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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1307 Press Mis.

42-43

Dated 27 - 9 - 1859

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No. 42. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue Fort St. George; dated Madras, 21st September 1859, No. 869.

1. In my letter of 28th April last No. 366, I recommended, in consequence of the insufficiency of village servants in Rajahmundry and Masulipatam, to meet the requirements of the Survey Department, the employment of measurers on a monthly pay not exceeding in the aggregate Rupees 18 to be attached to each Survey Ameen, which, with the village labor available, was considered sufficient to enable the Survey Department to carry on the work satisfactorily, the cost being levied from the ryots.

2. In this arrangement the Board concurred, but the Government, while recognizing the necessity of the additional help applied for, considered that the expense should be borne by the state and not by the ryots, and I was authorized in Proceedings dated 7th June No. 758, to employ the requisite number of extra servants on such pay as might be found necessary in cases where the village servants were insufficient, the same being reported for the information of Government.

3. I have now the honor to report that the plan of employing such extra hands as were required in consequence of the deficiency of village servants, has been tried during the last 2 or 3 months, but without any satisfactory result. The difficulty of obtaining occasional laborers when required for the work has been found to be very great, although every inducement has been offered and exertion made to secure their services. The village servants too are so badly remunerated that most of them depend upon their daily labor for the means of livelihood, of which they are virtually deprived by being forced into the exclusive work of the survey for many days together. The progress of the survey remains greatly retarded.

4. Under these circumstances I beg to submit for consideration, Captain Priestley's proposal, contained in his letter of 12th Instant No. $\frac{717}{1350}$ herewith forwarded, for the employment of an establishment of measuring peons for each of the two northern parties on the following scale:

1 Duffadar at Rupees 6	6	0	0
50 peons at Rupees 5 each	250	0	0
50 do. at Rupees 4½ do.	225	0	0
80 lads at Rupees 4 do.	320	0	0
Rupees...	801	0	0

and the disbursement of a sum not exceeding Rupees 300, per mensem for coolies on daily hire in cases in which this may be necessary in addition to the men paid by the month.

$$1{,}100\ \text{area} \times \frac{1{,}101\ Rs. \times 12\ \text{months}}{12\ Rs.} = 1{,}3202$$

5. This arrangement, it will be observed, is a modification of the proposal contained in my letter of 28th April No. 366; and taking 1,100 square miles as the outturn of work for the year, it gives an average of about Rupees 11 or 12 a square mile on the maximum expenditure. This is an addition of about 18 per cent to the standard estimate of Rupees 65 for the square mile.

6. It is not however to be concluded, that the proposed additional charge must necessarily increase the cost of the survey in this ratio, for it is evident that if it facilitates work and enables the Superintendent to increase the annual area by 18 per cent above the 1,100 square miles, it will be fully counterbalanced. Captain Priestley does not, however, venture to hold out the prospect that such will be the case. It is nevertheless necessary that the present state of things should not be allowed to continue, for there is waste of time and money, by the superior agency not being supplied with the requisite aid in measurers for rapid progress in inferior details.

7. Captain Priestley must be considered the best judge of what is absolutely required to make his establishments efficient, and is of course interested in keeping down the cost of the work as low as is possible consistent with efficiency. The large expenditure incurred on the demarcation of boundaries for the survey has tended greatly to facilitate the work, but this does not meet the case in point. The cost of the field establishment, excepting Europeans, under the sanctioned estimate, is about Rupees 2,000 a month. The present proposition would raise it to half as much more when in full work; if however, by this means the work of the Department is generally expedited, it may not prove bad economy.

8. I fully concur with Captain Priestley that the control of this expenditure should be vested in him, and it may be left to him to see that no greater number of peons or coolies are employed than is absolutely necessary to supplement the village labor that may be available. With this view the expenditure should be included in contingent bills and passed by the Civil Auditor under the countersignature of that officer.

9. If the present recommendation meets with approval, the advances of Rupees 500 authorized in Proceedings of Government dated 20th July No. 971, may still be allowed to be available for the Deputy Superintendents of Revenue Survey in Rajahmundry and Masulipatam; for although the amount of labor hired by the day will not exceed 300 Rupees for a month, the advances must continue to range over a period of at least a month and a half before being adjusted after the bills are passed by the Civil Auditor.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1859, No. 1307.

The Superintendent of Revenue Survey is requested to state how it is proposed to distribute and to employ the 181 "measuring peons" for whose entertainment sanction is recommended in his letter of the 21st instant No. 869. Information is also requested how the duffadar is to be employed; and whether the whole establishment is intended to be permanent, or only to be maintained during the months of field work.

2. Mr. Newill will also be pleased to explain how many other persons, whether village servants or coolies, will be required to supplement the proposed fixed establishment of measurers.

3. It is observed that the sanction asked for by the Board of Revenue and given by Government in the 7th para. was for a certain number of servants on "monthly pay;" but it appears from the present papers that the local officers have continued to employ, or to seek to employ, cooly hands only,* thus abandoning the advantage to be gained by the offer of a more permanent engagement.

* *Director's letter para.* 4.
Survey Superintendent's letter para. 1.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No 1307

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date 27th September 1859.

Read the following

letter from the Director of

Revenue Settlement.

Recommending in reference to Proceedings of Government dated 9th June 1859 No 1158 for reasons given the entertainment of an extra Establishment of Measuring Peons and the occasional employment of Coolies in case where a sufficient number of Village servants are not available for the requirements of the Survey Department.

(Here enter 21st Sept. 1859 No 869)

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Revenue Survey

Dated 21st September 1859

Received 23rd

No 869

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Copy in a letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement dated 21st September 1859 No 869

Read in Consn. 10th June 1859 No 42-44.

Read in Consn. 24th July 1859 No 57-58.

Read in Consn. 9th August 1859 No 1158

Copy in a letter to the Board of Revenue dated 27th September 1859 No 1307

Read in Consn. 4th October 1859 No 1359

Copy in a letter to the Director of Revenue Settlement dated 5th October 1859 No 1362.

No 1307. Dated 27th September 1859.

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of the season by the offer of a
more permanent employment.

Chief
Dr. Secretariat
Dept. 27
Jan 1871

* Dicatur Collector Mara-
dung Taylor & Callaghan.

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Rev. Cons: 10th June/59 ⎫
No. 43-44 ⎭
Copy with a letter to Govt
of 23rd Aug. 59 No. 102.

Revenue 1859 Dec. 10
Pro: of Govt 4th October.

No. 1307

Pro: of the Madras Govt
of 27th Sept. 59.

From Dist. of Rev. Settlt. 27. 19th Oct. 59
C. No. 1930.

On the subject of
entertaining an extra
Establishment of
measuring Rent &c.

No. 4243.