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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 2nd April 1864.

No. 36. Read the following letter from R. E. MASTER, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 1st February 1864, No. 174/6:—

Sir,

Referring to the expected return to India by the next Mail Steamer of Major C. Smith of the Staff Corps, Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement of the Second Grade, who went home last year on Medical Certificate, I deem it right to bring to the notice of Government, that in consequence of the promotion of this Officer to a majority in the Staff Corps, the allowances payable to him, and debitable to the Settlement Department, amount to Rupees 965-14-6, a sum very nearly sufficient to pay three Uncovenanted Second Grade Assistants, and more than sufficient to pay the entire complement of Assistants for a Settlement party, comprising one first grade, one second grade, and one Probationary Assistant. Before his departure to England, Major Smith was attached to the Kurnool party, which as the Government are aware has since been amalgamated with the Kistna party, and is now fully officered as shown in the margin. Employment may it is true still be found for Major Smith in one of the other parties in which demarcation only is going on; but before arranging for his employment in this manner, I deem it proper to obtain instructions from Government, since the cost of the work, if a small party of demarcators is to be superintended by an Officer drawing nearly 1,000 Rupees per mensem, will be unduly enhanced, and the charge for superintendence out of all proportion to the field expenditure. I think it can hardly have been the intention of Government in originally sanctioning the appointment of Assistant Directors, that Field Officers should be employed in that grade, and certainly in none of the Estimates has provision been made for the expenditure which their employment will involve.

Mr. R. J. Melville, Officiating Deputy Director.
„ J. H. Cox, First Assistant Director.
„ T. Pritchard, Second Assistant Director.
„ R. V. Mayer, Probationary Assistant Director.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1864, No. 551.

The Government do not consider that the mere circumstance of Major Smith's promotion in the Staff Corps should affect his claim to continue in the Department. This must depend on whether his services are required or not.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.
„ Civil Paymaster.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue 1864 Separate
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The Offg. Director of
Revenue Settlement

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St. George

Dated 1st
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No. 174

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Referring to the expected return to India by the next Mail Steamer of Major C. Smith of the Staff Corps, First Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement, begs to notice that in consequence of the promotion of this officer to a majority the allowances payable to him & debitable to the Dept. are larger than have been provided for in any of the estimates & requesting instructions in regard to his employment in the Department.

Write an Order

13 copies to the Dy. [illegible] Rev. Sett. Dept. [illegible]
3 — Civil Paymasters

2nd April 1864.

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