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SURVEY OPERATIONS IN PUDUKKOTTAI.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers :—

G.O., dated 9th April 1894, No. 240, Political.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Revenue Department, for the necessary action, letter from the Political Agent for Pudukkóttai requesting that Mr. Cardozo may be directed to have the survey operations in Pudukkóttai examined, in view to its being ascertained whether the superintendence of the work may be left to M.R.Ry. R. Venkoba Row or should be entrusted to an officer of the Madras Survey Department.

G.O., dated 22nd November 1894, No. 828, Political.

Read—the following letter from J. ANDREW, Esq., Political Agent for Pudukkóttai, Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 15th November 1894, No. 48-O—1875.

In its order dated 9th April 1894, No. 240, Government approved of my proposal that the work of the Pudukkóttai Survey Department should be tested by Mr. Cardozo with a view to see if the recently appointed Chief Superintendent R. Venkoba Row was fit for the post if the work was being done in a proper manner, and if any changes should be made in the *modus operandi*.

2. The work was tested on the ground by Mr. Thornhill, and Mr. Cardozo in his letter to me camp No. 42, dated 15th September 1894, states that Mr. Venkoba Row is not the kind of person whom he would select for such a charge, and that he would himself prefer to appoint an experienced survey officer in whom he could have confidence.

3. I forwarded a copy of Mr. Cardozo's letter to the Diwan-Regent with my letter No. 48-O—1532, dated 21st September 1894, in which I strongly advised him to suspend all further operations and to dispense with the establishment pending final orders of Government, whom I proposed to address on receipt of a report from him (Diwan-Regent) giving his opinion on Mr. Cardozo's report. As I did not receive a reply, and as I did not know if the establishment had been dispensed with as recommended, I again addressed the Diwan-Regent on the 7th instant, asking him for an immediate report, and to state if the establishment had been dispensed with as recommended, and to dispense with it at once, if this was not already done. I enclose a copy of his reply, No. 196-O, dated 10th instant, from which you will see that the Diwan-Regent declines to follow my advice, and says (paragraph 8) that he is "still of opinion (on which opinion he is acting) that the work should go on on the present small scale of field establishment (it is costing about Rs. 1,200 a month) until his opinion is reported to Government and their final orders obtained." In this reply the Diwan-Regent quotes Mr. Cardozo's report *in extenso*, and I therefore do not enclose a copy of the same. It is much to be regretted that though I asked him for his opinion on 21st September, it is only now, on receipt of a very pressing letter from me, that he affords me an opportunity of making Government acquainted with his opinion, on which he desires to obtain the orders of Government before complying with my request.

4. This inordinate delay makes it all the more difficult to decide now as to what should be done in the future as before any change can be made—in case Government considers a change desirable—the present administration will have come to a close, and the views of the future Diwan may or may not coincide with those of the Diwan-Regent.

5. My own opinion is that in an important work like that of the survey of a State—a work to be done once and for ever—it is well worthwhile to take all possible steps, even at an increased expenditure, in order that the work may be thorough and accurate, and it goes without saying that a man with a practical experience of the Madras Survey Department is presumably more competent than a man without such experience. I believe that even Mr. Cardozo, as a result of his recent experience in Trichinopoly, Salem and some zemindari villages, is improving on the old modes of operations, such as in having "field books," in which a page is allotted to each field, on which the sketches and measurements are shown, the village map not being so elaborate, or perhaps so minutely correct, as the old ones, and serving mainly as a key to the field books. This is what he is doing in the Marungapuri zemindari. My opinion, therefore, is that it would be for the advantage of the State that the person in charge should be an officer of the Madras Survey Department selected by Government and approved of by the Diwan. It would be a question whether he should be under the direct orders of the Superintendent, Madras Survey (Mr. Cardozo), or lent to the State, and directly under the orders of the Diwan, and on this the Diwan should, I think, be consulted. The latter course, especially as there will no longer be a Regency, would probably be the only practicable one, though Mr. Cardozo would no doubt be always ready to give his advice, and, *if found necessary*, it might be arranged that the maps should be printed at the Madras Central office. I would suggest that Government should decide whether either of the above alternatives is advisable and practicable, so far as Government is concerned, and if it decides in the affirmative, that the Diwan should be made acquainted with its views, for consideration, and for the submission of definite proposals. Probably my proposals will cost more, as we cannot expect a competent Madras Survey officer to go for the pay that Mr. Venkoba Row gets (Rs. 200 *per mensem*), but His Highness the Raja some months ago told me he would like the work to be done by the Madras Survey Department (*vide* paragraph 5 of my letter embodied in G.O., dated 9th April 1894, No. 240, Political, and I do not anticipate that the increased cost will be an insuperable objection. Most, or almost all, of the present staff would doubtless be retained: as it is, they are all men on the permanent State establishment, with liens on their appointments.

6. The Diwan-Regent some time ago applied for an increased allotment under the head of Survey (*vide* G.O., dated 20th June 1894, No. 425, Political, paragraph 3 (iii)), but this sanction I have not accorded pending final orders on the whole question of the *modus operandi*.

7. In case Government is disposed to entertain my proposals, and to refer my letter to Mr. Cardozo for his opinion, it would be as well to direct the Diwan-Regent, or to advise his successor in case its orders cannot be received before the termination of the Regency, to dispense with the establishment and to suspend further operations, for the present, as it may take some time for final orders to be passed and for arrangements to be made, if it is finally decided to make any radical change, for, if so, it is more or less waste of money going on with the work now at a cost of Rs. 1,200 a month for establishment alone.

Order—dated 22nd November 1894, No. 828, Political.

The following telegram will be despatched to the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai:—

594. Your 48-O—1875, fifteenth instant. Government strongly of opinion survey operations Pudukkóttai should be suspended forthwith and establishment dispensed with pending report by Superintendent, Madras Survey, which is being called for. Inform Diwan-Regent accordingly.

2. Mr. Andrew's letter will be communicated to the Revenue Department, with the request that the opinion of the Superintendent, Madras Survey, may be obtained at an early date as to the best course to be pursued in the survey of the Pudukkóttai State.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.
" Revenue Department.

G.O., dated 8th January 1895, Mis. No. 9, Political.

Read—again the following paper:—

G.O., dated 22nd November 1894, No. 828, Political.

Read—also the following paper:—

From H. O'C. CARDOZO, Esq., Superintendent, Madras Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 19th December 1894, No. 183-G.

[*Reference.*—Endorsement of the Revenue Department, Mis. No. 4661, dated 27th November 1894, forwarding, for early report, G.O., dated 22nd November 1894, No. 828, Political, regarding the survey of the Pudukkóttai State.]

I have the honour to report, after consultation with the Collector of Trichinopoly, that the best course to be pursued in the survey of the Pudukkóttai State would appear to be to place the services of an experienced Survey officer at the disposal of the Pudukkóttai Government. The Collector agrees with me that an officer of the grade of Assistant Superintendent, third class, pay Rs. 300 per mensem, with travelling allowance at Rs. 4 per diem when absent from head-quarters, would be most suitable. I would recommend for this appointment Mr. McMahon, Acting Assistant Superintendent, now in charge of survey schools.

His services will be available on the 1st March 1895.

2. The method of survey I would recommend is that adopted in the Marungapuri zemindari, the survey of which is now in progress. The Collector of Trichinopoly considers that this survey meets all revenue requirements. Specimen records of one village are sent herewith. Marungapuri adjoins Pudukkóttai and the Pudukkóttai Surveyors can easily go to Marungapuri for a short time to learn the method of work.

The cost per square mile for survey excluding cost of boundary marks in Marungapuri will not exceed Rs. 100 per square mile, while, as far as I can learn, the survey of Pudukkóttai has already cost more than Rs. 200 a square mile.

3. The officer in charge of the Pudukkóttai survey should be under the direct orders of the Diwan, and I do not think it advisable that the survey should be in any way connected with the Madras Survey Department or supervised by the Superintendent, Madras Survey. But this would not prevent that officer from rendering assistance or giving advice when asked to do so by the Political Agent.

There should be no necessity for correspondence between the Diwan and the Superintendent of Survey.

4. The original enclosures to the Government order under reply are returned.

No. 2498-Revenue.

Transferred to the Political Department.

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Under Secy. to Government.

Fort St. George,
21*st December* 1894.

Order—dated 8th January 1895, Mis. No. 9, Political.

Communicated to the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, who will ascertain and report the views of His Highness the Raja on the proposals of the Superintendent, Madras Survey.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.
„ Revenue Department.

G.O., dated 22nd February 1895, Mis. Nos. 131, 132, Political.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., dated 9th April 1894, No. 240, Political.
„ „ 22nd Nov. „ „ 828, „
„ „ 8th Jan. 1895 „ 9, „

Read—also the following papers:—

From J. ANDREW, Esq., Political Agent for Pudukkóttai, Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 1st February 1895, No. 23-O—170.

With reference to G.O., No. 9, dated 8th January 1895, I have the honour to inform you that His Highness the Raja approves of the proposal to place the services of Mr. McMahon at the disposal of the Pudukkóttai State on a salary of Rs. 300 *per mensem* (exclusive of the usual pensionary contribution), with travelling allowance at the rate of Rs. 4 per diem when absent from head-quarters.

2. His Highness also desires to thank Government for taking the trouble of choosing a Survey Superintendent for his State, and thinks that the extra expenditure is worth increasing, as it is important to get the survey finished properly.

Ttelegram from the Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, to the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai, Trichinopoly, dated 11th February 1895, No. 58.

Return current sent with G.O., 8th January, 9, Political.

From J. ANDREW, Esq., Political Agent for Pudukkóttai, Trichinopoly, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 14th February 1895, No. 23-O—201.

With reference to your telegram No. 58, dated 11th instant, I have the honour to return the original letter to Government from the Superintendent, Madras Survey, dated 19th December 1894, No. 183-G, which accompanied G.O., No. 9, dated 8th January 1895.

Order—dated 22nd February 1895, Mis. No. 131, Political.

The Government of India will be requested to sanction the temporary transfer of Mr. McMahon's services to the Pudukkóttai State.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.
„ Revenue Department.

Letter—to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated 22nd February 1895, No. 132.

With reference to article 806 (ii) of the Civil Service Regulations, I am directed to request that sanction may be accorded to the temporary loan to the Pudukkóttai State, with effect from the 1st March 1895, of the services of Mr. Robert McMahon, Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Survey, third class. Mr. McMahon's present salary is Rs. 300. It is proposed to transfer him on a gross salary calculated to leave a net pay of Rs. 300 *per mensem*, with travelling allowance at the rate of Rs. 4 *per diem* when absent from head-quarters.

2. Attempts have been made to carry out the survey of the State by its own officers, but these have not produced satisfactory results. Considering the importance of the work, His Highness the Raja is anxious to secure the services of an officer of the Madras Survey Department, and His Excellency the Governor in Council, after consulting the Survey authorities in this Presidency on the subject, has come to the conclusion that this arrangement is the only one that is likely to lead to the work being satisfactorily completed.

3. I am to request that the orders of the Government of India may be communicated by telegram.

READ—also the following paper:—

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 11th March 1895, No. 378-G.

Your letter, No. 132, Political, February 22nd. McMahon's temporary transfer to Pudukkóttai sanctioned. Letter follows.

ORDER—dated 15th March 1895, No. 180, Political.

Communicated to the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.

2. The Superintendent, Madras Survey, will be requested in the Revenue Department to direct Mr. McMahon to report himself at an early date to the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Political Agent, Pudukkóttai.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Exd. R. Jenkins.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.

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G.O., 15th March 1895, No. 180.

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