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No. 481. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 14th July 1863, No. 882/48.

SIR,

1. In my letter to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th April 1862, No. 571, submitted to Government with their Proceedings of the 21st July 1862, No. 4,724, revised estimates for the Survey and Settlement Departments were forwarded, and orders on various specific points were at the same time solicited. As the general subject is still under the consideration of Government, and from its importance may possibly not be disposed of for a further period; I venture to request that I may in the meantime be favored with instructions on the points mooted in paragraphs 18, 19 and 20 of my letter above quoted, and which are noticed by the Board in paragraphs 34, 35 and 36 of their Proceedings.

2. Pending orders on the subject of paragraph 18, I have on each occasion of a Deputy Director travelling from District to District on duty, been obliged to trouble the Government with a separate application for the sanction of the usual travelling allowance. If the Civil Paymaster receives general authority to pass such Bills, subject to the usual restrictions, the necessity of frequent references will be obviated.

3. With reference to the subject of paragraph 19, I may remark that Mr. F. W. Morris, Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, has had the general supervision of the Kurnool Settlement party since its formation, now more than two years ago, in addition to the charge of his own party (the Kistna), and though the field branches of the two parties have been lately united and reduced to the strength sanctioned for one, the Office Establishments of both remain; the Settlement has to be introduced in both Districts, much labor connected therewith has still to be performed, and much anxious responsibility to be incurred. The Board in paragraph 35 of their Proceedings deprecate the placing of more than one Settlement party under a Deputy Director, and I do not gainsay their arguments. The system objected to need not be continued, but at the same time it should be remembered that Mr. Morris has for two years borne this extra labor and responsibility without any additional remuneration.

4. As regards the allowance to Assistant Directors for providing office accommodation recommended in paragraph 20, I beg to state that the Assistant Directors in Kurnool, Nellore and Tinnevelly have for a length of time been put to considerable expense in finding accommodation for their Establishments at their own cost, which can hardly have been intended by Government. Should therefore my recommendation which has received the Board's support be approved, I request that the sanction may have such retrospective effect as may be deemed expedient.

5. I beg further to recommend that the principle advocated in paragraph 18 of my former letter, the justice of which has in various individual cases been admitted by Government, be extended to special cases in which Assistant Directors of Revenue Settlement may be required to travel from District to District on duty. In their Proceedings of the 30th January 1861, No. 239, the Government declined to accede to Mr. Newill's application for the grant to Assistant Directors of travelling allowance on first appointment and on ordinary transfer from one District to another, and accordingly they do not receive any allowance when they move with the parties to which they are attached. It occasionally happens, however, that the services of an Assistant are required for a short time for special duty in a District away from that in which he is engaged with his party, I think it only fair that on such occasions his travelling expenses should be defrayed. The cases in which this charge will be incurred will be comparatively rare.

and I observe that in the Proceedings of Government of the 22nd ultimo, No. 1,103, it has been sanctioned in the case of an Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

No. 482. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1863, No. 1,390.

1. The Government sanction the grant of travelling allowance under the rules to Deputy or Assistant Directors, compelled in consequence of the division of their parties to travel from District to District on duty.

2. With regard to paragraph 3 of the Acting Director's letter the Government consider it undesirable to establish such a precedent. The Government sanction the grant to Assistants in charge of the Deputy Director's parties, of an allowance of Rupees 4 per diem for providing Office accommodation in camp and at head quarters. Where the Assistant is in charge of a portion of the party, not less than one-third, an allowance of 2 Rupees per diem is sanctioned for the same purpose.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To
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