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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th November 1867.*

No. 99. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd October 1867, No. 6,909.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th October 1867, No. 987:—

1. I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of a letter from Mr. Rundall, Special Assistant, No. 201-131, dated 3rd October 1867.

2. According to the Board's instructions in this district the monthly accounts, pay abstracts, &c., of the Settlement party are sent to the Tahsildar for signature. This is practically a mere form, and involves unnecessary loss of time. The additional Gumastahs assigned to this district are located in the Nellore and Gudur talooks with reference to Settlement work, but there are no such Gumastahs available in Rapur or Atmakur.

3. As the Settlement party are returning into these talooks for re-classification according to the principle of the Revenue Settlement Department, these returns would now have to be sent to the Gudur Tahsildar to be countersigned, and he could exercise no practical check whatever with regard to these accounts.

4. In anticipation, therefore, of the Board's sanction, I have authorized Mr. Rundall to have the accounts, &c., submitted without the Tahsildar's signature, as recommended by him.

From the Special Assistant Collector, Nellore, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 3rd October 1867, No. 201-131.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,298, dated 8th May 1865.
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,396, dated 1st September 1865.

1. The Board's instructions as to the working of the Settlement party in this district, were furnished in their orders marginally noted.

2. On the 10th June 1866, at the close of the first year's work, I reported on the existing mode of conducting operations, and recommended modifications of the Board's directions being sought for; but in his report to the Board, No. 19, on the 23rd August following, Mr. Dykes did not consider it desirable to moot the question, and therefore it was left in abeyance. The course that I considered to require modifying more than a year ago is, therefore, still being pursued, to the detriment certainly of regularity or expedition being observed in rendering the accounts and returns of the Settlement party.

3. Matters will, however, no longer permit of the course being pursued entirely without the work of the party being most seriously interfered with and impeded. The additional Gumastahs in the talooks are now employed in Nellore and Gudur; and in the Cutcherry of the latter talook the pay abstract and matters relating to the party have been drawn up, and the monthly returns, when prepared by the Supervisor, are forwarded to the Tahsildar of Gudur to be signed by him as well. Whilst the Supervisor has been in the Gudur talook, the delay occasioned by this procedure has been considerable, but yet apparently unavoidable.

4. The Supervisor I have now directed to move into the western villages of Rapur bordering on the Atmakur talook, in order that he may be at hand to overlook the re-classification work that classifiers are now commencing in the latter talook. There is no establishment at present in Rapur to allow of the work being carried on in that Cutcherry. The actual work done will not appertain to the Gudur talook, and it can serve no purpose for work done in Rapur and Atmakur to be attested to by the Gudur Tahsildar.

5. As operations are about to be changed, I have the honor to request your permission, under the circumstances now explained, for the Supervisor to prepare and submit the pay abstract and

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monthly accounts direct from his Office, instead of the former being prepared by the Talook Establishment and submitted by the Tahsildar, and the latter by the Supervisor and sent to the Tahsildar for his signature, &c., for submission to me. All other matters I would leave as at present

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No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 6th November 1867, No. 2,620.

Miscellaneous.

The Board's proceedings are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Nellore.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
for information.

Exd. J. Wright.

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The H. J. Wright appears

W. R. H. J. Wright

6th November 1867.

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