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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th July 1862.

No. 82. Read the following letter from Major F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent Revenue Survey, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 4th June 1862, No. 417:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government dated 30th May 1862, No. 1,197, in paragraphs 5 and 6 of which I see with much regret that the Governor in Council expresses his serious dissatisfaction with me for delay in commencing Survey operations in Kurnool.

2. I beg respectfully to state that Mr. Leggatt's removal after four months absence on sick leave took place shortly after Captain Pratt, Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey, embarked for England on sick certificate. Another Deputy Superintendent, Captain Hessey, I was aware would also be obliged at an early date to leave the country from ill health.

3. With regard to my allowing more than a year to elapse before sending a single Surveyor to the District, I have to state that on the 16th September last, the Director of Revenue Settlement in his letter No. 1,418, informed me that November or December would be the earliest period that work could be handed over to the Survey in a complete state, and proposed the gradual transfer of the Godavery Establishment to Kurnool, an arrangement that appeared to me unexceptionable.

4. An Officer of the Survey has been sent to Kurnool, and the transfer of men from Godavery has already been commenced. I venture to express my opinion that had Surveyors been despatched at an earlier date they would have been unable to prosecute their work effectually, as many slight defects were on my late visit to Kurnool pointed out to the Officer in charge of the demarcation which if not remedied would have caused delay and confusion.

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1862 No. 1,467.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Revenue Survey Office

Chenab

4th June 1862

No 417

From

Major
Captain T. G. D. Priestley
Superintendent Revenue Survey

To

J. D. Sim Esqr.
Secretary to Govt N.D.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the order of Govt dated 30th May 1862 No 1197 in Paragraph of which I see with much regret that the Governor in Council expresses his serious dissatisfaction with me for delay in commencing Survey operations in Kurnool.

2. I beg respectfully to state that Mr Liggatts removal after 6 months absence on sick leave took place shortly after Captain Pratt Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey embarked for England on sick certificate. Another Deputy Superintendent Captain Nepean I was awarded would also be obliged at an early date to leave the country from ill health.

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from
The Supt. Rev. Survey,
To
The Secy. to Govt. N.W.P.
No. 1467.

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No. 417
Subject

Estimate & explanation with reference to the Gov. O. of 30th Ultimo No. 1191 regarding delay in commencing the Kumaon Survey.

Pro. 30th May 1862. Nos. 540 & 542

Nos 82 & 83.

From
Lieut. H. Strachey
Asst.
Commr. Kumaon Division
To
Capt. Macdonald
Offg. Secy. to Govt. N.W.P.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith a detailed estimate of the probable cost of the Kumaon Survey, and to explain the reasons which have caused the delay in commencing the operations.

2. The Survey was originally intended to be completed in five years, but the Government of India, in their letter No. 1418 of the 16th September last, directed that the Survey should be completed in three years, and the Government of the North Western Provinces, in their letter No. 1467 of the 5th October last, sanctioned the employment of the additional establishment required for the purpose.

3. The Survey has been carried on from the Terai to the snowy range, and the Survey Parties have now reached the Tibet frontier. The Survey Parties have been employed in the Terai from the 1st November to the 15th December, and in the hills from the 15th March to the 15th June.

4. The delay which has occurred in commencing the Survey has been caused by the following circumstances.

5. An Officer of the Survey has been sent to Kumaon and the transfer of men from Gurhwal has already been commenced. I ventured to explain to Government that I had always been desirous of commencing the Survey in Kumaon, but that I had been prevented from doing so by the Mutiny.

6. Kumaon, however, is the only part of the North Western Provinces in which the Survey can be carried on during the rainy season, and I was therefore unwilling to commence the Survey in Kumaon unless I could be assured that I should be allowed to complete it. I was apprehensive that the Mutiny might cause the withdrawal of the Survey Parties before the work was completed, and that the Survey would thus be rendered useless. I have therefore waited until I received the sanction of Government to the proposed arrangement.

7. I have to state that on the 16th September last the Director of Revenue Settlement in his letter No. 1418 informed me that Government in December would be willing to have the Survey carried on in Kumaon, in a complete manner, and that the Survey Parties would be employed for the Gurhwal transfer of the Gurhwal Establishment to Kumaon on arrangement that I explained to me very explicitly.

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J. P. S.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible] Major
Superintendent Rev. Survey