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No. 188. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Bangalore, 21st June 1864, No. 391\16 :—

Sir,

1. The demand for Surveyors mentioned in my former applications for the services of Ordnance Artificers still continuing and in fact increasing, and Government having decid-

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ed that it is not advisable any more of these Artificers should be employed on the Staff, I have the honor to request the sanction of Government to a certain number* of the Corps of Sappers and Miners being appointed to the Revenue Survey.

* Say six at present, pay on entering from Rupees 25 upwards according to qualifications

2. In General Orders, dated 9th December 1859, the Commander-in-Chief issued Regulations (approved by Government) for instructing a certain number of men in the more scientific branches of their profession. Some considerable time ago I applied to the Officer Commanding the Sappers for the services of some of these trained men, and on a visit to the Rajahmundry District made a personal application to Captain Rogers, then in command at Dowlaishweram. A number of Maps, &c., were sent to my Office, Chepauk, for inspection, and several non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Company then employed at Madras under the command of Captain Dakin attended for examination. I named those that appeared most likely to be useful. The Officer Commanding at Dowlaishweram however (as far as my recollection serves) wrote to me other demi-officially or privately to the effect that he wished some more men instructed before he could spare any for the Survey. Since then I have not moved in the matter.

3. It appears to me that such an opening as is afforded by the Survey would, if offered to deserving and well conducted men, act as a stimulus to good conduct and application to study, while it would supply the Survey with fair Surveyors possessing health, strength, and habits of obedience.

4. I may mention in conclusion that I have given employment to seven persons who had studied at the Civil Engineering College, and have informed the Principal of that Institution that I am prepared to give appointments to several more who have passed their examination in Surveying. Even if a large number than I anticipate accept the offer thus made, there will still remain a number of vacancies for which I am anxious to obtain persons who intend to remain in the Department, and not, as is so frequently the case, men who are neither accustomed to nor inclined for the hard work and exposure of a Surveyor in this Department.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.

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