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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18*th July* 1861.

No. 257. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq , Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 9th July 1861, No. 1,107 :—

SIR,

1. The Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, in the Salem District, has brought to my notice that in consequence of the rapidity with which the field hands employed in the demarcation of the Shevaroy Hills, fall sick, he is compelled constantly to relieve them, replacing them by others transferred from the nearest working parties in the low country, to which the sick men are in turn brought down. He states that the work is much impeded, and the State put to considerable expense in consequence of the loss of the services of these men during the period occupied in travelling at the usual rate of 10 or 12 miles a day, and that although the Railway is available for a considerable portion of the journey he does not consider himself justified, looking to their low salaries, in ordering them to travel by it, and he applies for permission to pay the Railway fares in such cases, from the unexpended portion of the sum sanctioned monthly for his party.

2. In now forwarding Mr. Thomas' letter* for the favorable consideration of Government, I have the honor to draw attention to the fact that the parties for whom this favor is sought belong to the field Establishment, and are not entitled to batta or other allowance on moving from place to place, and consequently cannot be called upon to travel in any but the cheapest manner. I would further point out that the grant of the Railway fares of these men so far from involving the Government in additional expense, will in reality result in a clear saving. The fare of a Gumáshta travelling 70 or 80 miles by rail is a few Annas, while his pay for the week which would otherwise be occupied in performing the journey on foot, and during which he can do no work, amounts to several Rupees.

* Dated 4th July 1861, No. 98, in original to be returned.

3. It does not appear proper that travelling expenses should be defrayed from the source proposed by Mr. Thomas, viz., the unexpended salaries, but I have no hesitation in recommending as a measure of economy that whenever it may be possible to move the field Establishment of the Settlement Department from place to place by rail, that mode of conveyance should be adopted, and that the Deputy Director may be authorized to pay the fares and include the amount in his monthly contingent bill.

4. As there will be equal advantage in the rapid transit of the survey parties from place to place, the Government, should they approve the present proposal, will probably see fit to extend the order to the field Establishments of the Survey Department as well.

No. 258. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1861, No. 1,433.

The arrangement proposed in paragraphs 3 and 4 is sanctioned, subject to the condition that the Budget allotment is not exceeded.

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

Rec'd 18th July 1861

Prov. Govt for July

From No 1639.

The Acting Director
of Revenue Settlement
To the Secretary to
Government
Revenue Department

Dated 9th July 1861.

Rec'd 18th July 1861.

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Stating that it has been found necessary in consequence of the prevalence of sickness constantly to relieve the petty heads of the Salem Settlement party working on the Shevaroy Hills by transfers from the low Country: & Recommending that as a considerable portion of the journey can be performed by Railway & as a measure of economy, that whenever it may be possible to move the establishment from place to place by rail this mode of conveyance should be adopted and the items included in the contingent bill.

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Fort St. George
18th July 1861

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