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N°. 667

Dabit 11 Mai 1859

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 11th to 17th May 1859.

No. 37. Read the following letter from J. L. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Acting Civil Auditor; to the Secretary to Government Fort St. George; dated 30th April 1859, No. 400.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 21st Instant, No. 566, Revenue Department, calling for a report on the subject of the retrenchment made by this office, from the travelling allowance of the 4 Head Surveyors and the salary of the 30 Peons attached to Captain Hessey's Survey Establishment, and to state that the Government in sanctioning the organization of the Survey Establishment, in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 12th March 1858, No. 328, Revenue Department, have at the foot of the scale directed a reduction of the travelling allowance of the 4 Head Surveyors and of the pay of the peons for the period of 2 months in the year on account of the recess. I accordingly passed the salary of the Establishment in full of Captain Hessey's demand, for a period of 10 months; but in passing the salary of his establishment for the remaining 2 months I was obliged to enforce the condition prescribed in the orders above quoted.

2. Although Captain Hessey advanced several and forcible reasons for exempting his party from the operation of the orders; no discretionary power has been granted to this office in this respect; I was therefore compelled to enforce the reduction in the absence of the special sanction of Government.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1859, No. 667.

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2. Assuming this to be Mr. Newill's meaning, the Governor in Council authorizes the Civil Auditor to pass the allowances in question. It does not appear that an order of Government is required for the purpose stated in para. 4 of Mr. Newill's letter.

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

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 16th May, 1859.

Read again letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement dated 1st and recorded in Diary to Consultation 29th April 1859 No 566.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Civil Auditor.

/ Here enter 30th April 1859 No 400 /

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3 Copies to the Bd of Rev. Dated 17th
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1 — " " Civil Auditor

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Civil Auditor to pass the retrenchment made from the field allowances of 4 Head Surveyors and the salary of 30 Peons attached to Captain Heyes's Survey Establishment, Mr Newill and the Officers of his Deptt to adhere to rule and thus avoid differences with the Audit Office.

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