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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th October 1861.

Read the following papers :—

No. 361. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th August 1861, No. 4,319.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 13th August 1860, No. 125.

SIR,

In Cons. 7th August 1861, No. 3,887.

With reference to Order of Government, No. 1,303 of the 6th instant, referred to by the Board, I beg to forward a Statement just received from Sub-Engineer Williams, and to remark that Mr. Bourdillon is in error in supposing that a "large part of Mr. Williams' business was to collect quit-rent." *Only those cases* in which doubts and difficulty occurred, from supposed errors of Survey, and which the Tahsíldár could not decide, were referred to Mr. Williams.

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1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings, No. 1,303, Revenue Department, dated 6th August 1860.

2. The Board regret that the original of the Collector's letter having been lost great delay has occurred in procuring the copy now submitted, with which the Collector has forwarded an additional list of applications for Surveys to date.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

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No. 362. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 27th August 1861, No. 4,360.

SIR,

Original letter, dated 10th August 1861, No. 213.
Do. dated 15th August 1861, No. 225.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 1st August 1861, No. 1,529, I have the honor to submit for information the accompanying letters from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, stating that he is unable to give any aid to the Collector in the survey of properties on the Neilgherries.

2. Captain Goddard considers that an additional Surveyor is absolutely necessary, and that 70 Rupees per mensem would be a suitable rate of pay, while in his letter of the 15th August 1861, No. 225, he points out that Mr. Sub-Engineer Williams, who is about to apply for his pension, would be happy to accept of the appointment if conferred upon him. Mr. Williams' services have frequently been applied for by the Collector as the most fit person from long experience for such work, and Captain Goddard accordingly recommends that he be appointed to the situation and placed under the immediate orders of the Collector on a salary of 70 Rupees in addition to the pension of his grade, when that is granted to him.

3. Mr. Williams appears, from the District returns of Establishments, to have joined the Public Service on the 1st October 1826, and under the rules he will be eligible to a monthly pension of Rupees 150, equal to one-half of his present salary on the 1st of October next. Excepting, however, as a special case he would not, if appointed Surveyor, be entitled to draw his pension in addition to the salary proposed to be given him as Surveyor, and should the Government, therefore, see any difficulty in sanctioning the disbursement of the full pension together with the salary of Rupees 70 per mensem, I beg to suggest that Mr. Williams, if accepted for the purpose, be remunerated from the fees the proprietors are represented to be willing to pay for all Surveys which may be made of their Estates, as a monthly salary of Rupees 70 would not, I am of opinion, be sufficient of itself to command the services of a competant Surveyor ; nothing short of Rupees 100 a month will suffice for the purpose.

Vide paragraph 106, Chapter III of the Civil Auditor's Manual.

Vide paragraph 2, Chapter XX of the Civil Auditor's Manual.

VIDE P. S. to Collector's letter of 25th May 1861, No. 110.

4. The appointment of Mr. Williams in the above capacity will, I have reason to know, be most acceptable to the Collector, who from long acquaintance and experience of his value places great confidence in him. The fact of Mr. Williams being conversant with nearly all localities and difficulties, as stated by the Collector in his letter to the Board of Revenue, No. 2,841, dated 3rd June 1861, embodied in the Proceedings of Government under reply, is another reason why he should be employed in preference to any one else, and I strongly recommend this course for adoption.

5. In the meantime and pending the grant of a pension to Sub-Engineer Williams, Captain Farewell, under whose orders he is now employed, will be instructed to afford the Collector every assistance in his power in the preparation of the Surveys stated to be in abeyance.

No. 363. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1861, No. 2,072.

1. Adverting to the orders of Government of the 6th August 1860, No. 1,303, wherein they called for information of the nature and extent of duties required of the Surveyor on the Neilgherries, the Board of Revenue submit a letter from Mr. Thomas, the Collector of Coimbatore, with statements of the properties to be surveyed and the plans required. Mr. Thomas' object is to show that the Government were in error in supposing that a large part of the business of Mr. Williams (the Surveyor) consisted in the collection of quit-rent, and he explains that only those cases were referred to Mr. Williams, in which doubts and difficulty occurred, and which the Tahsíldár could not decide.

2. In their Order of the 1st August 1861, No. 1,529, the Government directed the Chief Engineer to ascertain from the District Engineer, what aid he could afford the Collector in the survey of properties on the hills; whether an additional Surveyor was really necessary; and if so, what would be a suitable rate of pay. The Chief Engineer now replies by forwarding a letter from the District Engineer, stating his inability to give any aid to the Collector in the way required. Captain Goddard considers an additional Surveyor to be absolutely necessary for the purpose; and he suggests that Mr. Williams, whose position is that of a Sub-Engineer in the Department of Public Works, and who is about to apply for his pension, may be appointed to the duty and specially granted the 70 Rupees (sanctioned by the Government of India for the purpose) in addition to the pension of his grade. This arrangement is strongly recommended by the Chief Engineer, who has in the meantime instructed Captain Farewell to afford the Collector every assistance in his power in the preparation of the Surveys stated to be in abeyance.

3. It is admitted that a Surveyor for the survey of properties on the Neilgherries is necessary. The Government of India sanctioned the entertainment of such a Surveyor, so far back as April 1855, on 70 Rupees a month; but difficulty having been met with in filling up the appointment, the money was never drawn, and Mr. Williams of the Engineer Department was detached from his proper duties for the purpose of making the required surveys and plans for the Collector. This arrangement lasted some time, until finally in March last, Mr. Williams was withdrawn from the Collector, and ordered to be generally employed as a subordinate in Captain Farewell's range; the Head of the Public Works Department having represented that Mr. Williams was not discharging adequate duties, in proportion to his salary and position in the Department.

Proceedings of Government, 14th March 1861, No. 593.

4. The Government think Mr. Williams' position and salary much too high for a mere Surveyor; and they consider the proposition to pension, and then re-employ him as a Surveyor paying an additional 70 Rupees a month to be quite out of the question.

5. The first thing to be done is to define the Surveyor's duties. They ought to be simply to survey, map, and measure. If a dispute occurs about a boundary, and a plan of the locality is required for the legal adjudication of the same, the Surveyor should go and make it. In short, he should be a Surveyor and no more. He should not be made collector of quit-rents, arbitrator of disputes, and the like: these are all the duties of other authorities, who have proper and sufficient establishments for the purpose.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th October 1861.

6. The next point is the supervision to be exercised over the Surveyor. The Government are of opinion that this should rest with the District Engineer, and they propose, therefore, to place the Surveyor, when one shall be appointed, under the orders of the District Engineer of Coimbatore, or more immediately under the Neilgherry Executive Engineer (Captain Farewell), to be employed on the Collector's work, but to be checked by the Engineer, who, when there is no work to be done for the Collector, may employ the Surveyor on some other duty in the general department. In short, the duty of supplying the Collector with plans and surveys will devolve on the District Engineer, who will be allowed the services of a Surveyor for the purpose, so long only, however, as an additional servant may be actually wanted. All that the Collector will have to do, therefore, when he wants a plan or a survey, is to call on the District Engineer to furnish him with the same.

7. As to salary, it is believed that 70 Rupees is too little. The Chief Engineer is of opinion that nothing short of 100 Rupees will suffice. This point therefore requires to be re-considered. The District Engineer will, therefore, be called on to state what additional agency he will require, at what cost, and for what period. When the present arrears have been cleared off, there will probably be little need for a Surveyor, as the few surveys occasionally applied for, may be done by the District Engineer's ordinary Establishment. On the necessary information being submitted, application will be made to the Government of India for such additional expense as may be shown to be necessary; but it appears to Government that the expense of a Surveyor, if one be entertained, should be almost wholly met from the fees for surveys.

8. The table of fees requires to be revised. This should be done by the Collector and District Engineer in communication with each other. On application being hereafter made for Government land on the Neilgherries the plot will be surveyed and mapped, but the cost will be borne by the party to whom the lot may be knocked down, in addition to the auction price and yearly assessment; this being made a condition of sale.

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

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Of correspondence connected with the appointment of a Surveyor for surveying properties on the Neilgherries.

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To G of I. 28 Feb/55, No: 257.
From do. 17 April/55, No: 621.

1. In March/55, on the application of this Govt, the Govt of India sanctioned the entertainment by the Colr of Coimbatore of a Surveyor on 70 Rs a month, for the purpose of executing plans and surveys on the Neilgherries, the charge to be defrayed to the extent admissible from the fees ~~collected~~ charged on plans or surveys for land executed for private parties. The increasing value of land on the hills, and the disputes which were frequently arising from an imperfect survey of existing properties, rendered the appointment of an intelligent and experienced Surveyor absolutely necessary to the Collr's office.

From the Chief Secr,
15 March/56, No 1784.

2. It afterwards appeared that difficulty had been met with in filling up the appointment in a satisfactory manner, and up to March/56, it remained vacant. It was then proposed by the Civil Govt of the 7th Divn to employ on the above mentioned duties Surveyor Williams of this Dept, whose

pay and allowances amounted to 226 ℔, and to replace him in Malabar by a young Sub Dpt Surveyor with a salary not exceeding the excess of the amount sanctioned for the Neilgherry Surveyor; and further, as the duty was not likely to take up the whole of Williams' time, it was proposed that his spare hours should be at the disposal of the Civil Engr for employment on the general duties of the division. On the Govt doubting the propriety of this arrangement, and calling for further information, the Civil Engr proposed that Mr. Williams should be placed at the entire disposal of the Collr for 6 months, and of himself for the other 6 months of the year. The Revd Board also reported on an arrangement of this nature: they saw no probability of inconvenience from a divided control, but as under the plan suggested, applications for land and cases of dispute requiring the services of the Surveyor would have to lie undisposed of for the six months during which the Surveyor must be under the orders of the Engr, they suggested his being

Rec: of Govt. 2 April/56, No 473

From Ch: Engr. 16 May/56, No 3271.

Rec: of Board of Revenue, 5th July/56, No 2055.

placed alternately under the Collr and Engr for 3 months at a time. But even this arrangement appeared an inconvenient one to the Govt, and they thought it better that a competent Surveyor should be placed at the entire disposal of the Collr; and whether it were Mr. Williams or anybody else, it was only necessary, they said, that he should be a competent, steady, trustworthy man, who was not to be withdrawn without the previous Consent of the Collr.

Rec: of Govt. 31 July/56, No 1316.

3. In Sept/57 Col Baker represented that Mr. Williams, originally a Revenue Surveyor, was then (i.e. after the formation of the new Dept) a Sub Engr of the 2d class on allowances of 390 ℔ a month, and that therefore Govt had a right to expect more important services of him than those of a Surveyor pestatus; but as he did not wish to withdraw him altogether from the Collr who appreciated his services, he suggested that Mr. Nimmo's own plan of alternate seasons for six months might be tried. Govt however referred to their previous orders in which they had approved their opinion against a divided

From Ch: Engr, 1st Sept/57, No 3355.

Rec: of Govt: 14 Oct/57, No 1931.

control of the Surveyor; and seeing that all parties were agreed that Mr. Williams was very valuable when he was from his acquaintance with the localities of the hills, they considered it inexpedient to authorize the Chief Engr's recommendation.

4. In August 1859, Col Bell brought the distinct Engr submitted this to notice a proposition of Col Lawford that Sub Engr Williams should be pensioned, & allowed the 70 Rs assigned to the Colr's Surveyor, and that another Sub Engr or Supervisor should be appointed to the charge of the public buildings & Cantonment roads. Col Bell sought this matter primed in submitting letters from Col Lawford, the District Engr of Coimbatore, & two Colrs, on the subject of redistributing the executive agency of the P.W.D. on the Neilgherry hills. In reply the former was instructed the Chief Engr to report more fully as to the employment of Mr. Williams on the hills, what work he had done for the D.P.W., what he had done in the way of his proper duty as Surveyor for the Revenue Dept, what had been the number of applications for survey, & what the arrears of work were. On this occasion the Govt thought

From Ch: Engr: 20 Aug/59, No 4046.

Rec: of Govt. 6 Sept/59, No 2140.

the services of an Officer of that Mr. Williams' rank were thrown away when he was thus employed, & they called on Col Bell for his opinion as to the best arrangement for the work to be done for the Revenue Dept on the Neilgherry hills, in the way of surveying &c.

From Ch: Engr, 23d Feb/60, No 1054.
From do. 5th March/60, No 1102.

5. Col Bell replied in Feb? and March/60, by sending up letters from the Colr of Coimbatore, & statements of work furnished by Mr. Williams, from which it appeared that he had been usefully employed. The Colr proposed the reduction of Mr. Williams' pay to that of a 1st class levied Surveyor, and making up the loss by giving over to him the fees on plans and grants; but Col Bell shewed that these fees (20 + 39) would amount to only about 70 Rs, which added to the 70 Rs sanctioned for a surveyor but never drawn, would make about 140 Rs a month, & insufficient to pay a Sub Engr for the P.W.D. in lieu of Mr. Williams, if he were retained for the Revenue Dept. Col Bell proposed two alternatives: one was to apply to the Govt by Indian Branch the Surveyor's allowance to 140 Rs, and appoint a separate Surveyor to the duty; and the

other, to nominate the proposed Surveyor to the first vacant Subordinateship & give him the 70 Rs in addition, so that the Coly would have a member of the lower subordinate branch attached to him in lieu of the highly paid Subdyr.

Govt observed that neither alternative was now necessary, as Mr. Brosnahan (2d Asst District Supt Trinevelly) had been placed under the District Supt of Coimbr. tore for the purpose of carrying into effect the local improvements ordered on the Neilgherry hills, and at Ootacamund in particular; that Mr. Williams, whose local knowledge would be useful to him at first; but that after a month or two, that assistance would become unnecessary; and that Mr. Williams would then be withdrawn to the general duties of the Dept & posted where his services might be most wanted. They added that Mr. Williams' survey duties would be undertaken, as far as they might be necessary, by Mr. Brosnahan; and that the duty of collecting quit rent, hitherto

Bo: of Govt: 16 April /60, no 755.

From Coly of Coimbatore, 19 May /60, no 15.

Bo: of Govt: 6th June /60, No 1178.

transferred to the proper servants of the Colys Revenue Establmt.

6. On this, Mr. Nevnas represented the difficulties he would experience in the event of Mr. Williams' removal from under him. Mr. Brosnahan, he said, was under the District Supt, not under him; the District Supt had sufficient work for Mr. B, and could not spare him; nobody else but Mr. Williams could efficiently perform the duties performed by him: Mr. Williams collected quit rent only from the Europeans, who refused to pay to the Tahsildar, or until their limits & doubts were first settled by the surveyor; and Mr. Williams' great local knowledge doubled his value to the hills. The Govt rejected Mr. Nevnas' request to retain Mr. Williams, or admit the validity of his arguments. They reminded him that the Law placed ample means at his disposal for enforcing the demands of the revenue, & that it was his duty to put those means in force; and they denied the right of individual proprietors to have their land surveyed at the expense of the State.

7. Next came a letter from the Ootacammund Improvement Committee (thro' Mr. Thomas) expressive of their desire that Mr. Williams should be retained on his survey duties, for which he was eminently fitted, on account of his long residence on the hills & his efficiency as a land surveyor. On this representation, the Govt permitted Mr. Williams to remain "for the present" on the hills, as an Assistant to Mr. Brom. -nahan under the orders of the Committee, "for the purpose of making the necessary surveys of lands newly applied for". When not employed on such surveys Mr. Williams, they said, would be available to assist Mr. Bromahan in his general duties under the Committee.

From the Collr of Coimbatore 31st May/60, No 18.

Re: of Govt: 13 June/60, No 1235.

8. Mr. Thomas came up again with a further representation, remarking that Mr. Williams' services, rendered to his Office for the last 5 years, and so very valuable for the whole hills, were now necessary for the whole hills, were now taken away from him & restricted to the Committee's local objects in Ootacammund alone, where there were permanently the D. Supr,

From Collr of Coimbatore, 25 July/60, No 36.

Mr. Bromaham, and Mr. McDermoth. He feared that Mr. Williams' withdrawal would lead to public inconvenience, as no young or new Surveyor could supply his long local knowledge and experience in the valuable & extensive landed interests involved in Coffee, tea, & other large and extending properties; but now that he had to do the best he could, and ~~despairing~~ looking to the impossibility of securing a thoroughly efficient respectable Surveyor for 70 Rs, the experiment having been twice already unsuccessfully tried, he begged that, as formerly recommended by the Chief Engr, 140 Rs at least might be sanctioned for the purpose, or that the Chief Engr be directed to supply him with a proper man. He pointed out that the value of many of the estates the Surveyor would have to measure & define would be 30, 40, 50 thousand rupees each; and that a complicated water question & claim between 3 Coffee estates at Kotagherry had just been decided on Mr. Williams' long local and practical experience, he going to the spot, communicating with the parties, and bringing back a clear and comprehensive sketch on which to decide. The Govt referred

Rec: of Govt: 6 Aug/60, No 1303.

Mr. Thomas' letter to the Board of Revenue, for report as to the exact nature & extent of duty required to be done by the Surveyor, bearing in mind that all survey work connected with Ootacamund was now under the local Comtee, who had a Surveyor of their own; that the Govt did not recognize the right of proprietors to have their land surveyed at the cost of the State; and that the collection of quit rent, hitherto a large part of Mr. Williams' business, was to be the duty of the Revenue Dept under Mr. Nesbitt.

G. In March of this year certain cor. From Ootacamund Dm: Comtee, respondence from the Ootacamund Improve- 24 Dec/60.
ment Committee, and a letter of the Chief Surr From Ch: Surr, 1st March/61,
came under the consideration of Govt. Among No 1051B.
the Committee's papers was a minute of Mr.
James Onchterlony, in the course of which
a passing allusion was made to the insigni-
ficant progress of the proposed survey, in
connection with Mr. Williams' having
in the first instance been placed under the
Committee for the object in view. In his letter
above referred to, Col Morsley stated that owing
to the heavy arrears in his office, the District
Surr had not visited the Nilgherry range, &

was unable therefore to report fully on
Mr. Williams' qualifications as a surveyor,
but that he represented him to be "perfectly
ignorant of his ordinary duties, & also most
reprehensibly inattentive to them, and to
be quite unfitted for the executive charge
of a range." Col Morsley then submitted the
following recommendations, that Mr. Williams
be placed under Capt Farewell's orders for gene-
ral employment as a subordinate in the
range; that Capt Farewell be appointed a mem-
ber of the Improvement Comtee; and that
a Surveyor on a monthly salary of 70 Rs
be appointed by the Comtee to assist Mr Williams
in making such surveys & drawings as might
be required, either by them or by the Coln.
The Govt acceded to these recommendations, &
directed that Mr. Williams was not to be
employed by the Coln either to collect quit
rents, or settle disputes respecting the boun-
daries of private land, or to survey private
property.

Pro: of Govt: 14 March/61, No 593. (p: 4).

10. In June last, the Board of Revenue
sent up a letter from Mr. Thomas, enquiring
who was in future to make the plans & survey
required by the Board in every case of land

Pro: Board of Revenue, 3d June/61, No 2841.

applications, whether for Coffee, tea, or any other purpose. He again urged the importance of Mr. Williams in settling disputes between Europeans; and while asking for the 70 Rs sanctioned by the Govt of India to be allotted to his office for the best Surveyor he could get, he expressed the opinion that to give him such Mr. Williams (as formerly recommended by Col Valen) for half the year was the most economical and eligible mode of effecting the work, and as for any delay the arrangement involved, he remarked that as matters then stood, some parties had waited 3 years for their plans and surveys. The Board supported the Colr, and explained that although the disputes which Mr. Williams had been called upon to settle were private, they involved questions of public right, that almost every question of the kind required a survey, and that in all newly occupied land, an accurate survey of the plot was necessary to determine its limits & the quit rent due on it; and as much dissatisfaction had been caused by the great delay now occurring in the issue of titles for holdings, the value of which was seriously impaired by the want of proper papers in case of sale or

Pro: of Govt: 1 Aug/61, No 1529.

mortgage, they suggested the propriety of re-considering the orders of Govt of the 14 March/61, No 593, in view to the Colr being provided with the services of a Surveyor. On this representation, the Govt directed the Chief Engr to ascertain from the D. Engr what aid he could afford the Colr in the survey of property, on the hills, whether an additional Surveyor was really necessary, and if so, what wd be a suitable rate of pay. They further desired the revision of the table of fees for the plans, and the estimation of the probable monthly receipts.

11. Referring to the Govt orders of the 6th Aug/61, No 1303, requesting to be informed of the nature & extent of duties required of the Colr's Surveyor, the Board of Revenue now hand up a letter from Mr Thomas covering statements of the number of properties to be surveyed & the plans required, and Mr Thomas wishes to correct an error of the Govt (only that he mentions Mr. Bonnellon's name) as to a large part of Mr. Williams' business being the collection of quit rent, by explaining

× para 8 of this memo: (letter ends).

Pro: Board of Revenue, 9 Aug/61, No 4319.

that only those cases in which doubts & difficulty occurred from supposed errors of survey, and which the Tahsildars could not decide, were referred to Mr. Williams.

12. There is also a letter from the Chief Supr for disposal in connection with this subject. With reference to the Govt order of the 7th August, Col Bardley submits a letter from the D. Supr stating his inability to give any aid to the Govt in the way of surveying properties in the Neilgherries. Capt Goodwin therefore considers an additional Surveyor to be absolutely necessary; and he suggests that Mr. Williams, who is about to apply for his pension, may be appointed to this duty and specially granted the 70 Rs (sanctioned for the purpose) in addition to the pension of his grade. Col Bardley claims that Mr. Williams will be entitled to a pension of 150 Rs; and if under the* rules set forth he can any difficulty be in giving the 70 Rs to Mr. Williams in addition to his pension, he suggests his remuneration from the fees the proprietors are said to be

From the Chief Supr, 27 Augt /61, No 4380.

This it will be observed is the same proposition which was brought forward by Col Bardley in Augt /59. (vide para 4 of the Memo).

Civil Auditor's Manual.

Ch: XX, p 11, "Except in special cases, a pension is not tenable in addition to a salary or allowances from the Govt.

willing to pay for all surveys made of their estates, as it is impossible to command the services of a competent Surveyor for 70 Rs. He strongly recommends the proposal to appoint Mr. Williams to the duty, but has instructed Capt Goodwin in the meantime to assist the Govt in preparing the surveys in abeyance.

F.S.
20/9/61.

For Order

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Precis.

Surveyor for the survey of landed property on the Neilgherry hills.

Revenue Dept

No 2072.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 30th October 1861.

Read the following papers.

Procs of the Board of Rev.
Submitting with remarks a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore reporting that only those cases in which doubts and difficulties arose from supposed errors of survey were referred to Mr Williams. (Here enter 9th August 1861 No 1319)

From the Chief Engineer.
Submitting with reference to the Procs of Govt dated 1st Augt 1861 No 1529 letters from the District Engr of Coimbatore stating that he is unable to give any aid to the Collector in the survey of properties on the Hills & recommending the appointment of a special surveyor for the duty. — (Here enter 27th August 1861 No 1360)

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(Rec: of Govt 14 March /61, No 573)

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~~for he can only claim his pension~~
~~on specific grounds~~
~~& neither of these has~~
~~& neither can he, or has not~~
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7. As to salary, it is believed that 70 Rs is too little. The Chief Engr is of opinion that nothing short of 100 Rs will suffice. This point therefore requires to be re-considered. The District Engr will therefore be called on to state what additional agency he will require, at what cost,

and for what period. When the present arrears have been cleared off, there will probably be little need for a Surveyor as the few ~~perhaps left to do~~; ~~may seen~~. occasionally ~~Grants~~ surveys ~~of lands~~ applied for, ~~which might~~ may be done by the District Supts ordinary establishment. On the necessary information being submitted, application will be made to the Govt. of India for such additional expence as may be shewn to be necessary; but it appears to Govt. that the ~~cost~~ expence of a survey, if one be entertained, should be almost wholly ~~on a fresh measure~~ & not from the fees for surveys.

8. The table of fees requires to be revised. This should be done by the Collr and District Supt in communication with each other. On applications hereafter being made for ~~waste~~ Govt. land the plot will on the Boilgherries ~~it should~~ & mapped, but be surveyed ~~and~~ the cost ~~of~~ will be ~~the survey~~ be borne by the party to whom the lot may require be knocked down, in addition to the auction price and yearly assessment; — this being made a condition of sale.

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