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Submitting to Government
for sanction, letter from the Superin-
-tendent, Revenue Survey requesting
to transfer Rs. 8000, from the Settle-
-ment Budget for the preparation of
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Field Measurement Books in Malabar.—Submitting to Government for sanction letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey requesting to transfer Rs. 8,000 from the Settlement budget for the preparation of copies of —.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE.)

READ—again the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R. S., L. R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 8601, dated 21st October 1897:—

Resolution—Mis. No. 8601, dated 21st October 1897.

The Board is recommending to Government the appointment of two additional Deputy Collectors for the registration of janmam titles in Malabar. It is proposed that they should work in the Ponnáni and Kurumbranád taluks. Copies of the Board's proposals shall be communicated to the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, as soon as they are received from the Press.

2. It is believed that the necessary copies of the field-books have been prepared for Ponnáni, but the Board is in doubt as to whether the field-books for Kurumbranád have yet been prepared. The Superintendent, Revenue Survey, is requested to inform the Board whether the Kurumbranád field-books (three copies) are ready, and if not, within what time they can be made so.

3. Applications for copies of the field-maps are becoming numerous and pressing, and the labour and delay of preparing copies by hand constitute a very serious difficulty. The Superintendent of Survey is requested to advise the Board whether it is not practicable to multiply copies of the field-maps by means of cyclostyles, or in some other way. The cost of the copies is recoverable from the applicants, and the number of copies required is likely to be so great that there will be no difficulty in so fixing the fees as to completely cover the necessary expenditure.

4. Finally, the Board desires to impress on the Superintendent the desirability of preparing field-books for the remaining taluks of Malabar at the earliest possible date.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Survey.

READ—also the following letter from H. O'C. CARDOZO, Esq., C.I.E., Superintendent, Madras Survey, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, No. 453-R., dated 13th November 1897:—

[Reference.—Board's Proceedings (Settlement), Mis. No. 8601, dated 21st October 1897, regarding the preparation of field measurement books in Malabar.]

I have the honour to forward copy of a letter, No. 436, dated 4th November 1897, from Mr. Greene, Deputy Superintendent of Survey, Malabar.

2. It will be seen that there has been some misapprehension regarding the number of copies of field measurement books which have been prepared. In no case have three copies been made. Mr. Greene's report shows the state of progress.

3. To meet the wishes of the Board, at least Rs. 8,000 must be added to the survey budget allotment for Malabar, but there are no survey funds available. I understand that Rs. 8,000 can be spared from the settlement budget. I enclose the usual application for this transfer, which please forward to the Accountant-General as soon as possible.

4. With this addition to the sum at Mr. Greene's disposal, it is estimated that one copy of the field measurement book for every desam in Malabar and an additional copy for these desams the village maps of which do not show sub-division boundaries will be ready by the end of the current official year.

5. I agree with Mr. Greene that the present arrangements for preparing copies for sale may remain in force until the necessity for change becomes urgent.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. P. GREENE, Esq., Deputy Superintendent, No. III Party, Madras Survey, to the Superintendent, Madras Survey, No. 436, dated Camp, Coonoor, 4th November 1897.

In reply to your No. 3202-S. of 27th October 1897 forwarding a copy of B.P., Mis. No. 8601, dated 21st October 1897, I have the honour to submit the following report.

Board's Proceedings, paragraph 2.—The attached statement gives full particulars for the preparation of new field measurement books throughout the Malabar district. It will be seen that the field measurement books for the Kurumbranád taluk are as far advanced as those for Ponnáni. A sufficiently large staff of surveyors to complete the first and second copies of the field measurement books for both taluks by the 31st March 1898 is now employed.

For no taluk are three copies of the field measurement book prepared. Two copies are prepared for those taluks where sub-divisions do not appear in the village maps and only one copy for other taluks. If field measurement books for all desams of the Ponnáni and Kurumbranád taluks are required before the end of this official year, I could, by increasing the staff of surveyors now employed on them, have them ready by the end of December 1897.

Paragraph 3.—If as many applications for copies of field-maps, as the Board appears to anticipate, are applied for, a third copy of the field measurement book for each desam should, I think, be prepared at once.

I have not, however, yet been asked by the Special Deputy Collectors for surveyors to prepare copies of the field maps; the four surveyors placed at their disposal have, I understand, been able to comply with all applications received up to date. As the applications increase, I can increase the number of copyists. The present charge made for a copy of a sub-division plan is 2 pies, and whether the copy is made by hand, by cyclostyle or by photography, the charge cannot be much decreased.

Changes are constantly occurring in the boundaries of sub-divisions as mapped in the field measurement books, so that, if a large number of copies were struck by cyclostyle, or other such process, they would probably be out of date before they were purchased. The Board might be asked to permit the copies to be prepared by hand so long as I can meet the demand for copyists. Mr. Vurgese, Special Deputy Collector, Palghat, informs me that land-holders are daily taking more interest in the survey of their lands and that surveyors are giving general satisfaction by furnishing them with all the information they require. This being the case, there should not be as large a demand for copies as is anticipated by the Board.

Paragraph 4.—In reply to this paragraph, I would refer you to my No. 1398-S. of 26th October 1897. I will have no difficulty in completing field measurement books for the whole district by the 31st March 1898, if I am given funds.

The Board has made no reference to the field establishment which will certainly be required to accompany the jenmam registration staff in the Ponnáni and Kurumbranád taluks. I will find great difficulty, this official year, in supplying the number of surveyors required. Mr. Vurgese has now a staff of 30 surveyors in Palghat, Mr. Gopalan Nair a staff of 22 surveyors in Walavanad and Mr. Vurgese has now requested me to increase his staff to 56, so as to have a surveyor in each amsam. I could, of course, get surveyors from other parties, but they would in my opinion be worse than useless for supplemental survey in Malabar as they would have but little idea of the requirements of the district.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

STATEMENT showing progress made in the preparation of new field measurement books, Malabar district.

Taluk.	Total number of villa- ges.	Area in square miles.	Field measurement books completed.				Balance incomplete.				Remarks.
			First copy.		Second copy.		First copy.		Second copy.		
			Villages.	Square miles.	Villages.	Square miles.	Villages.	Square miles.	Villages.	Square miles.	
Kottayam ..	227	ACS. 282	141	211	..	..	86	71	227	282	I had not intended to prepare a second copy of the field measure- ment book for this taluk as all sub-divisions appear in the vil- lage maps. Do. except for "B" class wages. Settlement of the taluk complete; second copy of field measurement book is unnecessary.
Chirakkal ..	271	623	191	277	..	..	80	351	271	623	
Ernad ..	220	672	152	323	..	..	67	349	220	672	
Wynad ..	58	821	40	585	..	..	18	236	58	821	
Ponnani ..	460	463	391	325	391	325	69	138	69	138	
Kurumbanad ..	341	348	304	288	215	212	37	60	126	136	
Calicut ..	188	300	..	..	..	..	188	300	188	300	
Palghat ..	138	451	138	451	138	451	..	..	..	..	
Walavanad ..	317	612	317	612	317	612	..	..	..	..	
Total ..	2,220	4,577	1,674	3,072	1,061	1,600	545	1,505	1,159	2,977	

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

MEMORANDUM of altered grants for the current year 1897-98 in Madras Survey Department—Major head of Account, Land Revenue.

Minor and detailed heads of account.	Budget grant.	Amount already sanctioned by re-appropriation.		Altered grant.	Grant now considered necessary.	Additional allotment required (a).	Amount surrendered (b).	Accountant-General's revised estimate.
		By Government.	By the head of the department under paragraphs 94 and 95 of the budget rules * for contingencies.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>Survey and Settlement Survey.</i>	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.		
Cadastral surveys ..	1,58,300	1,58,300	..	1,58,300	1,58,300	..	..	..
Other surveys ..	1,49,700	1,49,700	..	1,49,700	1,49,700	..	..	..
Total ..	3,08,000	3,08,300	..	3,08,000	3,08,000	..	..	..
<i>Land Records and Agriculture. †</i>								
Controlling office ..	99,600	99,600	..	99,600	99,600	..	..	..
Maintenance of Land Records ..	73,100	73,100	..	73,100	81,100	8,000	..	..
Total ..	1,72,700	1,72,700	..	1,72,700	1,80,700	8,000	..	..
Grand Total ..	4,80,700	4,80,700	..	4,80,700	4,88,700	8,000	..	..
						Net total additional allotment required or net total amount surrendered.		

* This should be reported to the Accountant-General for verification.

† The additional allotment required is for the preparation of field measurement books of Malabar urgently required by the Board to facilitate the work of the Special Deputy Collectors now employed in the registration of janmam titles in Malabar. It is understood that Rs. 8,000 can be spared from the budget grant of the Settlement department for 1897-98.

(a) The excess of column 6 over column 5.

(b) The deficiency of column 6 below column 5.

RESOLUTION—No. 719, dated 19th November 1897.

Submitted for the early orders of Government in continuation of B.P., No. 680, dated 20th October 1897.

2. The necessity for the early preparation of field measurement books, in order to facilitate the work of registration of proprietors of estates in Malabar, has been fully explained in the B.P. quoted above. From the statement which forms an enclosure to the letter from the Superintendent of Survey read above, it will be seen that the work is much in arrears, in all taluks except Palghat and Walavanad. In order to complete the books before the close of the current official year, the Superintendent of survey asks for an additional grant of Rs. 8,000. The Board requests that this may be sanctioned. The expenditure can be met by transfer from savings under the budget provision for Settlement Parties. *

- * Head 3-C. Land Revenue.
- " Survey and Settlement.
- " Revenue Settlement.

† An application in the form prescribed in rule 87 of the rules for the preparation of budget estimates issued in G.O., No. 602 † Financial, dated 20th August 1895, is submitted herewith.

3. The Board regrets to find that the remark made in paragraph 2 of its Proceedings, No. 680, dated 20th October 1897, to the effect that *three* copies of the field measurement books have been prepared for each desam in the Palghat and Walavanad taluks is not correct. It is reported that only two copies have been prepared for these taluks, and that it is proposed to prepare *two* copies for these taluks in which sub-divisions are not marked on the village map, and one copy in the other taluks. Sub-divisions have only been shown in the maps in certain taluks in North Malabar.

4. As regards the question of multiplying copies of field-maps by cyclostyle, the difficulty is that the tracings on cyclostyle paper, after one side has been covered with copying ink, cannot be preserved to obtain future copies as occasion requires. The Deputy Superintendent and Superintendent in suggesting that the number of copyists may be increased appear to overlook the fact that only one or two men can be supplied with maps to copy from. Admittedly there are only two copies of the field-maps in bound books and these are in daily use by the Menons and Special Deputy Collectors. The Special Deputy Collectors will be called on to report whether they can continue to furnish hand-made copies of field-maps to applicants without inordinate delay.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
through the Accountant-General,
with Superintendent's letter and enclosures in original (to be returned)
and also an application for additional allotment.

Copy to the Superintendent of Survey.
" " Collector of Malabar for communication to the
Janmam Registrars, with reference to paragraph 4.

