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Read the following letters :—

No. 77. From Captain F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent Revenue Survey, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 4th August 1860, No. 627 :—

SIR,

With letter from Mr. Plumbe to Chief Engineer, dated 27th July and from Captain Carpendale to Chief Engineer, dated 23rd July.

1. In compliance with the Order of Government dated 1st August 1860, No. 1,280, I have the honor state that at the time the Town Survey Establishment was transferred to me in January last, Assistant Overseer Plumbe was employed as writer to his father on Rupees 20 per mensem, he therefore being then actually in Government service, I sanctioned his promotion to Assistant Surveyor at his father's request and guarantee for his efficiency. I have further to state that I was not aware of Mr. Plumbe, junior, being a Student at the College both at the time the Survey was placed under my superintendence and when application was made for his promotion to Assistant Surveyor. In Mr. Plumbe's letter replying to my Memorandum of the 3rd April 1860, it is certainly stated that his son "stood "second in the examination for entrance into the Engineering College more than a year ago," but I confess it did not at the time strike me that he must therefore be a Student at that Institution.

2. In reply to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, I beg to say that in my opinion the efficiency of an Assistant Surveyor must be seriously impaired if, in addition to attending the Survey Class in the early morning hours, he is present at the Engineering College daily from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

See letter from Captain Carpendale, dated 23rd July 1860.

3. Having replied to the queries in the Order of Government, I would beg to offer a few remarks on the letter addressed by Mr. Plumbe to the Chief Engineer. In it he has permitted himself to characterize my apprehension of disorganization as "purely imaginary," the expression I do not consider becoming nor do I think it desirable that I should enter into a discussion on the subject. I will, therefore, confine myself to stating : 1st, That when alluding to disorganization, I did not merely refer to the Town Survey, but to the whole Survey Department; 2nd, That at present no successor has been found to fill the post vacated by Mr. Plumbe, junior, the only applicant being a Mr. Gilby, recommended by Mr. Plumbe, senior. As however he is an Assistant Master in the Civil Engineering College, I declined sanctioning the appointment of him or of any one who could not devote the whole of his time to the Survey ; and I have informed Mr Plumbe that, unless he can produce an efficient candidate by the 7th instant, I purpose advertizing for a person to fill the post ; 3rd, That Mr. Plumbe's writer having resigned during the past month, he without reference to me inserted the name of A. Plumbe (I presume another of his sons) in the Abstract, to replace Ramaswamy resigned. On this, I made the usual inquiry regarding his being a passed candidate, as if not, I could only sanction his entertainment for one month and desired that I might for the future be kept informed of any casualty in Mr. Plumbe's Establishment. I append his reply. At present the posts of Assistant* Surveyor and Writer† are vacant.

23rd July 1860, *No.* 578.

2nd August 1860, *No.* 625.

Ramaswamy.

31*st July* 1860, *No.* 617.

Salary.
* 50 *Rupees.*
† 20 ,,

4. I do not hesitate to say that provided some guarantee is given for regular attendance (which might be effected) allowing Mr Plumbe to select his own Assistant, would be an advantageous arrangement, at the same time till the Order of Government is rescinded, I have no option but to see that its provisions are carried out.

5. The original enclosures of the Government Order under reply are returned.

Copy of a Memorandum from the Superintendent Revenue Survey, to Mr. Revenue Surveyor Plumbe, dated 31st July 1860, *No.* 617.

A. Plumbe.

1. It is observed that the name of a writer has been entered in the Abstract for July in place of Ramasawmy resigned.

2. The Superintendent requests to be informed whether Mr. A. Plumbe has passed the Uncovenanted Civil Examination or whether he was in Government employ ? as otherwise he is precluded from sanctioning his entertainment for more than one month.

Dated 1st May 1860.

3. The copy of a Memorandum from the Collector on the subject is enclosed for Mr. Plumbe's information.

4. No intimation of the former writer Ramaswamy's resignation has been received in this Office, for the future Mr. Plumbe is requested to keep the Superintendent informed of all changes in his Establishment, and if possible to do so some time before they take place.

Copy of a Memorandum from the Collector of Madras, to the Superintendent Revenue Survey, dated 1st May 1860.

1. In reply to the Memorandum of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, the Collector of Madras begs to state that in the original formation of the Survey Party no writer was entertained, and that such was allowed in August 1854, on Mr. Walker's representation.

2. Mr. Walker was permitted to make his own selection, but as the writer is entered on the Survey Establishment and is paid from the public funds, he cannot be considered a private servant. He is a Government servant and his service in the Survey Department is reckoned for pension.

3. Mr. Plumbe also selected his own writer.

Copy of a letter from Mr. Revenue Surveyor Plumbe, to the Superintendent Revenue Survey, dated Madras, 2nd August 1860.

1. With reference to your Memorandum of the 31st ultimo, I beg to state that you are at liberty to expunge the name of the writer inserted in my Abstract for July.

2. Mr. Cunliffe's Memorandum hardly affects the gist of the matter, but as a selection subject to stringent Regulation would hardly be a selection of my own, I had better leave the appointments open, as the appointment of a writer, at least under such rules cannot in this case, possibly be adopted.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Captain,
Superintendent Revenue Survey.

No. 78. From Captain F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent Revenue Survey, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 23rd August 1860, No. 724.

SIR,

In reply to your question in Official Memorandum dated 15th August 1860, No. 327, I have the honor to state that I have ascertained the date of Mr. M. Plumbe's original entertainment as writer to his father on the Town Survey Establishment, to be the 1st December 1856.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1860, No. 1,524.

1. These letters from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey relate to the case of Mr. Plumbe junior, who entered at the Engineering College, went through the course of instruction and ultimately obtained an appointment in the Public Works Department, while all the time holding the office first of Writer, and afterwards of Assistant Surveyor, under his father who is in charge of one of the Madras Town Survey parties.

2. The case is one of serious abuse; and a decided mark of reprobation is necessary, if any thing like discipline is to be maintained. The young man was employed under his father; who allowed him to enter the College and attend the lectures, &c., to the necessary neglect of the duties for which he was drawing pay, at the same time keeping both the Principal of the College and the Head of the Survey Department in ignorance of the double pursuits of the young man.

3. A suitable penalty, and in no degree a severe one would be to oblige the youth to refund the whole of the Government pay which he received in the Survey Department after his entry at the College. But as he may be admitted to have done some work, the Government direct that only one-half of his salary for the period specified be recovered from him by instalments of 20 Rupees a month. The Chief Engineer will instruct the District Engineer of Madras to inform the young man that if he agrees to this arrangement he will be allowed to retain his present appointment as Assistant Overseer; but that if he does not, he will be removed entirely from the Public Service. His answer should be submitted for the information of Government.

4. The father seems much to blame. The Superintendent of Revenue Survey will intimate to him that his conduct is deemed by the Government to be highly culpable.

5. Adverting to the latter part of paragraph 3 of Captain Priestley's letter of the 4th August, the Government direct that Mr. Plumbe be not allowed to employ his second or any other son in his Office. The vacant appointment should be filled up by Captain Priestley.

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

No 1524.

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Under date the 5th September 1860.

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from the Superintendent Revenue
Survey.

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(Were under 4th August 1860 No 627)

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Supt of Rev Survey Cuddp. 6
Director of Rev Settlement
Chief Engineer
Genl Auditor

Assistant Overseer Plumb
Cate an Assistant Surveyor
of the Madras Town Survey
Establishment

Lr Under order
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