

Revenue Department

No 263

Dated 2 — 3 — 1859

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 8th March 1859.

No. 4. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement ; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George ; dated Trichinopoly, 8th February 1859, No. 99.

SIR,

Para. 1. In forwarding copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, I have the honor to request sanction for Captain Priestley to increase the pay of Head Surveyors as he may find expedient from time to time within the maximum limit of the sanctioned scale which varies from 100 to 70 Rupees. A note in the Estimate (quoted in the margin) intimates that Head Surveyors should enter on 50 Rupees and receive 60 Rupees the 2d year, but it seems unreasonable and perhaps contrary to Captain Priestley's intention in framing the Estimate that the whole of his Head Surveyors in a new party should be kept on 50 Rupees for the whole year, notwithstanding their qualifications to carry on the work efficiently. In the total of the Estimate the maximum salaries are calculated, and no deduction made for Surveyors drawing less than the standard rates.

2. I would request that this sanction should have retrospective effect in the case of Mr. Cooper Head Surveyor who has been retrenched 5 Rupees a month for 5 months allotted to him by Captain Priestley above the 50 Rupees.

From Captain F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey ; to H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement ; dated Masulipatam, 2d February 1859, No. 151.

SIR,

August, November
September, December.
October, Captain Hessey, Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey has written to inform me that the Civil Auditor has entrenched Mr. Cooper, Head Surveyor of the Trichinopoly party the sum of Rs. 25, his pay having been drawn at the rate of 55 Rs. for five months.

2. This has been done as Rupees 50 alone is sanctioned for Head Surveyors the first year.

3. I had hoped that these small alterations in pay might have been carried out by the officer in charge of each party, but as sanction to this arrangement has not been conceded I presume the Head Surveyor must submit to this discouraging loss.

4. I now do myself the honor to request that the pay of Head Surveyors who joined before 1859 may now be increased a few Rupees if thought necessary by the Officers under whom they serve more especially in the case of the Head* Surveyor in question.

5. Head Surveyors are now threatened with the loss of Military pay and therefore any retrenchment is more keenly felt by them.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. NEWILL,
Director of Revenue Settlement.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, No. 263 ; dated 2d March 1859.

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2. As it appears from Mr. Newill's letter that Mr. Cooper was retrenched for five months at once, the Governor in Council resolves to call on the Acting Civil Auditor to explain how this or any retrenchment could happen under a system of monthly preaudit, and whether the monthly preaudit is universally in operation; and if not, to what extent and for what reason it is not in use.

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

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 2nd ^{March} February 1859.

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Esq. Director of Revenue

Settlements, Madras Division

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9 — " — " Dr of Rev^d Settlements
1 — " — " Account Head
1 — " — " Civil Aud^r

Revenue 1859 Sept. 7th.
To Cons. 8th March.

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Abstracts of Govt:

272? March / 59.

From the Atlantic Ocean
29th March/59 Chesapeake Bay

Authorizing the higher
2. Intendant of the Revenue
Survey to give the full amount
consigned to Captain Smith
to execute the pay of the
Surveyors (amount to two)
and calling for certain in-
formation from the delin-
quent Station regarding
the others' retentions and pay.