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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 29th April 1859.

No. 28. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government Revenue Department, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 1st April 1859, No. 305.

SIR,

Dated 16th February 1859, No. 1⁶⁹/₃₆. 1. I beg to forward for the information and orders of Government the accompanying letters from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, in which he requests sanction for the disbursement of travelling allowance to 4 Head Surveyors and pay to 30 Peons belonging to Captain Hessey's party during the months of November and December last, which the Civil Auditor has refused to pass.

2. In the sanctioned Estimates a reduction is made for travelling allowance to Surveyors and pay for a certain number of Peons during 2 months forming the recess; but the particular months are not specified, and it would seem that the deductions may be made at any period without infringing the conditions of the Estimate provided they do not come short during the year, of the total sum calculated for them.

3. Captain Hessey also shews good reason for the course he adopted, and states that in consequence of not having been able to complete his establishment for some months at the commencement of the year, he deemed it necessary to keep his men in the field during November and December, in order to complete the work on hand, while the total of these items drawn for the year was under the Estimate.

4. I beg therefore to recommend that the Civil Auditor may be authorized to pass the items to which he has taken exception, and that in future also the Survey Department may be allowed to make these reductions at the periods most convenient for the work, provided the condition of the Estimate is not infringed as regards the total of these items.

5. It seems proper for me to observe with reference to paras. 5 to 8 of Captain Priestley's letter of 16th ultimo that the checks and inconveniences experienced by the Survey Department have been considerable and have involved this office also in repeated correspondence for their removal, and that I have abstained as much as possible from troubling the Government with

Financial of Department No. 1158. references though this could not be avoided in several instances which have recently transpired. The conditions however of the sanction of the Government of India, dated 5th March 1858, do not admit of any discretionary arrangement without the previous sanction of the Madras Government being made in the salaries of the Survey and Settlement Departments by the Heads of the

Manual Instructions for Surveying p. 288. Departments, much less of the precedent in Bengal being adopted here of the sanctioned amount for each Survey party being discretionally employed to the best advantage by the officer in charge of it provided the total sum is not exceeded.

From Captain F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent Revenue Survey; to H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement; dated Camp Coodurvilly 16th February 1859, No. 1⁶⁹/₃₆.

SIR,

Captain Hessey, Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey, has written to me enclosing copies of a correspondence between him and the Civil Auditor relating to a retrenchment threatened by that official on account of travelling allowance drawn for the persons noted in the margin during November and December.

2. Captain Hessey drew full pay for them it appears because they were employed out of doors during the months in question.

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I have the honor to be

Yours Most obedient servant
M. M. M.

Director of Revenue Settlement.

To
J. D. Bourdillon Esqre
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

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Auditor for Bedford.

Wm. A. G. G. G.
21st April 1858

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