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No. 6. 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 Chepauk, 8th March 1864, No. 212/9 :—

SIR,

1. Before receiving the Order of Government of the 2nd instant, No. 375, I had replied to a letter from the Collector of Salem (of which he has furnished Government with a copy) dated 29th February 1864, No. 7. A copy of my reply I have the honor to append.

2. It will be seen that I do not concur in the proposal of the Collector chiefly because it would throw on Mr. Wright, 1st Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey, without any extra emolument, the duties and responsibilities of Deputy Superintendent in charge of No. 2 Party at Kurnool. These he has already borne under similar circumstances since the middle of November last.

3. As however there can be no doubt of the great advantage arising from the Collector's proposal, I may perhaps be justified in recommending that Mr. Beaumont is employed on the Shervaroy Hills under the following conditions :—

First.—That Mr. Wright be granted Rupees 150 per mensem in addition to his present pay (viz., the pay of Deputy Superintendent Rupees 500+75) during the time he acts for Mr. Beaumont (funds are available).

Second.—That Mr. Beaumont be placed under the orders of Captain Hessey, the Deputy Superintendent of No. 1 Party at Salem, who has proceeded to Salem to take over charge. In my opinion it is not advisable that there should be more than one local head of the Survey in any District. Mr. Beaumont was formerly for a considerable time Captain Hessey's Assistant.

Third.—That the period for which Mr. Beaumont is specially employed should on no account exceed two months. This proviso is necessitated by the loss of Lieutenant Pavy's services and the removal of Mr. Gordon.

4. I take this opportunity to report for approval the following arrangements (caused by Captain Hessey's return to the country) for the posting of Officers :—

Name.	Rank.	Station.	Remarks.
Mr. Beaumont...	Deputy Superintendent ...	To Kurnol ...	Relieved by Captain Hessey.
Mr. Wright ...	1st Asst. do.	„ Coimbatore.	Do. by Mr. Beaumont.
Mr. Cardozo ...	1st Asst. do.	„ Nellore ...	Do. by Mr. Wright.
Mr. Puckle ...	Pro. Asst. do.	„ Tinnevelly.	Do. by Mr. Cardozo.

Mr. Wright being the Senior 1st Assistant is entitled to the only semi-independent post.

Mr. Cardozo was formerly at Nellore, where a 1st Assistant Superintendent is now required.

Mr. Puckle fills the vacancy caused by the removal of Mr. Gordon.

5. By Mr. Beaumont's employment on the Shervaroys the moves above detailed will be delayed, and as the journey to and from Kurnool is at this season of the year a trying and fatiguing business, it may perhaps be considered in favor of adopting Mr. Arbuthnott's proposal.

6. With regard to the question adverted to in paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter given in the Proceedings* of Government above referred to, it will be observed that from his letter addressed to me I infer he does not impute blame to the Survey Department, and as the circumstances are I believe already known to Government I trust the sum required for this examination and correction will not be debited to the Survey.

* 2nd March 1864, No. 375.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st April 1864.

Copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Collector of Salem, dated Chepauk, 3rd March 1864, No. 182/34.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 7 of the 29th ultimo, calling attention to the complaints of incorrectness in the boundaries of Estates on the Shervaroy Hills and in the Maps of them furnished by the Survey.

2. Whilst altogether concurring with you as to the advantage of immediate examination and correction of the errors complained of, I doubt the necessity of employing on this duty an Officer of the rank of Deputy Superintendent. Captain Hessey who is about to relieve Mr. Beaumont and who for sometime had the Shervaroy Hills Survey under his superintendence, has it in his power to make such arrangements as may be requisite for carrying out your wishes without detaining Mr. Beaumont, who is to relieve Mr. Wright at Kurnool of the charge and responsibility laid on him more than three months ago without any extra remuneration whatever.

3. I feel certain (as has invariably been the case hitherto) that the Survey will receive every assistance in your power, and take this opportunity of acknowledging the obligation under which this Department lies to you for your aid, without which on occasions without number the obstacles encountered would have been insurmountable.

4. I infer from the latter part of the opening paragraph of your letter that you do not impute blame to this Department for the errors complained of. I venture to point this out as perhaps the question may arise as to which Department is to bear the cost of the proposed revision.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1864, No. 536.

1. The Government approve of Mr. Beaumont being sent to complete the work on the Shervaroy Hills as proposed by the Collector, on the conditions mentioned by Colonel Priestley.

2. The expense of this arrangement including Mr. Wright's additional allowances, should be paid out of the Budget allotment of the Settlement Department.

3. The arrangements reported in paragraph 4 are approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
„ Accountant General.
„ Civil Paymaster.

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Nr. 536.

The Secretary approves of Beaumont being directed to complete the work on the Sherwood Hills as proposed by the Collector, on the conditions mentioned by Colonel Greeley.

The expense of this arrangement - including Mr. Beaumont's additional allowance - should be paid out of the Budget allotment of the Settlement Department.

The arrangements recommended in paragraph are approved.

I. D. S. 1st Asst. 1864