heat rendered the ground so hard that the work of demarcation was more than usually laborious, while from the same cause the attendance of the villagers was very irregular; yet at this very time, chain lines had to be cleared through extremely heavy jungle, for which a large amount of labor was indispensable.

5. I need not enumerate minor impediments. The foregoing explanation will, I doubt not, satisfy the Government that there were causes for the short work in Cuddapah to which exception has been taken, and those beyond the control of the Officiating Deputy Director in charge.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1869, No. 28.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE DIRECTOR OF REVENUE SETTLEMENT.

Dated January, 6th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 6th January 1869, *No.* 28.

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Settlement work in Kurnool and Cuddapah Districts.—Report of the Director of Revenue Settlement on the impediments which led to the small outturn, recorded.