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Government of Madras.

Revenue - **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th March 1869.*

No. 417. Read the following letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 5th March 1869, No. 273/9 :—

1. The Government are doubtless aware from my quarterly reports, that for some time past, I have had considerable difficulty in employing the small establishment retained in Salem, pending the receipt of the final Orders of Government on the Settlement of that district. I have just returned from inspecting the Office, and find that such duties as I have been able to give them, have been completed, and that they are now virtually without work, though costing monthly about Rupees 660. This state of things is of course bad both for employers and employed, and should not be allowed to continue. At the same time, I am very unwilling to dispense altogether with the services of these men which will be of great value when the Settlement is carried out. The servants are experienced, and the establishment, if now dispersed, cannot easily be got together again. I do not know when the questions connected with the Settlement, now pending, will be decided; but should there be a probability of further delay, I have the honor to request sanction for the following arrangement.

2. Leaving a couple of Gumastahs and a few Peons at Salem in charge of the Office and Records, I propose to place the services of the rest of the establishment temporarily at the disposal of the Collector of Trichinopoly. Mr. Banbury, to whom I suggested the arrangement, and with whom, I have personally communicated on the subject, assures me that the men will be of the greatest assistance to him, and that with their aid, he will be able to proceed more rapidly with the enquiry

Paragraph 62.—Each entry in the registers has been taken from the Curnum's accounts, and has been tested by passing through many processes, and the results arrived at have been finally submitted to the scrutiny of the ryots themselves. The latter however look more to total figures than to detailed entries and with all precautions taken, some errors will still be found. For the recent change of system was too good an opportunity to be lost by those who hoped to gain petty benefits by misrepresenting the actual state of things and thus no doubt, some irrigated lands are registered as dry, some patches of garden are rated unduly low and deductions are made for waste that does not actually exist; but these and similar errors will be at once brought to light if a thorough and complete examination of every field in the district be made by competent and trustworthy Officers, as soon as they are provided with the Settlement Maps and Registers.

suggested by the late Deputy Director Mr. Pucklo, in paragraph 62 of his final report on the Trichinopoly Settlement dated 30th May 1865, which for convenience of reference, is given in the margin, and which enquiry has already been set on foot, and is slowly progressing with the limited means at the Collector's disposal. Mr. Banbury anticipates that the pay of the establishment will in a short time be more than made good, by the additional revenue to be derived from irrigated lands now improperly registered as dry, and from waste improperly deducted, when they shall have been brought under the correct heads.

Seeing therefore, that by this arrangement, employment remunerative to the State, will be substituted for enforced idleness, and that with the facilities of communication now existing between Trichinopoly and Salem, the men can be re-transferred to the latter place the moment they are wanted there. I trust the proposal will meet with the approval of Government.

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No. 418.

ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1869, No. 717.

Land Revenue.

The proposed temporary transfer
of the Salem Settlement party to the
Trichinopoly District is sanctioned.

The Government trust, however, that the final orders on the Settlement of the former district will be passed at a sufficiently early date to allow of the new Settlement being introduced at the beginning of next year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.
.. the Board of Revenue.
.. the Accountant General.

Ed. G. A. Turton.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 17th March 1869.
And the following
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REVENUE.

To

THE DIRECTOR OF REVENUE

SETTLEMENT.

Secy, &c., &c.

Dated March, 17th.

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Sent

O. O., 17th March 1869, No. 717.

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