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No. 656. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 14th November 1866, No. 1,571-57:—

1. Government, in their Order dated 17th February 1866, issued instructions for the employment, on the Neilgherries, of so many Surveyors as would admit of the maps being furnished in twelve or eighteen months. Major Hessey, whom I have placed for the present in charge of the Neilgherry Survey, has brought to my notice* the necessity of reinforcement. He also reports† most favorably on the men of the Corps of Sappers and Miners already employed in the department, stating that they are more particularly useful on the hill ranges under survey, and recommends that an additional draught from the Corps be applied for.

* Letter dated 8th November 1866, No. 93, copy enclosed.

† Letter dated 5th November 1866, No. 90, copy enclosed.

2. I agree with Major Hessey as to the necessity for increasing the strength of the party under his orders, and, to enable me to do so efficiently, have the honor to request the sanction of Government to the employment, in the Survey Department, of the men named in the Nominal Roll enclosed in a letter from Colonel Hill, R. E., Commandant of Sappers and Miners, of which a copy is appended.

3. I fear that without this reinforcement, I shall have great difficulty in finding Surveyors fit for work on the Neilgherries. The posting of ordinary natives to the Survey there, is, I may say, as a rule, worse than useless; they are taken from duties that they execute, perhaps, efficiently, to a climate they detest, and, after performing little or no satisfactory work, they are either sent down to the plains sick, or desert. But, few competent Europeans or East Indians are to be met with.

Roll of Men who have applied for employment in the Revenue Survey Department.

Regimental No.	Rank and Names.		Remarks.
2,410	Korwrary Naigue.	Nineappen	
2,738	Lance Naigue ...	Lazer...	
1,956	Private	Paliathan	
2,740	Do.	Mootoosawmy	
2,022	Lance Naigue ...	Juganathen	
2,912	Private	Anthony	
2,135	Do.	Dayanathen	
2,136	Do.	Adeemoolum	
2,377	Do.	Francis	
2,760	Do.	Parsooramen	
2,810	Do.	Cumnian	
2,837	Do.	Chelvem	

(Signed) C. HILL, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Commandant Sappers and Miners.

Bangalore,
28th *October* 1866.

(True Copy.)

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th November 1866.

No. 657. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1866, No. 3,213.

Miscellaneous.

Referred to the Military Department, in view to Colonel Priestley's application being complied with if practicable.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.
„ the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Roll of men who have applied for employment in the Revenue Survey Department

Regimental No.	Rank & Names	Remarks
2410	Honorary Lance Naigue Nuneappen	
2735	Lance Naigue Layer	
1956	Private Pallatthan	
2740	do Mootoosawmy	
2022	Lance Naigue Juganathen	
2912	Private Anthony	
2135	„ Davanathen	
2136	„ Adeemoolum	
2377	„ Francis	
2760	„ Purroosoramen	
2810	„ Cunnean	
2837	„ Chelvem	

Bangalore — 28th October 1866

(True copy) J. Priestley
Superintendent Revenue Survey

(Signed) C. Hill Lieutt-Col R.E.
Lieutt-Col. Commandant Sappers & Miners

Encl. No. 1.

3 This absence of prejudice which marks these men so particularly invaluable in wild countries is rather a draw back in the plains.

4 The success of a survey Ameen or Deputy Surveyor depends much on his personal influence I do not think that sappers would advantageously fill either of these posts as boundary surveyors they might be more successful.

5 I understood from Lieutt Col Hill the Commandant of the Sappers and miners that several of his men had been employed in the survey of the Bangalore cantonment such men will be very valuable in carrying out the survey of Ootacamund.

6 I earnestly request that you will be pleased

to

to apply to Government for the award of the 12 mu-
-nudoram no this list received from Scott-both Bills
being placed at the disposal of the Revenue Survey
without delay; some of the new who first joined are
very fair draughtsmen and some of them have
made no fair as complete.

7 The man Kothundaramen being very unable
and having now for a long time together on the sick
list & brought it advisable to recommend his being
returned to his corps.

8 On the detachment joining this Central office,
the undermentioned Native Assistants conducted by gen
office assistant Batchelor who reported very well on
their qualifications. He has since had opportunity of
observing their work while in charge of this survey

[illegible] Bangalore 30th April 1866 [illegible]

9 Recommending the following remarks
against their names.

10 Consider that there is an doubt about
the value of services in the Revenue Survey and
that the report directed to be made a year after
their transfer of the first detachment may be made
at once.

11 Have no prospect of obtaining good native
surveyors for work on the Bills unless a draughtsman
is employed from the orphan. Both Indians except
in the higher grade of the survey can hardly subsist
on the salaries assigned to them.

(Signed) W. W. Bessey Major
Deputy Supdt in charge Neilgherry Survey

(True copy)
J. Pringle Lieutt Col
Superintendt of Revenue Survey

Rev. Survey Office
Ootacamund
6th November 1866

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Remarks

1746 Anthony——— A good Surveyor with Theodolite, has done good work on the Bills and in Coorg; well conducted (Coorg)

2204 Mooneesawmy——— A very superior man, hard working, accurate and trustworthy, a good surveyor with Theodolite, has been employed on the Bills and in Coorg. (Neilgherry Bills).

1978 Moothoosawmy——— Has been employed in small surveys with circumferentor and has been useful as a plotter and computer, well conducted. (Coorg)

3762 Kothandaramen——— Has done very little work having been almost continuously sick (Neilgherry Bills)

1867 Kali——— Has done some compass surveys of small patches of land and has been engaged in demarcating, well conducted (Neilgherry Bills)

2041 Kalimoothoo——— Do——— Do well conducted (Coorg)

2297 Chinnasawmy——— Has done several small surveys, is a good computer well conducted (Neilgherry Bills)

2405 Peroomalmoothy——— Has been principally engaged in demarcating well conducted (Neilgherry Bills).

No. 93

Revenue Survey Office
Ootacamund
8th November 1866

From

Major W. B. Bessey
Deputy Superintendent Rev. Survey

To

The Superintendent Revenue Survey
Madras

Sir

I have the honor to submit to your notice that in order to prosecute the survey of the Neilgherry Hills satisfactorily, a reinforcement is absolutely necessary. I enclose a statement of men at my disposal at present.

2. Whilst acting for you, I thought it necessary to send 3 of the best Sappers to Losull Freeth in Mercara.

3. I wish to point out the numerous duties which devolve on the few men still remaining.

I. Survey of the Boundary of Ootacamund.
II. Demarcation of ——— do ———
III. Demarcation of all lands whether held on quit rent or by Puttah within the range of two miles round Connor Hotel, & within 3 miles round Ootacamund Jail.
IV. Survey of all such lands.
V. Computation of Traverses & plotting all surveys on the 24 inch scale.
VI. Sketching on the Hills with the plane table on the 8 inch scale (or any other scale you may see fit to select.)
VII. Computations of areas of Estates & holdings & preparation of Registers.
VIII. The survey of Government Chinchona Plantations

at

Enclosure I & II

Letter from the Superintendent
Rev. Survey Nilgherries
of the 7th November 1866

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Survey Office Madras

No. 93 Rec. 14th/66

By Mail 12th Nov 66
Copy

at Ootacamund, Pykarah, Neddivattum, and the Hondahs.

IX. The survey of lands in Wynaad during the months of November, December, January & February.

X. The survey of patches of land applied for under the waste rules act.

XI. Surveys at the requisition of the Collector.

4. If you can furnish me with 12 more sappers I should want little more assistance, except in the way of draughtsmen & Computers.

5. I have written to the Deputy Superintendent No. 1 party & have requested him to help me with a good draughtsman & a good computer, and also to send me a Native Surveyor Syed Mohiedeen (commonly called Mohiedeen Saib) who has been on these Wills before.

6. If conciderable time must elapse before the sappers can be transferred, I trust that you will be so good as to allow some surveyors to be sent up here to do duty for a time.

7. The survey did not fairly begin till the month of June. The Government have in order dated 17th February 1866 No. 425 directed that the survey of the settlement should be completed in a year or 18 months. There was no Officer but Brett Freeth at that time available for work on the Wills. In your absence & in ignorance of what arrangement you might consider advisable I did not feel justified in drawing Surveyors from other parties.

I have &c. Signed W. B. Heavey Major
Deputy Supt to Rev. Survey

List of Surveyors and others on the Neilgherry Hills with statement of how they are employed

No.	Names	Rank		Remarks
1	Wm. F. Fraser	Sub assistant	Engaged in running the Superintendent. Mr. Fraser Department.	main circuit of Ootacamund and generally assisting the Deputy was originally employed in the Survey of waste lands for the Collectors
2	W. R. M. Coombes	Surveyor	Engaged in the survey of C up here and has been under t	inchona Plantations, surveying Boundaries. Mr. Coombes was engaged aining for some months, he can now work alone.
3	W. Gerrard	do	Engaged in laying in roa engaged in the Hills, he is g	s and other details in the Government Chinchona Plantation, also uite a new hand.
4	I. James	do	Surveying roads in Ootac Wynaad Survey, and was se	amund with Theodolite and chain. Mr. James belongs to the ut up here temporarily, he has required a good deal of training
5	I. D'Silva	do	Do	Do also Wynaad Survey
6	A. Arkle	do	Surveying a plantation at	Seegoor, at the requisition of the Collector also Wynaad Survey
7	I. Janes	do	Engaged in office plotting and will make a good Surv	the Coonoor Map, drafted from the Central office, a smart man eyor.
8	E. Hamilton	do	Surveying the small prope	rties in the Town of Coonoor. Engaged on the Hills, an old Ordnance Artificer, has b	een trained by Mr. Starr.
9	C. Connor	Writer	Writing & computing in Off	ce, formerly in the D. P. W. a mere copyist.
10	Moonoosamy	Deputy Surveyor	Surveying Puttah lands wi	thin the Boundary of Coonoor, a very good surveyor & trustworthy.
11	Kothundaraman	do	Trenching the Boundary of	Coonoor. The removal of this man to the sappers has been recommended
12	Kali	do	Demarcating properties in t	e Town of Coonoor, better suited for demarcation than for survey-
13	Chinnasamy	do	Computing in office, a fair	computer, but will do better in the field.
14	Peroomalmoorthy	do	Demarcating puttah lands	within the Boundary of Coonoor, better suited for demarcating
			than for surveying.	

Revenue Survey Office
Ootacamund
9th November 1866

(Signed) W. B. Bessey Major
Deputy Superintendent
Revenue Survey

(True Copy)

H. Priestley Lieut. Col.
Superintendent Rev. Survey

Rec'd 1866 Oct 1st
Rec'd of Govt House Lucknow
Lr No 1703 dated

To Superintendent
Rec'd Survey

To Secretary to Govt
Rec'd Department

Date 14th
Date 15th
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Enclosure 2 Field Book
6 Sheets Map
No 3243-27 from
Engineer
Requesting direction of
Government that employment
in the Revenue Survey Department
of persons named in the
margin may be considered
from the Commencement of
their respective
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To Col Ismaelson Chief Engineer
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