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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2900 Press Mis.

337-36 Dated 19-11- No 1868

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Read again Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 23rd July 1868, No. 2,022.

No. 337. Read also the following letter from the Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 9th October 1868, No. 1,222-38 :—

1. Referring to paragraph 40 of the Order of Government, dated 20th May last, No. 1,427, I have the honor to state that, before making the report therein called for, I deemed it advisable to communicate with the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, with the view of ascertaining the probable dates when the survey, now in progress in the several districts, will be sufficiently advanced to allow of settlement operations being commenced and continued without a check, it being obviously undesirable to organise settlement Parties prematurely, or to despatch them to districts where they would very soon run ahead of the survey, and have then to be either maintained in idleness or dispersed till a fresh field of work could be made ready for them.

2. Colonel Priestley informs me that in the Madras District, where Survey is in progress in two talooks only, the dates when field areas will probably be ready for settlement purposes cannot be fixed at present even approximately, and that in Coimbatore, though greater progress has been made, he is as yet unable to estimate the date when the areas will be available. The other district under operation is Ganjam, in the Government talooks of which a Survey Party is engaged in demarcation and survey, and here also the Superintendent states that the party having been but recently organised, it is at this early stage impossible to estimate the date for the delivery of the field areas.

3. Under these circumstances, I think it will be true economy to defer for the present any extensive increase to the strength of the department. A tract of country may indeed be classified, (though even this operation cannot be performed in anticipation of the demarcation,) before the completion of the survey, but no proposals for settlement or calculations of financial results can be made in the absence of the true survey areas, and from past experience I can testify to the

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loss which the department and ultimately the Government have sustained in some of the districts, hitherto under settlement from the assessment branch following too closely on the heels of the survey. It is true, as remarked by the Government, that with the exception of myself, the department has on its permanent staff, no member of the Covenanted Service, though it has the temporary services of one in the Kistna District. At the same time it must not be forgotten that the Cuddapah and Nellore Settlement Parties are presided over by Uncovenanted Officers of great energy and efficiency. In anticipation of final orders being passed on the settlement of Salem, provision for a Covenanted Deputy Director for that district, with the requisite establishment, has been made in the Budgets of both the current and coming official years, and a similar provision has been made for a portion of the official year 1869-70 for the Kistna District, the settlement of the Guntoor Division of which, will probably be carried out next season. As soon as I see my way to utilising more Officers and larger establishments, I will not fail to apply for the necessary sanction for their employment.

4. In their Order of the 23rd July last, No. 2,022, on my letter of the 18th idem, No. 854, forwarding Mr. Symonds's application for readmission to the Settlement Department as an Assistant Director, the Government desire me to take his case into consideration at the time of making the report which I am now submitting. I therefore take the opportunity to repeat the application made on behalf of the above gentleman in my former letter, viz., that he be readmitted on the strength of the Settlement Department as a 1st Assistant Director, to which grade his service fairly entitles him, but that he continue attached to the Collector of Tinnevelly for employment as his Special Assistant, in connection with the settlement of that district now in progress. I leave for the consideration of Government, whether, having regard to his special employment and to the footing on which another Assistant Director when similarly engaged, was placed, some extra allowance may not appropriately be assigned to him, while so employed.

No. 338. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1868, No. 2,900.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government fully concur in the views expressed by the Director of Revenue Settlement in the 3rd paragraph of the second letter above recorded; but as the apparent progress of the survey in the districts of Madras, Coimbatore, and Ganjam, as referred to in paragraph 2 cannot be viewed as satisfactory, Colonel Priestley will be requested to submit a brief report showing precisely what amount of work has been performed in each district since work was commenced, what expenditure has been incurred, what work remains to be done, and when the required results may be expected at the present rate of progress.

2. With advertence to the Director's first letter recorded in G. O., under date 23rd July 1868, No. 2,022, and to paragraph 4 of his second letter, the Government observe that Mr. Symonds has for some time performed very responsible duties in connection with the settlement of the Tinnevelly District, and that while acting as Assistant to Mr. Puckle in this department, he has only drawn a salary of Rupees 350 with a travelling allowance of Rupees 2 per diem, whereas Mr. Rundall, who was in a similar position, Nel[illegible]e, has drawn Rupees 600 per mensem with tentage.

3. The Government are of opinion that, considering the position which Mr. Symonds has occupied as Mr. Puckle's Special Assistant, he may with propriety be granted a salary of Rupees 500 per mensem in addition to the travelling allowance hitherto drawn, from the date of his nomination to that post, and for so long as he may be retained in his present position. His allowances, from the date of his nomination to the post of Special Assistant, will accordingly be adjusted in accordance with this order.

4. As it is possible that alterations may shortly be made in the arrangements under which the settlement of the Tinnevelly District is now being carried out, the consideration of Mr. Symonds's permanent transfer to the Settlement Department will be deferred for the present.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Revenue Settlement.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 19th Nov. 68

Read again
Pro: of Govt, Revue Deptt
date 28th July 1868, No 2022.

Read also the
following letter from the
Director of Revue Settlement.

Reporting his
opinion in reference to
para 40 G.O. 20th May last
No 1427 that any extensive
increase to the strength of
the Settlement Deptt should
be deferred until the
Survey now in progress
in the several districts is
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to allow of Settlement ope-
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& continued without a
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(R.L. 9th Octr 1868,
No 1222/88) -

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pursuant hereto."

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Asstt Genl of
Govt Survey

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