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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 26. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 9th February 1864:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to request the orders of Government as to the salary I should draw with reference to my transfer from the situation of Director of Revenue Settlement, in view of its abolition, to that of Collector of the Godavery District.

2. The Government in their Proceedings of 21st ultimo, allowed me "the option of rejoining the Settlement Department as Director, pending a decision on its future constitution, or of taking up the appointment of Collector of the Godavery District until that question is settled;" and, considering that it was best that I should not, under the circumstances, disturb the existing arrangements, I chose the latter alternative, and I trust the Government will be pleased to allow me to draw the same salary as if I had continued the duties of Director of Revenue Settlement.

3. This course is in accordance with the orders quoted in paragraph 39 of Chapter 2 of the Civil Auditor's Manual, where it is affirmed that in the case of a Civil Servant, "on the abolition "or consolidation with others of the office he held," being appointed to a permanent situation "inferior to that of the office previously held, the difference between the salaries of the two "situations, may be granted as an extraordinary allowance." The Civil Auditor states on the subject that "the special sanction of Government should be obtained before the charge" (the difference between the salary of the two situations) "can be admitted in his Office."

4. It may not be out of place here to state, that I was selected under Lord Harris' Government in 1887 for the important and responsible post of head of the Department to be constituted for carrying into operation the general measures for the Survey and Settlement of the Presidency, as sanctioned by the Home Government. The consideration of the operations of the experimental Survey, which had then been carried on for a few years, and its adaptation to the requirements of the general scheme, and the formation of a Code of Rules for the definition and demarcation of boundaries initiated one branch of the operations, while after some research and investigation a system of classification was formed, with detailed rules and instructions for conducting this and the several other processes of the assessment and embodied in Manuals* for the use of the Department.

* Rules for the Demarcation of Boundaries.
Manual of Soils.
Instructions for Deputy Directors of Revenue Settlement.
Rules for Supervisors of Assessment.
Head Classifiers, &c.

5. The task of organizing Establishments of unparalleled size and training hands on the several new processes was one of no ordinary difficulty; but I need not enter into particulars of the onerous duties of the Department in its organization and its subsequent operations, as the printed volumes† and other papers bear sufficient testimony on this point; and I trust the efforts that have been made, with no little amount of labor, watchful care and anxiety, to carry out faithfully and efficiently the important measures entrusted to me, are not less recognized by the present Government than they have been previously, notwithstanding the conclusion now arrived at for the re-constitution of the Department.

† Nos. 53 and 74, Selections from Records of the Madras Government.

6. As to any pecuniary advantage of my appointment as Director of Revenue Settlement, I may be permitted to add that under its harassing duties my health broke down, rendering a change to England necessary at a considerable expense and loss of allowances.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1864, No. 376.

The Revenue Settlement Department being a temporary Establishment, organized for a temporary purpose, the Government consider Mr. Newill's claim inadmissible.

(True Extract.)

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

To H. Newill, Esq.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

I do not see that Mr Newell can claim any extra allowance for performing the duties of Collector on the ground that he was in the receipt, whilst at the head of a Dept as ingaged for a temporary purpose of higher pay than a Collector

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Rules for the Demarcation of Boundaries. Manual of Sale Instructions for Supdt. Division of Property. Rules for Suspension of Assessment. Land Classification &c.

5. The task of organizing Establishments of surveyors and training them on the several new principles was one of no ordinary difficulty, but I need not enter into particulars of the various duties of the Department in its organization and its subsequent operations, as the printed volumes and other papers bear sufficient testimony on this point, and I trust the efforts that have been made, with no little amount of labor, watchful care and anxiety, to carry out faithfully and efficiently the important measures entrusted to me, are not less recognized by the present Government than they have been previously, notwithstanding the conclusion now arrived at for the re-constitution of the Department.—

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant—

H. Elliot

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