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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 921.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 11th September 1857.

Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Superintendent of Settlement for General Survey.

Acknowledging the receipt of certain papers, requesting sanction for entertaining a temporary Establishment on 250 Rs. per mensem, and soliciting instructions on other matters specified. (Here enter 17th August 1857, No. 1.)

Para. 1. This letter is dated the 17th August, and in it Mr. Newill makes the following statements and requests.

1st. That he should be furnished with some general instructions for his guidance in the duties assigned to him.

2nd. That he should be permitted to employ a temporary establishment of clerks at a cost of Rupees 250 per mensem, for the purpose of collecting information, and transcribing correspondence in the office of the Board of Revenue bearing on the subject of the assessment and survey; as well as for conducting the correspondence connected with his preliminary enquiries.

3rd. That provision should be made for copying in the Chief Engineer's Office, of any maps and plans that may be necessary, the cost being charged in a contingent bill.

4th. That he be allowed to expend a limited sum for record boxes and other contingent expenses.

5th. That accommodation be provided for his office.

6th. That the several Revenue officers in the provinces should be authorized to furnish him with any information that he may require in matters connected with his duties, and afford their aid in carrying out the measures which may be determined on in prosecution of the survey and settlement.

7th. That the privilege of franking letters, &c., be conferred on himself and the Surveyor General.

8th. That a copy of the Official Gazette be supplied for the use of his department.

9th. That he may be permitted to indent for the requisite supply of stationery; and

10th. That Captain Priestley should be permitted to visit the Presidency in order to a discussion being held with him, and other officers, on the professional question of connecting the Revenue Survey with the recorded triangulation of this Presidency.

2. As regards the first request, the Government resolve to issue the following instructions. It is the desire of Government, now that a Superintendent of Settlement and a Surveyor General have been appointed, that those officers should immediately consider the detailed establishments they will require to carry on the survey and re-assessment of this Presidency, so that application may, without loss of time, be made for the sanction of the Government of India.

3. The Surveyor General will put himself in communication with the Superintendent, and both officers will place themselves in communication with the Board of Revenue, and will submit for the Board's approval, and for eventual transmission to Government, a plan of operations they propose to follow, the establishment they will require at the outset, and the full establishment they will need when their Departments are in full operation.

4. It is the intention of the Government that the operations should be carried on under the general supervision of the Board of Revenue; and the Board will now be requested to receive a plan of operations from the Superintendent and the Surveyor General, and after giving them consideration, to prepare for the approval of Government, such a general outline of the course which each Department should follow, as, while it will leave much to the discretion of each officer, and will allow of his benefiting by the experience he may obtain in the actual course of his duty, shall yet enable him to commence his operations on a definite system, approved by the Board and the Government.

5. This may not be so necessary in the case of the survey, as in that of the settlement of the assessment. Captain Priestley has already become familiar with the mode of conducting the operations of the Department of which he is now the head, and the only novelty to him will be, an enlarged sphere of action, and a sustained endeavour to increase the number of his efficient working parties. Notwithstanding this, however, the Government are of opinion that rules for the guidance of his Department should be laid down in detail, in order that the record of all connected with the survey and re-assessment should be complete in all its parts.

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6. Mr. Newill has a Department to organize, the constituent parts of which can be determined only after the general rules which shall guide the calculation of the assessment, shall have been finally decided on.

7. To this matter the Government invite the earliest attention of the Board; and they will at the same time be requested to give attention to the communication received by Government from the Commissioner for the revision of Civil salaries, on the subject of investigations into rent free tenures, a copy of which will be transmitted to them for the purpose. It is observed that an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 19th January last, No. 66, in which the subject was discussed by Government, has already been forwarded to the Board. The Board will not fail to remember that the settlement has yet to be fixed in the talooks of South Arcot lately surveyed by Captain Priestley, and they will make provision for the Superintendent's attention being, in the first instance, given to that Province. The only other point to which the attention of the Board will be now attracted is the wish of Government that Rajahmundry and Masulipatam should be the two first Districts surveyed and re-assessed.

8. The Government resolve to accede to the requests made in paras. 2 to 5. They do not consider it necessary to sanction a specific sum for present establishment; but they authorize Mr. Newill to employ such temporary hands as he may have actually occasion for, and to charge for the same in a contingent bill. Mr. Newill's application, it is observed, is for the aid of copyists only, and it does not appear to the Government likely that he can require 250 Rupees a month for that purpose, a sum that would suffice for the employment of a dozen servants of this description. As regards an office, the Government are of opinion that, at all events for the present, the Superintendent may find accommodation in the Board of Revenue.

9. The Government also permit Mr. Newill to disburse whatever sums may be necessary for copying maps and plans in the Chief Engineer's Office, and to incur all necessary contingent expenses connected with his office, charging for these, in the like manner in contingent bills.

10. As regards the request contained in para. 6, the Board of Revenue will instruct the Revenue officers in the provinces to furnish Mr. Newill with all the informations and aid he may need in the prosecution of the special duties entrusted to him.

11. With reference to the request made in para. 7, the Government observe that it will be as necessary that the power to frank be given to the Assistant Superintendents, as to the Superintendent himself, in order that they may report their proceedings to, and obtain instructions from, their superior. To avoid therefore a repeated reference on one subject, the Government propose to defer any application to the Government of India for permission to the Superintendent to frank official letters, until his Department has been so far organized as to make it clear what officers should be included in the privilege, and the leave of the Government of India will be then applied for once for all, in the mean time Mr. Newill's letters will be franked by the Secretary to the Board of Revenue. The Surveyor General in Bengal is authorized to frank letters, and it appears to Government that the privilege may be claimed at this Presidency, but if any objection should be made by the Post Office authorities, Captain Priestley will also send his letters to the Secretary to the Board to be franked, pending the organization of his Department, when application to the Government of India will be made on his account at the same time that it is made on account of the Superintendent of Settlement.

12. The Superintendent of the Fort Saint George Gazette Press will be instructed to furnish the Superintendent of Settlement with a copy of the Official Gazette from the 1st of September.

13. The Superintendent of Settlement is also authorized to indent for stationery and other articles that may be required for the use of his office, in the usual manner.

14. It is observed, that Captain Priestley was recently on a visit to the Presidency on urgent private affairs, and has just returned to his station in South Arcot. It is however open to him under his new appointment of Surveyor General, to proceed wherever his duty calls him, and if his presence is required in Madras, the Government have no objection to his coming down for the purpose specified by Mr. Newill.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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From,

H. Newill Esqre
Superintendent of Settlement
for General Survey.

To,

H. Forbes Esqre
Acting Secretary to Government.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 14th instant, referring certain papers for my consideration, I would take the opportunity of requesting to be favored with such general instructions as the Government may see fit to lay down for my guidance in the conduct of the duties assigned to me, and also further to bring to notice the following points which occur to me as requiring the orders of Government at the present initiatory stage of my proceedings.

2 In the first place I propose to entertain a temporary Establishment of a few Clerks &c. for the purpose of collecting such information in transcribing such

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such parts of the manuscript Correspondence of the Board's Office as may have reference to the subject of the assessment and Survey now under consideration, as well as to conduct the necessary Correspondence connected with my preliminary enquiries and duties. I beg to request sanction for a sum for this purpose not exceeding at present 250 Rs. per mensem, to be disbursed according as circumstances may require.

3. It seems also desirable that provision should be made for the Copying in the Chief Engineer's Office of any Maps or plans which may be necessary to illustrate the propositions which may be laid before the Government, the cost being charged in a Contingent bill or adjusted in such other manner as may be pointed out.

4. A limited sum may also be required for boxes for the records entrusted to me and other contingent expenses.

5. The provision of accommodation for my Office is also to be considered, and I propose as the most convenient course

course to provide this at my private residence under such conditions as may be thought proper. At first the accommodation required will be trifling but eventually when the Establishment is fully organized more extensive room will be requisite.

6. As information will be required from the several Districts on matters connected with the general question of the new Settlement of the assessment I would suggest that the several Collectors and other revenue officers in the provinces should be authorized to furnish this on my requisition and be instructed to afford their aid in carrying out any measures which may be adopted in prosecution of the Survey and Settlement.

7. The privilege of franking letters &c. on the public service should be formally conferred on myself and also on the Surveyor General when appointed to prevent confusion or objection in the Postal Department.

8. A Copy of the official Gazette should also be furnished for the use of this Department.

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9. I regret to be permitting to indent for the requisite supply of Stationery in the usual manner.

10. As the facilities for connecting the revenue Survey with the recorded triangulation of the Presidency and the experimental steps that Captain Priestley has taken in this matter can be best discussed with that Officer and others at Madras who may be qualified to give an opinion on this professional question, I would suggest that Captain Priestley should be allowed to come to the Presidency for a few days with the view to this primary point being determined.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant,

Madras
17th August 1857.

A. Llanwill
Superintendent of Settlement
for General Survey.

To Chief Secy. to Govt.

Dated 17th Aug.t 1857
Received 28th Do.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 959 dated 15th Inst. forwarding a letter from Lieut.t Col.l Walker dated 18th Inst. with its enclosure from Capt.n Priestley dated 17th Inst. and in reply to state that I have no objection to Capt.n Priestley's proceeding to Madras for the purpose of consulting with the Superintendent of Settlement for General Survey on the subject of the connection of the Revenue Survey with the recorded triangulation of the Presidency.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant,

H. Forbes
Chief Secy. to Govt.

Lieut.t Col.l Walker C.B. &c. &c.
Chief Commissioner
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

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See no use in looking any objection to make to this application therefore please

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2 Copies to the Bd of Rev. Dispt 12th
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1 — Mr Newill ✓
1 — Capt. Priestley ✓
1 — Accts Genl ✓
1 — Civil Auditor ✓
1 — Inspector of Ordnance ✓
of Fortifications
Civil Engineer ✓

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Dt to Coss 15th Sept.

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From the Ag Secretary to the Bd of Rev
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Relative Instructions to be issued for conducting the duties of the Dept. of Settlement for the Genl Survey

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