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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1*st June* 1861.

No. 7. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th May 1861, No. 771 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government, No. 750, dated 9th May 1860, I have the honor to report the result of the permission to continue for another year the exemption from the Examination Rules allowed to the Survey and Settlement Departments by the Orders of the 8th April 1859.

2. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey, in his letter of the 11th March last, reports that "no passed candidates have offered themselves for service "in the Survey Department," "that the duties men employed in "the Survey are called on to perform, necessitate an amount of "exposure and fatigue which they are unwilling to encounter." Moreover, that the fact of their having passed the examination in no degree guarantees their fitness for employment in the Survey, some of the chief requisites for which are a strong *bodily* frame and a sound healthy constitution.

Forwarded in Original to be returned.

3. With the advantages the exemption from the rules have held out to individuals, Captain Priestley finds it difficult to raise his Establishment to its full strength, and he points out that in providing hands for the Nellore Survey, he has had to draw largely on another party.

4. The District Survey Officers are unanimous in their opinion as to the necessity for exempting the Department from the operation of the rules, and it is considered that if they are enforced, it will be impracticable to promote to vacancies in the higher grades deserving men, though they may have by several years good service given proof of their fitness for Government employ. With this expression of their sentiments Captain Priestley strongly recommends the continuance of the sanction to entertain unpassed candidates, as a measure essential to the maintenance of his Establishment.

5. No passed candidates have offered themselves for employment either in the Godavery or Wainád Settlement parties. There were however two in the Kistna party and five in Salem.

6. Very few passed candidates are willing to take employment in the Department, owing to the arduous and irksome nature of the *duties in constant field work*, and to their being able to secure more stationary situations in other fixed Establishments. The local Officers have, in consequence, been obliged to engage the services of those, who by practical experience, local knowledge and peculiar aptitude, proved to be the more useful agents for the work of the Department.

7. With the assurance that every encouragement have been, and will be held out to passed candidates as far as they are suited for the special work in the Department, and are desirous of engaging in it, I trust the Government will be pleased to continue the exemption from the Examination Rules to the Survey and Settlement Departments. In fact under present circumstances there appears no alternative, but to employ the best agency which may offer itself, if the operations are to be prosecuted with vigor and efficiency.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1861, No. 1,130.

1. Under the circumstances urged by the Director of Revenue Settlement, the Government are pleased to continue for another year the exemption from the Examination Rules allowed to the Settlement and Survey Departments, by the Order of 8th April 1859, No. 488. But as already ordered, passed candidates physically as well as intellectually qualified for the duties of the Departments, should always have the preference. Unpassed men cannot be transferred to other Departments without first passing the prescribed examination.

2. The Governor in Council is unwilling to grant this exemption permanently, as he hopes the difficulty now experienced will only be temporary.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
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The Director of Revenue Settlement

To

The Secretary to Govt

Revenue Department

Dated (11th " May

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Reporting the results of the permission given in the orders of Government dated 8th April 1859 for the suspension of the Examination rules in regard to the entertainment of persons in the Revenue Settlement & Survey Department & requesting that the exemption may be continued.

With a/order

No 1130. 1st June