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No. 11. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chetterpore, 18th October 1858, No. 184.

SIR,

Para. 1. I have the honor to forward copy of a letter addressed to me by Captain Saxton, an Officer employed in the Trigonometrical Survey, who is about to commence operations in the mountainous portions of this district. Captain Saxton requests that the powers of an Assistant Agent may be vested in him ex-officio, as has hitherto been the case, during his employment in Cuttack. I thought it as well to learn from the Commissioner of those drstricts, whether his experience of this system led him to consider it advantageous and, I have now the honor to submit his reply, together with Captain Saxton's letter for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

2. I entertained little hesitation as to the expediency of requesting that such powers might be delegated to Captain Saxton, and Mr. Cockburn's letter seems to me conclusive on the subject.

3. I hope therefore that His Lordship will be pleased to sanction this arrangement and, that his orders on the subject may be communicated to me in time to forward them to Captain Saxton by the commencement of the working season.

From Captain G. H. SAXTON, Assistant Surveyor General, No. 1 Party Ganjam Survey; to the Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George in Ganjam, No. 101.

SIR,

I have the honor to solicit your assistance to this Survey party, during the approaching field season, when I purpose working in the Hills of Boad and Goomsoor. I addressed the Agent to the Governor General, Hill Tracts of Orissa, who replies that he is unable to furnish a guard, but thinks I may be able to get one from the Ganjam Sebundies. I think with my large party, which will be divided in several detached Camps, I ought to have as many as can be given up to 100 men, and I shall be obliged by your informing me whether you can give them.

2. I further enquired whether I could be vested with authority as an ex-officio Assistant to Governor General's Agent, but am informed that the Officers of that Agency, are not vested with any jurisdiction under which I could hold joint authority. I suppose that the "Supreme Control" which they do not exercise, is with you, in which case I shall be obliged if you will approving of such a measure, obtain for me an ex-officio Assistantship, the same that I have held for the last several years, under the Superintendent of Tributary Mehals of Cuttack, and also under the Commissioner of Chota Nagpore. The authority thus vested in me has been of very great assistance in enabling me to pass my own orders for Survey requirements, which cannot be provided for, by authority not on the spot. I have also with, I believe, considerable advantage, been employed occasionally in adjudicating boundary disputes, in which way I shall at all times be happy to make my services available.

3. I shall be obliged to you for information, as to how far I may under such authority, demand from the peculiar race inhabiting those hills, assistance in the way of labor, (jungle-cutting and carrying tent on to top of hills,) and supplies, and for any other suggestions and advice which you may favor me with.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

From G. F. COCKBURN, Esq., Superintendent Tributary Mehals; to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Cuttack, the 13th October 1858, No. 114.

Political.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 113, dated 8th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that it was found to be a necessary and convenient expedient to vest Captain Saxton, with the powers

ex-officio of an Assistant Superintendent of Tributary Mehals, and nothing, but advantage to the public service has resulted from the measure.

2. The season during which only the Survey Officers can proceed into unhealthy tracts. is limited to a few months in each year, and they operate usually at very considerable distances from all regular authority, supposing an emergency to arise either in connection with the Survey establishments, or with the Rajahs or people, it is absolutely necessary that some one should have power to act immediately as circumstances might render proper.

3. To refer the matter to the regular authority would, in the greater proportion of cases, cause extreme inconvenience, to say the least of it, and would more probably lead to delay in the Survey work.

4. A delay in the Survey operations during the working season, causes not only a postponement of one of the most important measures connected with the internal management, arising from a knowledge of the physical features of the country operated upon, but from the limited working season, may involve a loss to Government of many thousands of Rupees.

5. It is not intended that Captain Saxton should ordinarily exercise his powers, excepting in matters affecting Survey operations, this includes the requiring of local assistance, whether of labourers, or provisions, the attendance of responsible parties to point out boundaries and furnish information, the adjustment of boundary disputes and so forth.

6. Captain Saxton is perfectly well aware of the great caution required on his part in dealing with the Rajahs, and rude people usually found inhabiting the wilder tracts of country he has to visit, and has had many years experience, of the manner in which he can best advance the interests of his department, and of the public service, and entire confidence can be placed in him.

7. I do not think that it would be right for Survey parties to be advanced into the interior of the country, at a distance from regular stations without the presence in Camp of some one vested with authority to deal at once with cases such as are referred to.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 1588; dated 10th November 1858.

Under the circumstances represented, the Governor in Council authorizes Captain Saxton, Assistant Surveyor General, employed on the grand Trigonometrical Survey being appointed Assistant to the Agent in Ganjam, it being understood that the powers with which he is invested in virtue of his appointment are to be exercised only for purposes connected with the operations of the Survey under his charge.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Govt.

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