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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st March 1864.*

No. 239. 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 Chempauk, 4th March 1864, No. 193/6 :—

SIR,

1. I feel constrained to forward as requested a letter from Mr. Gompertz, Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey, in which he states the services he has performed and protests against being considered ineligible for promotion.

2. I have an unpleasant duty to fulfil in submitting with it a report received from Major Crewe, the Officer under whom he was serving, on Mr. Gompertz's general qualifications. It was called for in consequence of a series of anonymous letters in the "Madras Times" imputing to me unfairness, and accusing me of favouring Military Officers at the expense of Uncovenanted Civil Servants of Government. This unfavorable report I did not put with the public records of the Office from regard to Mr. Gompertz's feelings, and in the hope that when he was a little older his deficiency in zeal and discretion would be no longer a bar to promotion, and this record would no longer be required. I may mention that a short time ago Mr. Gompertz intimated to me his intention of seeking employment as a Deputy Collector. In reply I informed him that I should certainly throw no obstacle in the way of his leaving the Department.

3. With regard to the letter itself I have the honor to annex copies of certain documents therewith connected, and have appended explanatory notes in the margin.

4. It is hardly necessary to remark that a full knowledge of departmental duties and thorough acquaintance with the Native languages are very far from constituting the most important qualifications for a Survey Officer, to whom more than mere executive duties are entrusted. Zeal, intelligence, temper, discretion, the faculty both of obeying and commanding are all most desirable, though of course seldom combined in the same individual.

5. As it happens all, I think I may say, of the Officers passed over possess more than a fair knowledge of vernaculars, and nearly all are well acquainted with their departmental duty. Were I however to place them in independent charge I should apprehend not only a decrease both in the amount and accuracy of the work, but also that in some cases it would not proceed in harmony with and with the co-operation of the District and Settlement Officers and of their own subordinates. The duty of recommending for promotion only such Officers as to the best of my belief are fit for the duties they are likely to be called on to perform, has in the case of the late promotions been an eminently disagreeable one; it is at the same time one I have no right to shrink from. I trust that Government will after the perusal of the papers now submitted be of opinion that I have not improperly used the discretion entrusted to me.

No. 240. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1864, No. 482.

The Government see no ground for their interference, and leave Colonel Priestley as the responsible head of the Survey Department to decide when Mr. Gompertz is fit for promotion and an independent charge.

(True Extract)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, with ten enclosures.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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