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No. 239. Read the following letter from the Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 23rd July 1870, No. 1,101-28 :—

In a letter, dated 19th March 1858, No. 409, Mr. Newill, the then Director of Revenue Settlement, explained to Government how seriously the efficiency and respectability of his department would be deteriorated if the service of those who took employment therein was not allowed to reckon for pension.

2. The Government fully recognizing the truth of this representation, considered that the departments of Survey and Settlement were not to be regarded as temporary, inasmuch as the establishments were to be entertained for at least fifteen years, and that it was absolutely necessary that the heads of both offices should be able to attract to them the most suitable men obtainable. No amount of salary, they added, would lead a public servant to sacrifice all hope of pension, and thus one of the most important undertakings in which the Government could be concerned would partially fail from an unwise economy in limiting the Pension Rules. Under these circumstances the Government were pleased to direct, in Extract Minutes of Consultation, 16th April 1858, No. 488, "that the servants of the "Revenue Survey and Settlement Departments be considered eligible to pension "under the same rules that apply to all other departments."

3. Recently, when disposing of an application from one of the servants of the Inam Commission to be allowed to count towards pension his service in that district, the Government of India remarked in their Under-Secretary's letter of 31st January last, No. 783, published in the *Fort Saint George Gazette* of the 15th of March following, page 327, "that as in the case of employment in the Settlement "Department, service on the establishment of the Inam Commissioner may be "allowed to count for pension, if followed without a break by enrolment on a "permanent establishment. In other cases, the service may be recognized for "pension if it lasts for a long time; but all such cases, being more or less special, "should be submitted for the orders of the Government of India before the "assignment of any allowance."

4. No orders imposing the restrictions here referred to have ever been communicated to this department, and the publication of this Notification has tended much to disturb the minds of the employés affected thereby, who have hitherto looked forward to the obtainment of pension in the ordinary course under the rules applicable to permanent establishments. I have the honour therefore to request that, should the Government think proper, steps may be taken to maintain and perpetuate to these departments these concessions and privileges regarding pensions which were not only duly accorded by Government, but which were fully relied upon by those who thus became servants of the departments. I need not add that, unless the recent ruling is modified, the main object of the employés in this office will naturally be to quit it as fast as possible.

5. I have ascertained from the Account Department that the orders of the Bengal Government will hereafter have to be acted upon in the case of applications for pension by employés in this establishment, and I beg to forward a letter from Colonel Priestley, addressed to Government, upon the same subject as he feels the disadvantages of the effect of the more recent ruling as keenly as I do.

Dated 21st May 1870, No. 1,300-31.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

No. 240. From the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 21st May 1870, No. 1,300-31.

My attention has been drawn to a letter from the Government of India to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated 31st January 1870, No. 783, printed at page 327 of the *Fort Saint George Gazette* of the 15th March 1870.

2. In this letter, it is stated that service in the Settlement Department (and I presume it applies also to the Survey) is only to count for pension, if followed without a break by enrolment in a permanent establishment.

3. I venture to solicit attention to the Order of the Madras Government, dated 16th April 1858, No. 488, in which the servants of the Survey and Settlement Departments are declared eligible to pension under the same rules that apply to all other departments, and also to the grounds on which the decision was arrived at.

4. I would also refer to G. O., 19th June 1863.

No. 241. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1870, No. 1,619.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that the following letter be despatched to the Government of India:—

(Here enter No. 1,620, dated 24th October 1870.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

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Mems: for Orders
on No: 2233.

Question - Whether service in the Survey and Settlement Depts: is to be considered as entitling to pension.

In their letter dated 31st Janry: 1870, No: 703, the Govt: of India thus ruled:- "As in the case "of employment in the Settlement "Dept: service on the establish- "ment of the Income Commissioners "may be allowed to count for "pension if it is followed with- "out a break by enrolment "on a permanent establishment."

2. The Govt: have already [x] remonstrated against this ruling so far as it applies to the Income Commission- -ers inasmuch as this Dept. has

[x] vide portion of Gazette just up.

I would withdraw the ref: of India and urge that in consi- deration of the im- portance of the work entrusted to these De- partments - the length of time they are liable to absence, and the fluctuations of the pl: where their Es- tablishments were located,

[x] Letter to Govt: of India dated 30th June 1870, No 991.

service in them - in like manner as in the Land Revenue Dept - should be regarded, in all respects, as service in

Govt. of India.

REVENUE.

To

Dated October, 21th.

Read.

G. O., 24th October 1870, No. 1,619.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 239—241.

Pension to servants in the Settlement and Survey Departments.—Letter to the Government of India on this subject, ordered to be forwarded.

has just been abolished and many of the employés will, through no fault of their own, be unable to obtain immediate employment on a permanent establishment. Many of the arguments contained in the above mentioned letter are equally applicable to the case of the Survey and Settlement Depts.

3. In the latter case moreover the Govt. are distinctly pledged to a declaration that "Servants of the Revenue Survey and "Settlement Depts. be considered eligible to pension, "under the same rules that "apply to other Depts." Vide G.O. dated 16th April 1858, No. 488.

4. Under these circumstances it is not to be wondered at that the ruling of the Govt of India referred to in para 1 has caused considerable dismay.

5. It is submitted that the attention of the Govt of India may be drawn to the G.O. referred to in para 3, and that the causeless hardship to the employés concerned of attempting to draw so

so arbitrary a line between permanent and temporary establishments may be pointed out to them. The Survey and Settlement Depts. are to all intents and purposes permanent establishments, for their operations will certainly not be concluded within the next generation and it is most important that they should be composed of trustworthy well

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Read the following
letters from the Director
of Revenue Settlement
(M.L. 23rd July & 2nd Sept.
Nos. 1101/20 & 1205/80)

Ordered that the
following letter be
despatched to the
Govt of India
M.L.

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