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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording per Rgoe
dept- extending the
period of deputations of
Mr. H. A. Stuart on special
duties for the revision of the
manuals & six months
from Rs 50,000 as the
revised final estimate for
the work -

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from H. A. STUART, Esq., I.C.S., Editor of District Manuals, Ootacamund, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Ootacamund, 14th January 1894, No. 321 :—

In his despatch, dated 14th January 1892, No. 1, Statistics, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India sanctioned my deputation on the work of revising the District Manuals for about one year. A period of one year will have expired by the 31st March next but, as the Government is aware, for four out of these twelve months I was officiating as Collector of North Arcot and could give only a comparatively small portion of my time to the special work.

2. I have now therefore the honour to propose that the period of my special duty should be extended to the 30th September, by which time I hope to have all the manuals through the press. The total net period of my deputation will then be about one year and two months which appears to me to be within the limit allowed by the Secretary of State. If the Government concurs in this view, it will not, I imagine, be necessary to obtain a fresh sanction.

3. If this proposal is accepted, the amount to be provided in the budget of 1893-94 for the six months will be Rs. 10,000.*

		Rs	
* My salary Rs. 1,450 × 6	...	...	8,700
Two clerks on Rs. 30	...	...	360
Muchi, peon and sweeper	...	...	114
Office rent	...	...	240
Contingencies	...	...	136
Travelling allowance	...	...	450
	Total	...	10,000

To this must be added Rs. 1,820, the expenditure of March falling due in April. I am not in a position at present to say whether the total original estimate sanctioned by the Government will be exceeded, as my information regarding the cost of the printing is not sufficiently precise. I am of opinion, however, that there will be some excess, my present rough estimate of the total cost being about Rs. 46,000 as against a sanctioned estimate of Rs. 39,000. I will, however, address Government again on this subject when I have consulted with Mr. Hill.

4. I take this opportunity of asking the permission of Government to have some of the printing done at private presses. Mr. Hill tells me that he can only print three manuals at one time, and those of North Arcot, South Canara and Coimbatore, six volumes in all, are now in the Government Press. A good deal of the statistical portions of all the other manuals is now ready, and in order to get these volumes finished by the end of March 1894, they should be sent to the press at once, and it is also desirable that more of the first volumes should be put into type without further delay. Private firms will not charge more than the Government Press rates.

5. I further beg to inform Government that the clerk on Rs. 70 sanctioned for six months in G.O., dated 30th June 1893, No. 2409, Revenue, was not entertained as I could not get a suitable man to take the post on that salary. I therefore request that my head clerk on Rs. 150 may be retained for the three months—January to March. The total extra cost is only Rs. 30. I also request that the rest of the establishment sanctioned for various periods in the Government Order just quoted may be retained until the 31st March. The total extra cost of their retention will be Rs. 320, and the sum of Rs. 30 mentioned above might fairly be debited to the Provincial census charges, for much of the time of these clerks has, I regret to say, been taken up in correcting the proofs of the village tables and also in correcting certain errors in the occupation statistics given in those tables, which were not discovered until after the Census office was closed. I trust therefore that the Government will be pleased to allow these two sums (head clerk on Rs. 50 and other establishment

Rs. 320) to be debited to miscellaneous and excluded from the expenditure on District Manuals. The sum of Rs. 1,820 given in paragraph 2, as the amount of the expenditure for March falling due in April, includes provision for the full establishment now asked for.

ORDER—dated 31st January 1894, No. 84, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

The Government agrees with Mr. H. A. Stuart in thinking that his period of deputation on special duty should be extended by six months, in order to enable him to complete, satisfactorily, the work of revising the District Manuals. Mr. Stuart further reports that the original estimate of cost will be exceeded, though he is at present unable to furnish accurate statistics. On reconsideration, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to reconsider his decision that the cost should not exceed Rs. 39,000; the revised estimate will be fixed at Rs. 50,000, and Mr. Stuart must understand that under no circumstances will any expenditure in excess of this figure be permitted.

2. It is quite clear that these alterations in the programme, which received the Secretary of State's approval in January 1892, must be submitted to his Lordship for sanction, and the Government cannot accept Mr. Stuart's arguments to the contrary. It is true that for some months in 1893, Mr. Stuart was entrusted with the duties of Acting Collector and Magistrate of North Arcot, but the Government Order sanctioning this arrangement distinctly declared that these duties devolved upon Mr. Stuart in addition to his own work as Editor of the District Manuals, and on this understanding an extra allowance of Rs. 400 per mensem was granted to him. The time during which Mr. Stuart was acting as Collector of a district cannot, therefore, be excluded from the period of his deputation on special duty.

3. The Government accepts Mr. Stuart's proposals in regard to the retention of the head clerk and of the rest of the establishment sanctioned in G.O., No. 2409, dated 30th June 1893, until 31st March 1894. The additional cost of their retention cannot, however, be debited to Census, and must be provided for out of the Rs. 50,000, for which sanction will now be requested.

4. Mr. Stuart's proposal to print certain portions of the manuals at private presses, in order to expedite the completion of the work, is approved on the understanding that the rates charged at the Government Press are not exceeded.

5. The following letter will be addressed to the Government of India.

(True Extract).


Secretary to Government.

To H. A. Stuart, Esq., I.C.S.

„ the Accountant-General.

„ the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.

„ the Financial Department.

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Mr. H. A. Stuart.

Extending the period of deputation of — on special duty for the revision of District Manuals by six months, and fixing Rs. 50,000 as the revised final estimate in connection with the work.

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