No. 151. 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 February 1862, No. 129 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward an original letter* from Mr. M. G. Plumbe, Revenue Surveyor, employed on the Madras Town Survey.

2. I beg strongly to recommend Mr. Plumbe's application for favorable consideration. He is a most intelligent and trust-worthy Surveyor and indeed far superior to the class of men usually met with in such a situation.

3. He was considered worthy of this small increase to his pay in February 1861, and as funds are available to meet the disbursement of the arrears from 1st July 1861 to 17th January 1862 (Rupees 163-11-4). I venture to hope that his application will be successful.

* Dated 24th January 1862.
Solicits permission from Government to draw the increase of Rupees 25 per mensem from the beginning of the current Fasli on the grounds,

I. That according to a new rule arrears are to be drawn from the date of the sanction of the Madras Government.

II. The work and salary attached to it are temporary; and had the work advanced so far as to have been completed the previous month, he would have been entitled to none of the increase, unless Government were pleased to grant him a certain amount.

III. The small amount prayed for will be no loss to Government, petitioner having performed all duties without an Assistant for four or five months.

IV. That many in permanent employ who had increase to their salaries have invariably drawn them in arrears.

V. That he is completely barred from attempts at an improved position before the completion of Town Survey, though he has been in Government employ 22 years

	RS. A. P.
Disbursed to 31st January 1862..	4,831 4 5
Estimated expenditure to end of official year.....	2,362 4 8
Budget Estimate for 1861-62.....	7,440 0 0
Balance Rupees...	246 6 11

No. 152. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1862, No. 527.

1. The Government observe that on the 9th February 1861, they recommended an increase of Rupees 25 per mensem to Mr. Plumbe's salary. The sanction of the Supreme Government which was not granted till the 6th October was only received on the 7th November last, and from this date under existing rules the additional salary is payable.

2. Major Priestley recommends that retrospective effect be given to the sanction from the 1st July 1861. This arrangement cannot be effected without the sanction of the Supreme Government, and the Governor in Council does not see any such special reasons as would warrant a departure in this case from the established rule.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Madras January 24th 1862.

To Major F. J. Priestley
Superintendent of Revenue Survey

Sir. The Mems of the Civil Paymaster dated 21st Instant that I am entitled to draw for any increase only from the 18th Inst. is a source of much disappointment to me, and I humbly beg that Government may be pleased to permit me to draw the same from the beginning of the current fusly.

The grounds upon which this order was based appears to be, on Enquiry, that, from a new rule Established, arrears are to be drawn from the date of sanction of the Madras Government, but as this sanction must have been given before submission to the Supreme Government, it can be the only one referred to, and a subsequent one upon the Bengal Government approval does not appear, nor is necessary, having been merely Communicated.

It is however upon other grounds I would crave the indulgence of Government. Both the work and the Salary attached to it are only temporary, as not many months must elapse before its completion, and had the Survey

been so far advanced as to have been completed the previous month the boon granted would have proved a nullity, unless I had been considered entitled to the small arrears in question, as nearly 12 months have elapsed since the Madras Government had been pleased to sanction it. The small amount prayed for will be no discouragement to the petitioner, or of importance to the Government, since for four or five months I performed all the duties myself, and thus saved that amount to the State. Many who have had increase to their salaries, have, I believe, invariably drawn them in arrears, their employment to also being permanent.

On making application to Sir Charles Trevelyan with the view of obtaining an employment of greater Emolument, having been 22 years in Govt Employ, His Excellency's letter to me stated that he would "consider my case on the completion of the Survey", conveying an impot to me that I was expected to finish what I had undertaken, thereby completely barring me from any attempts at an improved position.

Under these circumstances, I trust, Sir, you will have no objection to forward my application, with such recommendation as you may be pleased to give.

I beg to remain
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Jas. G. Prentice
Revenue Surveyor

From the 1st July 1861. The accompanying Memorandum of Estimate for additional Quarters and Stables for Officers and Married Soldiers at Fort Pierre, and the Estimate for Repairs in Quarters at Fort Randall.

Fort Pierre } Major Genl Commanding
Fort Randall } Dept of the Missouri
Omaha City

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Rec. 10 January 1862 Nos. 103-104

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Reg: of Govt Letters Rec'd
From No. 317.

The Supt. Rev. Survey

To

The Secy. to Govt. N.W.P.

Rec'd 4th July
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No. 129

Enclosure

Subject

No. 527 - 11th March

Forwarding for favorable consideration an application from Mr. Plumbe to be permitted to draw arrears of increase of pay from 1st July 61 with a view

No. 151 & 152.

No. 528 Enclosure 7 Rec'd March

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The Govt observe that on the 9th February 1861 they recommended an increase of Rupees 25 per mensem to Mr. Plumbe's Salary - The sanction of the Supreme Government which was not granted till the 26th October was only received on the 7th November last and from this date under existing rules the additional salary is payable.

Major Prieudby recommends that retrospective effect be given to the sanction from