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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 24th November 1857.

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11. He proposes an Establishment for himself as Superintendent, and one for each of the two "Parties" that will soon be ready for the field. As the Survey advances and more parties are organized and the operations assume a more extended form, it will be necessary to submit a revised Estimate. The one now asked for is that required to begin with. The only alteration the Board have made is in entering the full amount of the pay of the 1st Assistant. Captain Priestley recommends that the 1st Assistant should come in on a pay of 250 Rs per mensem, to be increased to 350 after 3 years service. The Board are quite of Captain Priestley's opinion, that in a duty of this kind where there may be many persons to be found partly qualified, and none fully so till after some experience, that it is a good plan to accommodate their allowances to their increasing qualifications, but they think it is more suitable to enter the full amount in the — Appendix II

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Sol. with the regard that in their case
as in all other, the annual Stoppage shall
be considered the Pay of that Month
so from and that proportion of Pay
Subsistence the whole of that Month employ
has reached but shall stand off from their
Arrears. The Stoppage has been proceeded in
the same Manner with regard to Officers
and Men of the Regiments regularly
incorporated with Corps of Provincials
Regt. has had an excellent effect
and a saving to Government. The Board
direct that proceedings may not be altered
in future.

15th The Board then proceeded to take
into consideration the Letter from Captn. Peachey
the Paymaster of the 84th Regt. dated the 9th
Instt. requesting that the Captn. and Subalterns
of that Regt. may be allowed Subsistence
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and stating that the Subalterns of the
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Their opinion on this point seemed to coincide with that of the Authorities in Scotland forwarded by Government to the Board on 6th Inst. and Copies of the Regulations of the Board of Ordnance respecting Subsistence to Officers employed on Recruiting Service and on their Parties will be immediately prepared. Captain Peachey has informed the Board that no Officers have hereafter any claim to Subsistence but such as may be employed on the Recruiting Service, and Captain Peachey is accordingly informed thereof.

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Captain Priestley has sufficient experience in the working of a Lithographic press to be very precise in their Estimates, and Mr Neill has failed to obtain an Estimate from the Chief Engineer's Office. The Board after considering the matter resolve to recommend, that as Lithography will not commence immediately this part of the Estimate be not till Mr Neill and Captain Priestley have an opportunity of discussing the matter together, and sending in a revised Estimate.

10. As the season for commencing Survey operations is drawing near, and as no work can be done in Rajahmundry till an Establishment is sanctioned, the Board trust that though the above Estimates have not been prepared with quite the accuracy that could have been expected had there been experience in these Departments, they will receive the approval of the Government of India in order that a beginning at all events may be made.

11. The Board desire me to add that the Correspondence in which these Establishments are referred to, are not sent up herewith, as they are required to enable the Board to report on the plan of operations proposed by Messrs. Neill and Priestley, and there has been no opportunity yet of having copies made. The portion of the Correspondence that alludes to the Establishments is of small extent. The whole will however be sent to the Government Office if required, and the Board's general report postponed.

Rev. Board Office,
Fort St. George,
9th November 1857

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
[signature]
Ag Secretary

To,
W. Forbes Esqr.
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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of each of the four parties
accomplish 700 square miles
per annum, so as to complete
the whole Presidency, as
was formerly considered feasible
in 22 years, the total Expen-
diture will amount to more
than 101 lakhs of Rupees;
or nearly 25 lakhs, in excess
of the Estimate*. And besides
this, the scale now submitted
does not provide for Instruments,
boundary marks & pillars, Travel-
ling batta, Postage, or any con-
tingencies whatever. Under these
circumstances, the Govt before
passing orders, or making any
application to the Govt of India
on the subject, must request
the Board of Revenue to be good
enough to explain in detail
the data on which the present

Area then surveyed
= 60.000 square miles,
vide EMC Cons
dated 14 Aug 1855
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* 76.0000 Rupees

scheme for Establishments
has been founded; and
to shew how, supposing the
Govt of India to have sanctioned the
Establishments as proposed,
it would have been possible
to keep the ultimate cost
even approximately within
the bounds of the Estimate.

2\. The Appendices of the
Boards letter are herewith
returned, and it is hoped
that the present call
may be answered at
the Boards earliest
Convenience

B. G.

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Cons 15th Decr 1857 No 26-27.
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Dated 23d Novr /57

On the Establish-
ments proposed for the
Director of Revenue Settle-
ment and his Subordi-
nates, and for the Super-
intendent of Survey and
his Deputies and Assistants

No 55.481.

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