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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 7th July 1857.

No. 18. Read the following letter from Captain H. T. CAMPBELL, Assistant to the Agent to the Governor in Ganjam; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Kimedý, 11th June 1857, No. 130.

SIR,

I have the honor to request you will bring to the favorable notice of Government, the very disadvantageous position in which I am placed, as regards pay, with those of my own standing in the service, doing the duty of a Magistrate, quite apart from my duties as a Public Works Officer.

I beg most respectfully to state that, in accepting my present appointment, I resigned my promotion in the Department of Public Works, in which I ranked senior to Capt. Crewe and others who are now 3rd class Executives, the pay of which is 400 Rupees a month, staff pay, and 150 Rupees tentage.

I now have the whole of my time nearly during the day occupied in the duties of a Magistrate. From daylight till late in the forenoon, I am looking after the maramut works, the proper supervision of which in the Kimedý Talook is full employment for one Officer. I am consequently obliged to dák over ground during the night, I might otherwise ride over leisurely. I have had to survey and estimate for several roads, respectively 9, 19, 18 and 22 miles long, several large bridges, and tanks, exclusively of public buildings, including Barracks, Cutcherry, Magazine, &c., to accomplish which has compelled me to entrench largely upon the time usually allowed for rest or relaxation, even in Europe.

I do not grudge the extra exertion to get through the same amount of work, which in knocking about in India, is not slight, nor do I spare myself; but I respectfully submit I am not sufficiently paid for it.

I humbly beg therefore that I may be at least put on the same footing as a 3rd Class Executive Officer with the same allowance for tentage and travelling, as allowed to these Officers. I have ruined all my tents since being here, had to build a house, and in many ways exerted myself in a very up-hill task, still not having got any maramut writer, overseers or draughtsman, the work of the 3 last, devolving on myself, unaided, and which I trust the Government will not overlook.

I have said nothing of raising a corps of Seebundies, as I had a Havildar for 6 months to assist me in drilling them, but I was constantly present, and they have occupied much of my time and attention, and are now a very efficient body of men.

The fever of the hills in the Kimedý district is well known. I have enjoyed excellent health since being here, but I am certain few Officers would voluntarily risk their lives, and work day and night, besides on my present pay, which I trust also may have consideration.

(Signed) H. T. CAMPBELL, Captain,
Assistant Agent.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, No. 750; dated 2nd July 1857.

Captain Campbell brings to the notice of Government the "disadvantageous position" in respect to pay, in which he is situated. This letter, the Government observe, should properly have been transmitted through the Agent; but to save delay, they resolve to dispose of it at once.

2. Captain Campbell, the Agent's Assistant commands the *Kimedý* Sebundy Corps. He has the charge of the Police in that Zemindary and the superintendence of all Public Works therein. The estate is stated by Mr. Russell, vide Selections of Government, No. XXIV, Volume I, page 2, to be 42 miles long by 40 miles in breadth.

3. The appointment he holds was constituted by the Government of India under date 4th July 1856. In addition to his pay and allowances, the Assistant was to receive Rupees 300 staff salary and tentage at Rupees 42 per mensem. These two charges last mentioned were to be defrayed, in common with the rest of the expenditure on account of *Sebundy*, out of the Zemindary, which is under attachment owing to the mental incapacity of the Proprietor.

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4. Captain Campbell complains, that, had he not removed from the Department Public Works, he would now, under the reorganisation there which took effect from 1st January in this year, have attained the grade of Executive Engineer (3rd class), the staff salary of which is Rupees 400, besides Rupees 150 for tentage, and Rupees 5 per diem, while travelling; and he submits that his present duties would be no more than adequately remunerated at the rate above specified.

5. With reference to the Public Works enumerated as some for which surveys and estimates have been furnished by him, the Government do not doubt that Captain Campbell's labour have, at the outset, proved extremely heavy. They observe it stated that he has no Maramu Writer, nor Overseers nor Draughtsmen. Orders will be issued in the Public Works Department to remedy these inconveniences, and when this is done, the Government believe it will be found that this portion of the Assistant's duties will be by no means of an onerous nature. A few roads made through the principal Passes, and the public buildings in connection with the new Sebundy Force once constructed, very little will remain to be done. The Corps itself is the weakest there is, being only 100 men, exclusive of the usual complement of Non-Commissioned Officers.

6. Under all the circumstances of the case, the Government will sanction the allowance of 5 Rupees a day, to be drawn (in contingent Bills) while the Assistant is travelling, but they are unable to concur in the other suggestions he has made.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Kinrossy - June. 11/57.

My dear Mr. Maltby,

You may perhaps recollect Campbell of the 13th. I am now writing officially to you, and out of the regular channel, as Mr. Knox, my chief, refused to forward an application for any increase of Pay, as he said, having originally recommended the amount, which has been sanctioned by Gov^y, he could not do so consistently. I have therefore been obliged to write direct. the reason for which I trust you will explain. and shall be greatly indebted to you, if you will say a kind word for me. ~~And~~ you have an opportunity of doing so. I have stated my grievances fully in my official letter, but have made no allusion to my personal discomfort. Last year I was obliged to keep Mr. Campbell in Calicut from March till September

Whilst I was out in tents, all the hot
weather - during the rebellion in Kentucky
and more than a month in the heaviest
of the moon soon. I got no pay for
6 months after coming here so I had
no means to begin a house. I only
this month received some of my
allowances due for April last year,
on the 1st of which I assumed charge in
Kentucky.

With kind regards to Mr. Malby -

Believe me,

Yours sincerely
H. T. Campbell

Memorandum
There is nothing further to be

time, it appears to me, in ^{fact}
this individual case, but

It seems worthy of consideration
as a general question whether

Officers, in the situation of
Captains Campbell, Russell, Smith

Should not be entitled to a
increase of salary after a certain

number of years service and
have no further pricing
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George in Kanjari
the apt General
Civil Engineer
Public Works Department

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