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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th January 1867.

No. 107. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st September 1866, No. 6,774 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 22nd May 1866, No. 662-24.

ABSTRACT.—Reporting on the progress and results of the Settlement operations during the year 1865, and forwarding a report from the Acting Superintendent Revenue Survey, on the work of his department for the same period.

1. Ordered that the foregoing report be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The progress made, and the results attained in the operations of the Settlement Department for the year 1865, appear on the whole satisfactory, and the Board will briefly refer to the main points of the report.

3. SOUTH ARCOT.—The demand in Fusly 1274 in the Chedambaram Talook, under the revised assessment, was Rupees 5,671 below that of the preceding Fusly, owing to a slight falling off in the area under cultivation, and Rupees 9,087 less than that of the year preceding the introduction of the new Settlement.

4. GODAVERY DISTRICT.—The following figures shew a steady increase in the actual demand under the new Settlement in the Western Delta Talooks, compared with the Joint-rents of Fusly 1271 :—

Fusly 1271, Joint-rents	...	...	...	5,71,373
,, 1272, actual demand	under	Settlement	...	5,82,605
,, 1273,	do.	do.	...	6,18,490
,, 1274,	do.	do.	...	6,34,613
,, 1275,	do.	do.	...	7,41,543

A great part of the increase in Fusly 1275 is, however, stated to be owing to the increased water rate from Rupees 3 to Rupees 4 per acre, under the Government Order dated 12th May 1865, No. 1,006.

5. TRICHINOPOLY.—The talook of Udiyarpolliem was settled, and the Officiating Director's final report on the Settlement of the whole district was submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings, dated 28th May 1866, No. 3,641.

6. The final Settlement Registers for this district have been printed, and the Classification and Survey Field Books, with other papers connected with the Settlement, were made over to the Collector.

7. KURNOOL.—The new Settlement was commenced by Mr. Master, and subsequently carried on by Mr. Melville in 143 villages under the irrigation works in the Ramalkota, Nundikotkur, Nundial, and Sirwell Talooks. The Settlement Registers will be printed at Madras, there being no private Press at Kurnool capable of performing the work.

8. *Proposals for the Settlement of other Districts.*—Mr. Master promises to report hereafter the result of his visit in December 1865 to the Godavery District, for the purpose of commencing the Settlement of the Central and Eastern and Upland Talooks of the district. The accounts were in a sufficiently advanced state to permit of a commencement being made without any hindrance.

9. KISTNA DISTRICT.—The damage sustained by the Settlement records in consequence of the cyclone in the Masulipatam portion of the district was, in a great measure, repaired, and Mr. Wilson, who was delegated in December last to assist Mr. Master in introducing the new Settlement, entered on his duties on the 1st January 1866. The whole of the Survey areas for the Guntoor Division have not been received, and the Officiating Director is consequently unable to submit his report for the Settlement of this part of the district.

10. *The season of operations in* 1865.—The operations extended more or less over the five districts of Kistna, Kurnool, Cuddapah, Tinnevelly, and Coimbatore. In Kurnool and Cuddapah the work consisted of demarcation and classification combined, and in the remaining three districts of demarcation only.

11. Compared with the preceding year the total out-turn of work and cost in 1865 was as follows:—

Demarcation, 1864.

Total extent.	Total amount.
Square-miles 2,398	Rupees 2,00,901.
1865.	
„ 1,696	„ 1,41,056.

Classification and Assessment, 1864.

„ 1,080	„ 1,17,513.
1865.	
„ 1,367	„ 1,80,972.

Total Expenditure.

1864.	1865.
Rupees 3,23,356.	„ 3,53,013.

The expenditure of the year is in excess of that of 1864 by Rupees 29,657, and the increase is stated to be owing to the expense incurred in printing the Trichinopoly Registers, and to a sum of Rupees 30,085 "not debitable to parties," but which charge was incurred as shewn in the margin. Mr. Master observes that, as under the operation of the Government Order, dated 12th December 1864, No. 2,243, the work of the department is gradually contracted, its cost per square-mile must increase owing to the undue proportion of superintendence to establishment.

Assistant Director, unattached	1,804
Madras Deputy Collector	3,587
Nellore Establishment	23,399
Vizagapatam do.	1,679
Tinnevelly do.	615
	30,084

12. The expenditure was, however, on the whole less by Rupees 82,788 than the amount of the sanctioned estimate, owing to the establishments not having been maintained at full strength.

13. In paragraphs 12 to 20, Mr. Master details the work performed by the several parties and establishments in the districts in which they had been respectively engaged. A few of the main points in this part of the report have been already noted above in connexion with the districts in which the new Settlement had already been partially introduced, or for which proposals had been submitted. The remaining districts included in his remarks are Nellore, Cuddapah, Salem, Tinnevelly, and Coimbatore.

14. In Nellore and Tinnevelly the revision of the assessment, as the Government are aware, has been entrusted to the Collectors. The Demarcation parties appertaining to the Officiating Director's establishments have been, consequently, broken up in these districts.

15. In Cuddapah what had remained to be done at the close of 1864 towards the completion of the demarcation and classification of the talooks of Jammalamadugu, Proddatur, and Cuddapah, was effected in the early part of 1863, and the Sidhout Talook was also demarcated and classified; when the field establishment was, under the orders of Government, transferred to the Pattikonda Talook of Kurnool.

16. In Salem, 180 square-miles were re-demarcated, and Statements connected with the Settlement Report were prepared and furnished in October for the Balaghat Division. Mr. Puckle was subsequently engaged in preparing materials for the Settlement Report on the Baramahal and Balaghat Divisions.

17. In Coimbatore, demarcation was confined to the talooks of Coimbatore, Palladum, Suttimangalam, Perindorai, and Bhowany, as the survey was far behind; and the work of a large tract in the Perindorai and Bhowany Talooks was subjected to revision.

18. Three thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven square-miles, composing 1,226 villages which were demarcated, were made over to the Survey Department.

19. Survey areas were received for 1,354 villages, comprising 3,335 square-miles.

20. SURVEY DEPARTMENT. Survey operations were carried on in the following districts in the year 1865:—

Salem including the Shevaroys and Coimbatore	Party No. 1.
Kurnool	„ „ 2.
Kistna and Cuddapah	„ „ 3.
Tinnevelly	„ „ 4.
Nellore	„ „ 5.

21. *Party No.* 1.—The area surveyed was 664·35 square-miles, at a cost of Rupees 80,041-9-7, which gives about 120½ Rupees per square-mile, or 69½ Rupees per square-mile less than the cost shewn in last year's report of the operations of the same party. The survey of four talooks had been completed, and the operations in the five remaining talooks were progressing fast. The absence of rain was favorable for field work. Acres 1,020·63, composing eleven estates on the Shevaroys, had been surveyed at a cost of Rupees 1,510-1-10.

22. *Party No.* 2.—Surveyed 520·80 square-miles, at a cost of Rs. 78,064-8-5, being 150 Rupees per square-mile, or about 37 Rupees per square-mile more than the cost of the operations of this party in 1864. The field work had been completed in five talooks. The demarcation records for a fresh talook had not been received. Survey areas for eighty-two villages containing 376·18 square-miles were furnished to the Settlement Department. The work has been connected with five Trigonometrical points.

23. *Party No.* 3.—Square-miles 273·47 were surveyed in Cuddapah, the work in the Kistna District having consisted principally of mapping and computation of areas. The Settlement Department was furnished with duplicate copies of records destroyed by the cyclone, and several maps and records of the Survey Department

also had to be replaced. The field areas of 122 villages, comprising 716·71 square-miles, were supplied to the Settlement Department. The expenditure was Rupees 63,703-11-2.

24. *Party No.* 4.—The area surveyed was square-miles 545·95, at a cost of Rupees 53,316-4-3, giving an average of Rupees 97½ per square-mile, while the cost of the operations of the same party in 1864 was Rupees 153-9-6 per square-mile. There were many difficulties to contend with in the Tinnevelly District, and the party was not so complete as it might have been but for the unwillingness of the educated natives of the district to enlist in such laborious service; and the conduct of many of the employés obtained from other districts is stated to have been very unsatisfactory. The work has been connected with 7 G. T. points.

25. *Party No.* 5.—Surveyed 951·17 square-miles, at a cost of Rs. 69,493-3-5, being Rupees 73 per square-mile, while the cost of this party's operations in 1864 was 67-3-8 per square-mile. The field and boundary survey of the district (Nellore) was almost completed when the year closed. Survey areas of 156 villages, comprising 770·06 square-miles, were furnished to the Settlement Department.

26. *Neilgherries Waste Land Survey.*—An East Indian Sub-Assistant and a Native Surveyor specially employed for the duty, (under the direction of the Superintendent of Survey,) surveyed seventy-three estates of an aggregate extent of 4,851·20 acres, at a cost of Rupees 332 per square-mile, exclusive of demarcation. The Native Surveyor was, however, re-called, as the Revenue authorities could find full work for only one Surveyor.

27. *Wynaad Coffee Estates Survey.*—In addition to the forty-four estates, the maps of which were revised by Mr. Starr, the Central Office Assistant, in the year 1864, seventeen other estates were examined by him in 1865, he having been detached for this work in November of that year. Major Hessey does not report* favorably of the work performed by the Surveyors attached to the Collector, and has made some proposals for the future, which have been referred† to the Collector for report.

* Board's Proceedings, dated 7th March 1866, No. 1,574.

† Board's Proceedings, dated 14th May 1866, No. 3,352.

28. *Purlah Kimedy Estate Survey.*—This Survey has been carried on by Captain Wynch, and is now almost completed. Square-miles 544·09 have been surveyed, and the total expenditure incurred Rupees 87,245, as shewn in the margin, being about Rupees 160-6-0 per square-mile. The cost, which is borne by the estate, was enhanced by the difficulty experienced for a long time in organizing an efficient party, owing to the extremely unhealthy nature of the country, and the general impression that service under the Court of Wards would not count as Government service, and that the party would be broken up on the survey of the estate being completed. This difficulty was removed when it became known that the survey of the Government

	Rs.	A.	P.
Survey	70,127	15	9
Pay of men employed in demarcation	8,695	15	9
Instrument, Stationery, &c. ...	8,421	4	9
Total...	87,245	4	3

Talooks in Ganjam and Vizagapatam would be undertaken, and the party transferred to the service of Government.

29. *Coorg Coffee Estates Survey.*—This Survey was also under the Superintendent, and the reports of the operations will be submitted to the Commissioner of Coorg.

30. The total area measured by the five parties referred to in paragraph 20 above, was 2,955·74 square-miles, and the total expenditure incurred 4,35,258-9-8, being at the rate of Rupees 147¼ per square-mile, or 3 Annas 8 Pies per acre on the whole area surveyed.

31. The Revenue Survey was connected to ten G. T. Survey stations, and the average error is 13·79 feet per mile.

32. The Lithographic Press turned out one talook map and 812 village maps, at an aggregate cost of Rupees 9,207-13-11, or Rupees 5-7-6 per square-mile, being Rupees 2-0-8 in excess of the cost of the year 1864. The specimens submitted shew an improvement in execution.

33. The Survey Department did not undertake the demarcation of any districts in 1865, as the area made over to it, by the previous Demarcation Establishment, was sufficient to occupy the Survey Department throughout the year.

34. Fines under the Boundary Marks Act (XXVIII. of 1860) were levied to the following extent, but no person was imprisoned for default of payment:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Kurnool	319	6	0
Kistna and Cuddapah	86	0	0
Tinnevelly...	835	8	0
Nellore	15	0	0

35. Major Hessey, in the last paragraph of his report, recommends that Mr. H. O. C. Cardozo, First Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Survey, should be granted an increase to his salary, as in the case of the three Officers already recommended to Government for such advancement in accordance with paragraph 12 of the observations of the Supreme Government, communicated to the Officiating Superintendent of Revenue Survey in the Order of this Government, in the Revenue Department, dated 11th November 1865, No. 2,732.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1867, No. 55.

Land Revenue.

1. Ordered to be recorded.

2. The proposal to raise Mr. Cardozo's salary should be separately submitted.

3. The Government hope that the report for the current year will be submitted with less delay.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

Rnd. S. T. Augustin.

Ordered that the recorded
The proposal of
Lewis the Carpenter to
build the Schoolhouse
be accepted.

The first half of
the rent for the room
each year will be
due & settled in the
last delay

12 Dec./61 pp 130 to
12 May 65 pp 241
11 Nov. pp pp 124-125
19 Sept./66 460-462 pp

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Submitting to Government, with remarks, Annual Report from Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement on Settlement and Survey operations during 1865.

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