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No. 24. Read the following letter from E. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Officiating Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; dated Fort William, the 21th June 1859, No. 1117.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1163, dated the 21st August last, advising the transmission of 20 quires of the paper prepared by Messrs. DeLa Rue and Co. of London, with a view to their being tested at this Presidency as to their suitableness for recording Survey Maps and Accounts.

2. On receipt of the paper, specimens were sent for trial to the Board of Revenue, the Deputy Surveyor General, the Officiating Chief Engineer, and the Officiating Accountant to the Government of Bengal; and their Reports having now been received, I am desired to communicate to you, for the information of the Governor in Council, the opinions which they have expressed in regard to the merits of the paper.

3. The Board of Revenue state, that having consulted the Superintendent of Stationery and the Deputy Surveyor General, they find the price of Messrs. DeLa Rue and Co.'s paper, as compared with that of the same kind of paper sent out by the Home Authorities, to be too high to allow of their recommending its purchase.

4. The Officiating Accountant to the Government of Bengal, does not find the paper to be adapted for recording accounts in his office. It appears to him to be strong and durable, but the texture is coarse and the pen does not run readily over it. The size also of the paper is smaller than what is used in his office.

5. To the Officiating Chief Engineer, the paper appears to be well adapted for recording maps and accounts, provided it is capable of resisting damp and the attacks of white ants, &c., but on this point he can form no opinion until a longer period has been allowed to elapse.

6. The Deputy Surveyor General too is not prepared, unless more time is allowed, to express a decided opinion on the merits of the paper, especially as to its preservative qualities. He has tested the paper so far as he could, and finds that it takes color well and also answers for printing purposes. He thinks that it would answer well for rough documents, such as field sketches and Survey Field Books, which are intended to be kept as records for any length of time in original, but that it is not adapted for elaborate Maps such as are generally produced in the Survey Department and which require the drawing and coloring to be of the finest character. The paper having been tried after exposure to slight damp, the experiment showed that it is not likely to be fit for use for any length of time, unless very carefully kept, and if written on with strong ink such as is generally used in the Government offices here, the ink sinks through and the writing can be read on the opposite side. "So that in these respects," says Major Thuillier, "it has no advantage over foolscap paper. It is, however," he adds, "more durable and less likely to be destroyed by damp or insects than any paper now used in the Government offices."

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1859, No. 957.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to their letter, 2nd August 1858, No. 2910.

(Signed W. C. SIM,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

No. 1117.

FROM E. H. LUSHINGTON, ESQ.,

Offg. Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

TO THE CHIEF SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF FORT SAINT GEORGE.

Fort William, the 24th June 1859.

General.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

Ed. H Lushington

Offg. Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

[*Exd.* P. D'CRUZ.]

Revenue
Dated 15th June 1859 Rec'd 25th Ditto
Nos 1292 to 1294
The Offg Junr Secy to the Govt of Bengal
Nos 1111 & 1111A
Dated 24th June
Rec'd 11th July & 5th 1859
Relative to the loss of Nos 1111 & 1111A

Returned to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Secretary's Office
Fort William 24th July 1859
C. Nos 957 to 1294

Copy in a Letter to England
Dated 9th May 1862
No 30 of 1862

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Fort St. Geo.
18th July 1859

5 Copies To Bd of Revenue Dated 19th
1 — " Lieut of the Survey
10 — " Chief Engineer

No 24 to 25.