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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 12 - 12 - ~~19~~ 1863

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th December 1863.

No. 207. Read the following letter from Major F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Camp Ootacamund, 21st October 1863, No. 808/40 :—

SIR,

1. A Native Surveyor named Vencoba Row in charge of a few men detached to the Oodiarpollium Talook, Trichinopoly District, was found guilty by the Magistrate at Salem of cheating, (*i. e.*, he misappropriated money sent to pay men supposed to be working under him, but who in fact did not exist except in the abstract sent in by him), and was sentenced to pay a fine of Rupees 200 and to undergo imprisonment for one month.

2. On appeal the sentence was reversed by the Sessions Judge on a technical objection. No doubt, however, exists of the Surveyor's guilt, and unless Government sanction the withholding of his salary which he now demands, it must be paid him from the date of suspension to that of dismissal.

3. I have the honor now to request that authority of Government to refuse this pay to Vencoba Row, inasmuch as though the decision of the Magistrate has been reversed, it cannot be said that the man is free from blame or even that he is innocent of the charge preferred against him.

4. I much regret the failure in this case to secure the punishment of an offence which it is so difficult to bring home, but of which the proofs were ample to convict the accused had they been called for. The bad effect of this failure will, I fear, be enhanced, if in addition to his escaping punishment the Surveyor is enabled to claim pay during the time he performed no work through his own misconduct.

5. The decision of the Magistrate and of the Judge on appeal are appended.

No. 208. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1863, No. 2,267.

Under the opinion given by the Government Solicitor in his letter dated 30th May 1857, No. 283, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, dated 9th June 1857, No. 1,899, copy of which will now be furnished to the Officers noted in the margin, the Government deem it proper to direct the Superintendent of Revenue Survey to pay to Vencoba Row his salary up to the date on which he was actually dismissed from the service.

Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
Director of Revenue Settlement.
Acting Conservator of Forests.
Inám Commissioner.
Income TaxCommissioners.
Superintendent Government Gardens, Neilgherries.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
„ Acting Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ Acting Conservator of Forests.
„ Inám Commissioner.
„ Income Tax Commissioners.
„ Acting Civil Paymaster.
„ Superintendent Government Gardens, Neilgherries.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 2267.

Under the opinion given by the Govt Solicitor in his letter dated 30th May 1857, No 253 recorded in the Bk: of Govt Sketches of Rice Survey dated 9th June 1857, No 6 Div: of Rice Settlement 1899 Copy of which with Copies of Sketch to be furnished to the Indian Commr: now be furnished to the Income Tax Commrs: officers noted in the Left hand Govt Margin, the Govt Secretary, Bellgaum is proper to direct the Superintendent of Revenue Survey to pay to Venceba Row his salary up to the date on which he shall actually

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No: of Post for Dec^r 2554.
The Supt. Rev. Survey
To
The Sec^y to Govt. N. D.

Dated 21st
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No 808/40

Enclosing two Rs

Subject
No 2267 12 Oct^r
Requests permission
to withhold the pay
of Vencopa Rao late Sur-
veyor in the Dist^t from
date of suspension to
date of dismissal for
reasons stated.

No 207 & 208.