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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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31st December 1861.*

No. 298. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Engineer, dated Chepauk, 24th December 1861, No. 8,832:—

Read the following letter from Captain JOHN GODDARD, District Engineer of Coimbatore, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, Madras, dated Coimbatore, 10th December 1861, No. 431.

SIR,

1. In Chief Engineer's Order No. 6,792, dated 2nd November 1861, passed upon Proceedings Madras Government, No. 2,072, dated 30th October 1861, I am required carefully to consider and report—

I. What additional agency I shall require to perform the Collector's work on the Neilgherries in surveying ground.

II. What the cost of the agency will be.

III. The period for which this agency will be required.

2. I am further required in communication with the Collector to revise the table of fees.

3. In obedience to the above I have the honor to report—

I. That I shall require an honest, intelligent, experienced Surveyor with four Lascars, to be furnished complete with field instruments and drawing instruments. The Surveyor can be accommodated with a place in the Range Officer's Office.

II. The cost of the agency will be as follows:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Surveyor per mensem	100	0	0
Four Lascars at 7 Rupees each	28	0	0
Per mensem...	128	0	0
Per annum.....	1,536	0	0
To which add for instruments, bill books, hatchets, &c., Rupees 200, which represents capital at 5 per cent. per annum to the amount of	10	0	0
Total per annum...	1,546	0	0

III. As regards the period for which the agency will be required I can see no limit to it; say for two generations = 140 years.

Fees for Plans on the Neilgherries.

	RS.
Up to 5 Cawnies.. ..	2½
Above 5 to 20 Cawnies.. ..	5
Above 20 to 40 Cawnies	7
Above 40 Cawnies.. ..	10

4. I have been in consultation with the Collector in respect of the revision of the table of fees, and the decision we have arrived at is that the present rates marginally indicated be all raised one Rupee.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Proceedings, No. 2,072, dated 30th October 1861.

2. The Government will observe that the agency required is one Surveyor at 100 Rupees, and four Lascars at 7 Rupees per mensem, at an annual cost of Rupees 1,546, inclusive of Rupees 10 interest on Rupees 200,

the probable cost of instruments supplied to the Surveyor, whose services Captain Goddard considers will be required for an unlimited period.

Fees for Plans on the Neilgherries.

	RS.
Up to 5 Cawnies	3½
Above 5 to 20 do.. ..	6
Above 20 to 4 do	8
Above 40 Cawnies	11

3. The scale of present fees is given in the margin of the District Engineer's letter, and it is proposed that they be raised 1 Rupee all round, in which case they would be as marginally shown.

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4. It appears to the Chief Engineer that even with this addition the table of fees will be very low, and that unless the number of Surveys called for and executed be considerable, there is little chance of the annual expenditure, Rupees 1,546, being almost wholly met from the fees for surveys. To obtain this result the fees would all have to be doubled. Supposing 156 surveys of various areas, as shown in the margin, to be called for and executed in one year, which is probably more than ever will be

72 Surveys of 5 Cawnies @ 3½ Rupees	Rs. 252
48 Do. above 5 do. to 20 Cawnies at 8 Rupees.. ..	288
24 Do. „ 20 do. to 40 do. „	192
12 Do. „ 40 do. at 11 Rupees.. ..	132
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Total Rupees..	864
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the case, the return from fees would only amount to Rupees 864.

5. In the 8th paragraph of the Government Order above quoted it is stated, that hereafter the cost of surveying and mapping 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 a condition of sale. In this case a table of fees would seem to be unnecessary, as each party would be charged rateably with the actual cost of the establishment employed on this duty in proportion to the time occupied.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel,
For Chief Engineer.

No. 299. ORDER THEREON, 31st December 1861, No. 2,390.

1. Communicated to the Director of Revenue Settlement.

2. Mr. Newill will ascertain from Major Priestley whether the Survey Establishment which must be kept up in Wainád for annually ascertaining the area to be taxed could not be made available for surveying properties on the Hills, during the period of each year when field operations are impracticable in Wainád. It is not necessary that a Survey Establishment should be maintained all the year round in either locality, if timely notice be given of the period when surveys will be undertaken.

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

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Central Office of Mr. I have the honor to
Chepan to Sir
24 Dec / 07
Your most obedt

Robert Turris Colonel
Jr Chief Engineer

To
 J. D. Smith Esquire
 Secy. to Govt. of Ind.
 Fort St. George
 for Chief Engineer

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 County, if timely
 notice be given of
 the period when
 surveys will be
 taken in the same.

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