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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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10th July 1867.*

No. 165. Read the following letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 6th July 1867, No. 884-19 :—

1. I have the honour to forward the usual return of work performed and expenditure incurred by the Settlement Department during the first quarter of 1867.

2. *Godavery District.*—As in the previous quarter, the work in the Godavery District consisted chiefly in the preparation of the final Settlement Registers in diglott for the Press. Registers for 190 villages were written, and those for 136 villages were compared, while the Registers of forty-two villages were in progress at the close of the quarter. The printing of the Settlement Registers in Madras by the Contractors, Messrs. Graves, Cookson, & Co., was in active progress, and the necessary number of copies for 118 villages was struck off during the quarter. A trifling amount of new demarcation and classification was also performed by the party on the requisition of the local Revenue authorities. The cost of printing forms a large proportion of the expenditure, which is slightly higher than in the previous quarter.

3. *Kistna District.*—A portion of the establishment, under the Acting Sub-Collector on special duty, accomplished 4,371 acres of new demarcation and 4,427 acres of new classification in the Guntoor division. In Office, the work of preparing the final Settlement Registers in diglott for the Press for the Masulipatam division was proceeded with, Registers for 152 villages having been written, and those for 121 villages having been compared during the quarter. In Guntoor, attention was paid to kyling as long as the harvest lasted. Considerable progress was made in the preparation of the accounts connected with the Guntoor settlement. The expenditure in this party is slightly below that of the previous quarter.

4. *Kurnool and Cuddapah Districts.*—The amount of field work performed by the Kurnool and Cuddapah party during the first quarter exhibits, I regret to say, a considerable falling off when compared with the out-turn of previous quarters. The area demarcated was only 124 square-miles, and that classified 73 square-miles. The diminution is attributable to several causes, the chief of which were the closing in of the work in Kurnool, and the transfer of the establishment to Cuddapah, involving the loss of much time in travelling; the continued sickness which prevailed in the talooks under operation throughout the quarter, and the difficulty experienced in procuring the attendance of the Reddies and Curnums, who were called away for the Jamabundy. The ryots, moreover, had neglected to provide the stones required for the field marks in readiness beforehand, though they had received ample warning. Further, the work was more than usually tedious, as the bulk of it was performed in wet land, where the fields run very small. I trust that the returns for the second quarter will shew a different result.

5. 4,067 masonry pillars were constructed by this party. Of these 2,032 were on village boundaries, and the remainder on those of Khandams.

6. Numerous experiments of produce were made during the harvest.

7. In Office, the establishment was employed in entering Survey areas in the Classification Registers, making abstracts of classification, and calculations of assessment, and in writing and comparing the vernacular portions of the final Settlement Registers for Kurnool proper. Nineteen Registers were written.

8. The expenditure in this party was slightly lower than in the previous quarter.

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9. *Tinnevely District.*—The expenditure set opposite this district consists of the pay of a small establishment employed under the orders of the Collector and of the Survey Department in the correction of errors in the Demarcation.

10. *Salem District.*—As in the previous quarter, the Salem Establishment, reduced as much as possible, has been employed to the best advantage in Office pending the receipt of orders on the settlement of that district.

11. The sum of Rupees 12,236, at the foot of the statement, comprises the items marginally noted. The first two are debitable to the Settlement Budget by order of Government. The third consists of the pay of a small establishment placed at the disposal of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey for employment in the Madras District Demarcation.

Return of work and expenditure in the Settlement Department for the first quarter ending 31st March 1867.

Names of Districts.	Standard estimate for a quarter of a year.	Actual Work.		Total Work.	Difference.	Expenditure.	Average cost per square-mile.
		In complete villages.	In villages in progress.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<i>Demarcation.</i>	Sq. Ms.	Sq. Ms.	Sq. Ms.	Sq. Ms.	Sq. Ms.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.
Godavary	...	...	...	...	...	80	...
Kistna	...	5	2	7	...	657	...
Kurnool	375	16	3	191	...	3,635	140 13 3
Cuddapah	...	3	102	105	—251	13,828	...
Tinnevely	...	...	...	...	...	1,132	...
Total	375	24	107	131	...	19,338	...
Add cost of Boundary Pillars	...	...	...	...	...	2,410	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	21,748	...
<i>Classification and Assessment.</i>							
Godavary	...	...	...	...	...	7,466	...
Kistna	...	5	2	7	...	4,727	...
Kurnool	375	14	5	191	...	5,075	153 13 4
Cuddapah	...	4	50	54	—302	7,502	...
Salem	...	...	...	...	...	2,983	...
Total	375	23	57	80	...	27,753	...
Add charges not debitable to parties.	...	...	...	...	...	12,236	...
Grand Total	...	...	...	...	...	81,737	...

(Signed) R. F. MASTER
Off. Director of Revenue Settlement

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ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1867, No. 1,535.

Land Revenue.

With reference to the remark at paragraph 10 of the above letter, the Board of Revenue will be requested to submit the proposals for the revision of the Salem assessment as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Like Sept 2nd 1867

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the above letter to Mr.
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be sent to the General for
the revision of the volume
which is now
possible.

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10th July/67

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Recd 24th April 1867 No 329 330.

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The Offr Director of
Revenue Settlements
To The Secretary to
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Stark St George.

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the first quarter
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