

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th September 1871.*

No. 24. Read the following letter from Major W. H. HESSEY, Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 17th August 1871, No. 1,847-74 :—

THE Revenue Board, in Proceedings dated 8th March 1871, No. 1,023, requested that the villages of Cumbum and Goodaloor in the Periakolam Talook of the Madura District might be demarcated and surveyed as soon as possible.

2. The Superintendent, Colonel Priestley, resolved to carry out the work on the combined system as detailed in the explanatory memorandum, forming an enclosure to his letter No. 1,138-42, dated 22nd May 1871.

3. He at first intended to send a detachment from No. 1 Survey Party and No. 3 Demarcation, but afterwards decided that the work should be done under the orders of the Deputy-Superintendent of No. 4 Survey Party.

4. On the 17th June last he sent orders to Lieutenant-Colonel Crewe to start the work in person. Colonel Crewe sent, in reply, a statement of reasons why the work should not be done by No. 4 Party, or under his orders, or indeed be undertaken this year at all.

5. Colonel Priestley then directed that the work should be started by an Assistant from No. 1 Party, and that men should be sent from Nos. 1 and 4 Survey and No. 3 Demarcation Parties. He also directed that Colonel Crewe should visit the party in the month of August, that the whole of the men should be brought on the strength of No. 4 Party, and that the stores and stationery should also be brought on the books of the same Party.

6. Colonel Crewe objected first to taking over stores and instruments he had not seen.

7. He then objected altogether to drawing pay for the men ordered to be transferred from No. 1 Survey Party and No. 3 Demarcation Party.

8. Colonel Crewe's letter dated 31st July 1871, No. 295-146, containing the last objection, was received by Colonel Priestley on the last day of his stay in Madras. He immediately called on Colonel Crewe to state distinctly whether he intended to carry out his instructions or not.

No. 1,726-104 of the 4th August 1871, F.

9. Colonel Crewe has, in letter dated 9th August 1871, G., No. 306-151, stated that he considers it to be his duty respectfully to state that he is unable to carry out Colonel Priestley's desire regarding these transfers.

Paragraph 12.

10. Colonel Priestley, in a memorandum of instructions to me, has desired that in the event of Colonel Crewe failing to carry out his orders, reference should be made to Government, and that the question should be confined as to the necessity of Colonel Crewe obeying his orders.

11. I have the honour to solicit I may be favoured with early instructions.

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12. I enclose copy of Colonel Priestley's letter of instructions, also copies of correspondence between Colonel Priestley and Colonel Crewe referred to above.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 4th September 1871, No. 1,518.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government cannot permit the subordinate officers of an important department to refuse obedience to the instructions of their immediate superiors, more especially when he is the head of the department.

2. Major Hessey will inform Colonel Crewe that he is forthwith to give full effect to the instructions issued to him by Colonel Priestley, and report that he has done so; or his services will be replaced at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

N^o 253
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Revenue Survey Office
Palamcottah
26th June 1871

From

The Deputy Superintendent of the Revenue Survey

To

The Superintendent Revenue Survey

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o 1360 of the 17th instant, directing me to detach Acting Sub Assistant Mr. J. Cooper to take charge of the Surveyor & 5 amens whom I am ordered in your letter N^o 1290 of the 8th idem, to send for the survey of the Gumbum and Goo daloos villages in the Peria Kolum Talook of the Madura District, at the time and to the locality named by Major Hessey.

2. With your letter under acknowledgements I have received the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue and the correspondence that has taken place in the subject of the survey of these two villages, regarding which I had no previous knowledge.

3. With reference to the information contained in these papers and to the proposed survey of the above named two villages, I beg to offer the following remarks.

4. The Collector of Madura gives the area of these villages as about 160 sq. miles which is the extent of a

* In Pro. of Board of Revenue small Talook. Of this the probabilities are a dated 5th January 1871 N^o 21 to her demarcated and measured as fields

is 47,928 acres or 74.89 square miles

Men from this District could not

now commence this work before the 15th of May

which would give 3 1/2 months of working season. Taking an Amee's monthly out-turn as one of a mile, which is in excess of what has been the average out-turn in this District during each of the last three years, on ground previously demarcated, the probable area that would be measured by the end of October next, is 17 1/2 sq. miles or less than one fourth of the extent to be surveyed in fields.

With large demarcated fields, an Amee's out-turn of work should be much greater than what I have above named, but in the case under consideration the fields will have to be both demarcated & measured: it is also most probable that in such a jungle country, a very large proportion of the lines will require more or less clearing, and that as a rule the men will have very long distances to go daily in getting to and returning from their work. Moreover in the above calculation, no allowance is made for other accidental delays that would probably occur.

I therefore consider 17 1/2 sq. miles as the maximum area likely to be measured by 5 amees before the end of October. One surveyor as now ordered would also be insufficient for the boundary and circuit work of so large an area.

5. I would also beg to point out that the arrangements under which it is now proposed to carry out this survey

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* Vide Captain Thompson's

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are likely to prove very unsatisfactory. It was originally proposed that the work should be executed under Major Weseey's orders by men of his party. His Assistant Captain Thompson, consequently visited the locality and on the return thence of that Officer in the latter part of February last, Major Weseey was in possession of the information necessary to enable him to make his plans for carrying out this work, which is not of an ordinary nature, and also to obtain any further information that might be required. I may add that Major Weseey, having been with his party for very many years, knows his men: he has both survey & demarcation parties under his orders; and amongst his men there are, I believe a great many who can both demarcate and survey. In all these respects the reverse is the case with me: Having but lately joined this party I do not know my men. No demarcation has been done by the Amees of this party of whom there are at present only 21; and no previous warning has been given to the Amees who will in all probability require to make arrangements regarding their families before going on this duty. Moreover I am informed that the men of this District are as a rule generally averse to leaving it, and that a large number of the Amees and Peons, if ordered on the present duty, would on becoming aware of the nature of the lands to be surveyed, be unwilling to

to go. Again as there appear to be only two villages in an area of 160 square miles, it is most probable that accommodation and supplies will not be available for the native surveyors and Indians in the different parts of the lands to be surveyed, within reasonable distances of their work. If such is the case, special arrangements would have to be made both as regards accommodation and supplies. No information on this important point is given in Captain Thompson's Report.

b. Again whilst the men are to be furnished from this party and that their pay would I suppose have to be drawn here and sent from this office, they would be working under Major Vasey, or in his absence under the officer officiating for him, and receive all their instructions regarding their work from the office of A. 1. Party. This arrangement would, I feel sure, be found to work very unsatisfactorily and give much additional trouble. I consider it also to be my duty to state that I doubt Mr. Cooper's fitness for the charge of this duty; for as shown in Para 28 of my Report for 1870/71 he failed in carrying out the demarcation which was given him to execute in February last by my predecessor. I have no one to send in his place. Mr. Pattow the Sub Assistant of this Party is not in a fit state of health to go out to field work. My second Assistant Mr. Baber is on leave and his services, when he returns, will be much wanted

with

with the party and Captain Treble my first Assistant has been granted leave by you from the 1st Proximo.

7. Taking all the above circumstances into consideration I beg to represent that it appears to me most inadvisable to undertake the demarcation and survey of these two villages in the manner now proposed. And with reference to the directions given to me to visit the spot and start the men at work, I would beg respectfully to point out that my presence there could be of little or no use. I am not cognizant of the instructions that have been given regarding the demarcation and survey of these villages and do not know in what manner it is proposed to carry out these operations. The men would be under Major Vasey's orders and their work would be carried on under his instructions. I should therefore be powerless to act in any way and at the same time my position with reference to my own men who would naturally look to me for orders, would necessarily be a false one. I would therefore respectfully submit that it appears to me inadvisable on public grounds that the Deputy Superintendent of a party, should be placed in such a position. I would also add that as my first Assistant will be on leave, my absence from my party and District at a time when there is much requiring my attention would be likely to cause serious inconveniences here.

8. Mr. Cooper is in charge of the operations in the latter Salook. In accordance with your orders, I have sent him instructions to hold himself in readiness to proceed without delay in charge of the surveyors and

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ameens who are to be employed in the survey of the two Madura villages. He is directed to select the best of his ameens, & if possible to get two sets of good peons to accompany the party, but the men are not to be relieved from their work until further orders.

9. No communication on the subject has been received by me from Major Jeffrey. Should we reach me, I will not act on it until I am in receipt of your reply to this letter.

10. I would now advert to Para 18 of my Report for 1870-71 to which reference is made in Para 1 of your letter of the 8th instant N^o 1290. I therein stated as follows. "The boundary survey of the Government villages in this District will be finished in February next. At the present rate of progress, it will take a somewhat longer time to complete the field measurements. Some of the boundary surveyors and ameens will be available for work in another District in the early part of next year (1872). Accordingly before the time of the year when the survey of these two Madura villages should commence, some of my men will be available next year, without interfering with the work of this District, and can then if desired, be sent to survey them."

11. If the survey of these villages should be postponed, I would strongly recommend that their lands be demarcated before the survey is commenced. Not only would this measure greatly facilitate and expedite the progress of the survey, which in such a locality is much to be desired, but the surveyors would then be able to ascertain whether or not the marks were actually

actually and properly erected and their positions would be correctly ascertained, which will not be the case if the two operations are carried out simultaneously.

12. And if the survey is to be made in the usual manner, I would recommend that a strong party under the orders of an experienced Assistant be employed to carry it out. With the above arrangements the boundary & field surveys might be satisfactorily completed in one season.

13. At the same time, I would beg to point out that the survey made in this manner would be very expensive and that it may therefore still be a question for consideration whether these lands which do not appear to be valuable, require immediate survey and whether it would not be better to postpone the regular survey of them till the Madura District is taken up by our Department.

I have the honor

signed/ W. Lawrence Col

Dy. Superintendent Revenue

N^o 1433

Rev. Survey office

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July 1871

From

The Superintendent Revenue

To The Deputy Superintendent Revenue

For

enclose your letter

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your

letter

letter A. 253 of the 26th Ultimo, urging the following objections A. 253 of the 26th to commencing work in the Cumbum & Goodaloor villages June 1/71 that it appears of the Periakolam talook, Madura District.

1 That 5 Amiens & 1 Surveyor would be insufficient. proceed with the Demarcation & Survey of the villages of Cumbum & Goodaloor in the Periakolam Talook Madura Dist in the manner now proposed

2 In this I agree with you & desire therefore that you will detach 10 Amiens & 2 Surveyors for the purpose. Additional Amiens might be taken on & instructed on the spot.

3 That the arrangements proposed are likely to prove unsatisfactory. It was originally intended that Major Messey should visit Cumbum & start the work there, but as I shall very shortly take advantage of the Privilege leave granted me, Major Messey's presence will be required elsewhere to act for me during my absence.

4 I do not myself see that with the Demarcation rules as a guide any difficulty would be experienced in combining Demarcation & Survey. It was not my intention that the men employed in Cumbum should be under the orders of the officer in charge of A. 1 party. Captain Thompson states that he anticipates no difficulty in finding suitable shelter for the men.

5 That Mr. Cooper is unfitted to take charge as also Mr. Patton the other Sub Assistant.

The choice of a fit Head Surveyor and Deputy Surveyor is left to you.

6 That your presence there would be of little or no use.

The presence of an officer I consider necessary

in commencing work in a new district in respect of which reason I was desirous that you should make yourself practically acquainted with the system of combined demarcation & survey.

7 With regard to your Assistant being on leave, I have to remark that Serint. Clerk has now joined your party & that he is competent to take charge during your absence of a district in which some but survey operations are being carried on.

8 I am still of opinion that it is desirable to commence work in these villages of the Madura District, but under the circumstances do not think that it is likely to progress satisfactorily under the arrangements detailed in my letter A. 1360 of the 17th Ultimo.

9 In modification, therefore, of the orders therein contained, I have to intimate that

I. Captain Thompson will proceed to start the work instead of Col. Greive.

II. A competent Head Surveyor & Deputy Surveyor will be detached by the Deputy Superintendent from A. 4 party instead of Mr. Cooper.

III. Ten Amiens will be detached for the duty instead of five.

10 To enable you to acquire a practical knowledge of the combined system, I request that you will take an early opportunity of visiting the locality & of examining the work whilst in progress. I shall be glad to have a report on

on the result of your examination, which, I think, should not be delayed later than the close of August, when the men employed will probably be in good working order.

11. Captain Thompson, till further orders will report direct to the Central Office, furnishing you with copies of his reports. The 8th & the Inspector sent from A^o 1 party will be temporarily borne on the strength of A^o 4 party.

12. The pay of such Amiaid as are not in the receipt of the highest rate may be increased on proceeding to Cumbium. In the event of the number willing to go being less than ten, I request you will lose no time in telegraphing to the Officer in charge of A^o 1 party in order that the deficiency may be supplied from A^o 1 party. Major Refsey does not expect to find difficulty in despatching men to Cumbium although Comutore is more distant from it than Guvenelly.

13. Referring to Para 5 of your letter under reply, I have to point out the doubtless unintentional indiscretion of making statements in a public letter of which the contents would reach the ears of all persons concerned calculated if not to increase the feeling referred to at any rate not likely in any manner to facilitate the execution of the orders which had been issued.

14. With regard to your not having heard from

8th June 1871

17th June 1871

from Major Refsey, as stated in Para 9, I have to call your attention to my orders directing you to put yourself in communication with that Officer & to ascertain from him the earliest suitable date. These instructions you have not carried out, and to this neglect is to be attributed the non-receipt by you of any communication from Major Refsey. I request that on the receipt of this letter, you will at once carry into effect the instructions contained in it reporting having done so to me, and informing Major Refsey in detail of their execution.

I have the honor to be,
(Signed) J. Priestley, Esq.
Superintendent Revenue

Copy to the Officer in charge of A^o 1 for information & guidance.

He is requested to ask the Sahsildar of Periacolum to assist in procuring Volunteers for employment on the spot & to make such other arrangements as may seem necessary keeping the Central Office informed of the steps he may take.

(Signed) J. Priestley, Esq.
Superintendent Revenue

A^o

A^o 1536

Reference Letter from the Deputy Supt. A^o 1
Revenue Survey A^o 567 of the 8th instant, detailing
the arrangements made for the conduct of work
in the Periakolam Taluq, Madura District, under
the orders of Captain Thompson, Assistant
Superintendent Revenue Survey.

I enclose a list of the men detached under
Captain Thompson's orders to commence work
in the Cumbum Valley and request you will
bring them temporarily on the strength of your
Establishment.

2. I also enclose a list of stationery and
Instruments that have been handed over to
Captain Thompson which should be brought
on the books of A^o 4 Party.

3. You should request Captain to send
in monthly an account of stationery expended.

4. The Sahildar of Periakolam has been
directed by the Deputy Superintendent A^o 1 Revenue
Survey to place at the disposal of Captain Thompson
the 500 Rs advanced to him for demarcation purposes.
This sum can be adjusted hereafter.

Revenue Office
Camp Bangalore
11th July 1871
(Signed) J. Priestley, Col
Superintendent Revenue
The Deputy Supt. A^o 4 Revenue

A^o 279
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Revenue Survey Office
Palamcottah

21st July 1871

From
The Deputy Superintendent
A^o 4 Revenue Survey Party
To
The Superintendent Revenue Survey

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your docket A^o 1536 of the 14th instant and its two
enclosures. A copy of the letter from the Deputy
Superintendent of A^o 1 Revenue Survey party A^o 567
of the 8th instant, referred to, at the commencement
of your docket, has not been furnished me.

2. The first of these enclosures is a list of men
detached from A^o 1 Survey & A^o 3 Demarcation
parties to work in the Cumbum valley, Madura
District, under the orders of Captain Thompson,
2nd Assistant Superintendent A^o 1 Survey party.

I am directed to bring these men temporarily on
the strength of my establishment, and, in para 11
of your letter A^o 1433 of the 4th instant, I am
informed that Captain is also similarly to be
brought on the strength of this party.

3. With reference to these instructions, I beg to
point out that A^o 4 party has only a survey
men directed to be brought establishment. It has no
on the strength of A^o 4 party demarcation establishment
from A^o 1 Survey party attached to it, and consequently
Rank Salary
1 Duffadar Rs 10/6
1 Mochue " 6
1 Peon " 6

has no such grades as the

* From No. 3 Demarcation party three first in the list.
 1 Acting Deputy Inspector Rs. 40 of the demarcation detach-
 1 Head Gunmastah & Writer 30 - ment it is proposed
 3 Head Gunmastah at 17-8 52-8 to transfer; and no provision
 1 Gunmastah 10 for the extra expenditure
 2 Peons at 6 12 that would be caused
 144-8 by all the above transfers.

is made in the budget allotment of this party.

4. In my letter No. 203 of the 15th April last, I especially brought to your notice that the expenditure of this party under the two heads of salaries of Deputy & Assistant Superintendents and District Establishment was greatly in excess of the budget allotment for them, & I reported my intention of reducing the establishment to adjust the deficiency under this head. This measure

* In letter No. 874 dated 21st April 77 was objected to by you, and the reduction, consequently, has not been made.

5. In the statement submitted with the letter above referred to, the estimated excess of expenditure for the current official year is Rupees 5779. With the addition of the salary and travelling allowance of District Clerk, Assistant Superintendent of the Mining Revenue Survey, who, in accordance

* In Memo No. 1083 dated 17th May 1871 with your order is now doing duty with this party, and the estimated cost of the salaries of Captain Thompson and the men. I am now directed to bring on the strength of this establishment, the excess of expenditure over the allotment for this party would amount, at the end of the year, to Rs. 10669 as shown in the

enclosed statement. This sum only provides for the salaries of Captain Thompson and his men for a month. It makes no allowance for increase of salaries, travelling allowance, batta & other contingent charges for the binibum party, which it is impossible for me to estimate, but which would, doubtless, add considerably to this excess.

6. I have shown above that the cost of the demarcation and survey of the binibum valley cannot be met from the funds allotted to No. 4 Party. In addition thereto, I would beg respectfully to state that, whilst I am unacquainted with the reasons for which it is proposed to make a temporary transfer to this party of Captain Thompson and the men of No. 1 survey & No. 3 Demarcation parties employed under him, and thus debit this party with the cost of the demarcation & survey of the valley, the proposed arrangement appears to me to be a very unusual one, and likely, if carried out, to cause serious inconvenience. Captain Thompson is not under my orders, & the work is not under my charge. These temporary transfers, therefore, whilst causing much additional trouble and correspondence, would not, as far as I can judge, be accompanied by any compensating advantage.

7. In para 7 of my letter No. 273 of the 17th instant, reporting the departure of the detachment of this party to binibum, I recommended that Captain Thompson should be authorized to prepare the salary & contingent bills of his party and cash them in the Madura District. And now

N^o 1 & 2 survey and that he has men from three different
N^o 3 Demarcation parties establishments under him; this
arrangement is more necessary than before. It would
also have the advantage of keeping the account of the
expenditure on this special survey separate from
that of other work & save both trouble and correspondence.

8. The second enclosure of your docket is a list
of instruments, stores & stationery that have been
furnished to Captain Thompson, and which I am
directed to bring on the books of this party. With reference
to this order, I beg to represent that I cannot be made
responsible for instruments & stores that have not been
delivered to me & over the use and expenditure of which
I have no control. Captain Thompson being in charge
of the Cumbum valley party will necessarily be responsible
for the instruments & stores supplied for the use of his party.

9. Having, as I believe, shown in the above explanation
that the cost of the demarcation and survey of the Cumbum
valley cannot be defrayed from the funds allotted
to N^o 4 party; also that the proposed temporary
transfer of an Assistant & men from N^o 1 survey
& N^o 3 Demarcation parties even if practicable,
would be productive of much inconvenience, &
that I cannot reasonably be made responsible
for the instruments & stores with the Cumbum valley
party, I respectfully request that I may not be
required to carry out the two orders given me
in your docket under reply.

10. In conclusion, I trust I shall be
excused observing that it appears to me that the
N^o 1439 representation in your letter to the Acting
date 25 July 71 Secretary

Secretary to Government, published in the Proceedings
of Government of 10 July 1871 N^o 1183 cannot, I respectfully
submit, be considered fair either by me or by this party,
for Captain Thompson is not under my orders and
the duty on which he is employed is in no way connected
with the work of this party or district, but is a special
one which it was intended from the first should be
carried out by him with men of N^o 1 party.

11. If Captain Thompson is to be considered as an
Assistant of this party whilst nominally having three
Captain Streets on Privilege leave. In Military Assistants
Thompson on special duty on my establishment
Madras District. I have in reality only
Lieut. Clerk with the party, one viz. Lieut. Clerk of the
Loorg Revenue Survey, available for the work of the party
under my orders. His stay with the party will be under two
months, and as he has unavoidably left his tents and all
his camp equipage and most of his servants at Mercara,
he is totally unprepared for field work & cannot undertake
field duties. In addition to this whilst the out-turn of work
is very small, the charge for officers salaries, even without
Captain Thompsons pay is excessively high and this will
necessarily add much to the cost of the work of this party
which as I have shown in my Administration report
- Porra 15 for the past year is already very costly.

and 16. I have the honor to be,
Sincerely,
W. Bruce Col
Deputy Supt. Revenue

No 295
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Revenue Survey Office

Palamcottah

31st July 1871

From

The Deputy Superintendent

No 4 Revenue Survey

The Superintendent of Revenue Survey

Chennai

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1652 of the 26th instant

In my letter No 277 of the 31st idem Paras 3 to 6, I explained the very serious objections that exist to the temporary transfer, to No 4 party, of Captain Thompson, 2nd Assistant Superintendent of No 1 Survey Party and the men detached from No 1 Survey & No 3 demarcation parties, to survey the Lumbum valley under that officer's orders & in para 9 of the same letter, I requested that I might not be required to carry out your orders to make these temporary transfers

In your letter under acknowledgement I am not favored with any distinct reply on this point but from the contents of paras 3 & 5 of your letter, it appears that you still expect these transfers to be carried out. I therefore beg respectfully to state that the proposed arrangement of bringing Captain Thompson & the men above referred to in the strength of my establishment seems to me to be such a very unusual measure & one that is so opposed to the rules and customs

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of the public service, that in the absence of the sanction of superior authority to the measure, I am precluded from carrying it into effect. I also beg to mention that as Captain Thompson is not under my orders and that the work on which his detachment is employed is not in any way connected with the work of this party or district, the salaries of the men detached from this party and placed under Captain Thompson's orders cannot be included in the salary bills of this party.

In my letters No 273 and 272 respectively of the 17th & 21st instant, I have stated what each letter appears to be the most suitable method of drawing the salaries and contingent charges of the Lumbum valley detachment.

I also beg to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of the special instructions issued by Major Jeffrey, Deputy Superintendent of No 1 Survey party to Captain Thompson which have been approved by you and are furnished to me for information. In para 13 of these instructions, Captain Thompson is directed, after disposing of all his weekly reports, to forward them to No 4 party to be incorporated with the usual returns. With reference to this instruction, I beg respectfully to submit that, in addition to other very forcible objections to the arrangement, I cannot, in any way, be made responsible for the work of this detachment, or be required to render the accounts of the work or expenditure thereof in the returns of No 4 party. I would therefore respectfully suggest that some other arrangement be made for the preparation and submission to your office

office of civil returns as may be required from
Captain Thompson's detachment.

I have the honor to
(Signed) W. Grewe Esq
Deputy Supt. Revenue

N^o 1726
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Revenue Survey Office
Chippault
4th August 1871

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey

To

The Deputy Superintendent N^o 1 Revenue Survey

Sir

I have the honor in answer to your letter of the
31st Ultimo N^o 295 in which you state that you had
not received any distinct reply to your request,
that you might not be required to carry out my
orders to make the temporary transfer to your party
of Captain Thompson, acting 2nd Assistant Supt.,
and a few men from N^o 1 party employed on the
survey of the Lumbani & Goodaloor villages, Madras Dist,
to inform you, it is my desire that you should, at
once, carry out my order for the transfer.

Although I cannot concede to you the
discretionary power which in your letter you seem
to claim, of yielding or withholding obedience to my
orders, I may mention that this is not the first instance

of an officer attached to & paid from one party being
inspected by & receiving instructions from the officer in
charge of another as a matter of convenience.

I beg that, to this letter, I may, without delay,
receive a reply, distinctly stating whether it is your
intention to carry out my instructions or not.

I have the honor to

(Signed) J. Priestley Esq
Superintendent Revenue Survey

N^o 306
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Revenue Survey Office
Palamcottah
9th August 1871

From

The Deputy Superintendent

N^o 1 Revenue Survey

To

The Superintendent Revenue Survey

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter N^o 1726 of the 4th instant and with reference thereto
to submit the following explanation and reply:

As shewn in paras 2 & 3 of my letter N^o 279
of the 21st Ultimo, the Acting 2nd Assistant and men
of N^o 1 Survey and N^o III Demarcation parties that
I have been desired to bring temporarily on the strength
of N^o 1 Survey party are as follows.

From N^o 1 Survey party
Captain Thompson Acting 2nd Assistant salary 699-1-10
Duffadar 10
Mistee 6
Peon 6

From No. III Demarcation party

1 Acting Deputy Inspector 40
1 Head Librarian & Writer 30
3 Head Gunstals at 17-8 52-8

Gunastah " " " 10

2 Peons at 12 114-8-"
Rs. 865-2-

In addition to the above salaries, which may be increased, there will be travelling allowances, batta and other contingent

* Vide para 16 of special instructions charges. The party issued to Captain Thompson by the Supt of A. 1 party dated 11th July 1871. moreover is still liable to change.

3. I also pointed out that A. 4 party has only a Survey Establishment: that it has no demarcation Establishment attached to it and consequently has no such grades as the three first in the list of the demarcation detachment it is proposed to transfer and that no provision for the extra expenditure that would be caused by all the above transfers, is made in the budget allotment of this party.

4. In paras 4 to 6 of the letter above referred to, I showed other very serious objections to the proposed temporary transfers and in para 3 of my letter No. 295 of the 31st Ultimo, I respectfully submitted that the proposed arrangement of bringing Captain Thompson and the men above referred to, on the strength of my establishment seems to be such a very unusual measure and one that is opposed

opposed to the rules and customs of the public service, that in the absence of the sanction of superior authority to the measure, I am precluded from carrying it into effect, and with reference to para 13 of the special instructions given in para 5 of my letter to Captain Thompson, I also represent in No. 295 dated 31st July 1871 that I cannot in any way be made responsible for the work of the Lumbini valley party or be required to render the accounts of the work or expenditure thereof, in the returns of A. 4 party.

5. With reference to the 2nd para of your letter under reply, I beg respectfully to observe that there is necessarily a limit to the powers of the Head of a Department and that a subordinate officer cannot be required to act in opposition to the orders and rules of Government and the Financial Department. In the present case the demarcation and survey of a considerable tract of land, hitherto unsurveyed for revenue purposes have been undertaken in a District which has not as yet been taken up by either Settlement or Survey Department. The work is being carried out under a new system of combined demarcation and survey. This system is opposed to all the rules laid down by Government for the guidance of the Survey Department and consequently to our present system, two of the essential conditions of which are, that the demarcation should

should be completed and examined, and the demarcation

* Demarcation sketches records prepared and handed

2. Land Registers. over to the survey Establishment before the survey is commenced. Captain Thompson

an Acting 2nd Assistant and men from three parties

* At 1 & 4 survey parties are temporarily formed into

At 3rd Demarcation party over small party to carry out the combined operations, and the charge of this party has been made an independent one.

6. I am not aware what are the original

orders given to Captain Thompson regarding this

work, but a copy of the special instructions issued to

* dated 6th November 1871 by Major Jeffrey Deputy Super

11th July 1871 of At 1 party, and which have since

been approved by you, has been communicated to me

from your office for information. Paras 11, 13 & 17 of these

instructions are as follows.

11 Captain Thompson will have ample duties to occupy

him in the field without preparing returns.

13 We will dispose of all his weekly reports and will

then forward them to At 4 party to be incorporated in

the usual monthly Returns.

17 Captain Thompson will have the same authority

over his men as if he were a Deputy Superintendent

in charge of a full survey and demarcation party.

7. Whilst the above mentioned very unusual

measures have been adopted, & orders which in some

respects are extraordinary have been issued, the

Government have not, as far as I am aware, been informed

that this special work has been undertaken. On the contrary

* dated 5th July 1871 At 1439 published your letter to the Acting

in the O. of Gov^t dated 10th July 1871 Secretary to Government,

requesting that Captain Thompson might be invested with

certain demarcation powers under the Act XXVIII of 1860,

would inevitably create the erroneous impression that

Captain Thompson was to be employed with my

party during the absence of Captain Gault on

privilege leave.

8. In para 10 of my letter At 272 of the 21st

Ultimo, I observed that the representation in your

letter above referred to could not, I respectfully

submitted, be considered as fair either by me or

by this party as Captain Thompson is not under

my orders & the duty on which he is employed

is no way connected with the work of this party

or district, but is a special one which it was

intended from the first should be carried out by

him with view of the Comptroller party.

9. In para 11 of the same letter, I also stated

that if Captain Thompson is to be considered as

an Assistant of this party whilst nominally

* Captain Gault on Privilege leave having three Military

Thompson on special Assistants on the

duty in the Madras District strength of my

Gault clerk with the party establishment.

I have in reality only one. Gault clerk of the Comptroller

Revenue

Revenue Survey available for the work of this party and further that the period of his stay here would be under two months & that from the peculiar circumstances of his position, he cannot undertake field duties.

10. Lieut Clerk, who is considered as acting for Captain Treble has since been appointed to act as first Assistant during the time he is with this party. This establishment is consequently already debited with the salaries of two Military first Assistants, one on leave and the other unavailable for field work, and it would be very unfair to

add to this the salary of a third Military Assistant who is employed on a special duty totally unconnected with the work of the party.

11. In accordance with the instructions contained in para 9 of your letter No. 1433 of the 21st Ultimo I sent last month a detachment of this party of the strength noted in the margin, to work under Captain Thompson in the Lumbum valley, and as his work is of an unusual nature, the surveyors & Amins were all picked men, whose services at this time can ill be spared from this District.

1 Head Surveyor
1 Deputy Do
10 Amins
1 Computer
2 Head Peons
8 Peons

12. I have thus readily afforded the substantial aid required of me towards carrying out a work which had some months previously been undertaken by the Deputy Superintendent of No. 1 party, and regarding which no information was given me till the working season was close at hand, when I most unexpectedly received orders to furnish men for it. But taking into consideration the very serious objections and obstacles explained in my former letters to bringing No. 279 & 295
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dated 21st & 31st July 1871
Captain Thompson and the men from No. 1 Survey and No. 3 demarcation parties on the strength of my establishment, and the circumstances referred to in the preceding paragraphs of this letter, I consider it to be my duty respectfully to state that I am unable to carry out your desire regarding these transfers.

13. In conclusion, I beg to mention that, in the absence of any information on the subject, I am unable to undertake what is the object of these proposed transfers. As shown in para 5 of my letter No. 279 of the 21st Ultimo the cost of the demarcation & survey of the Lumbum valley cannot be defrayed from the funds allotted to No. 1 party as the cost of this establishment is already greatly in excess of its allotment & even were the transfers practicable I cannot see what advantage would be gained by making them; whilst on the other

other hand the carrying them into effect would
be a most unusual proceeding and be productive
of serious inconvenience & much additional
correspondence and trouble.

I have the honor ^{to be}

Signed W. Lawrence Col

Deputy Superintendent

(True Copy)

Residing office of W. H. Keefe Major
Louis Chepant
17 August 1871 Acting Superintendent

Statement showing the estimated expenditure for H. C. & Revenue Survey Party for the official year 1871/72 — in comparison with the Budget allotment.

Rev. Surveyor offered }
Palauco 1871 }
21st July 1871 }

Countersigned by }
Rev. Surveyor offered }
Chepauk }
17th August 1871 }

(True copy)

(Signed) W. Greave 1871
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No 1847 of the 17th
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Revenue Survey Office,
Chepauk
August 1871

From
Col. J. B. Priestley
Superintendent Revenue Survey

To
Major W. B. Measey
Deputy Asst. Revenue Survey

Sir
Having made arrangements which I have
not the power to alter, for availing myself of the leave
granted me in the Fort Saint George Gazette of the
25th Ultimo, I have the honor to request that in the event
of Col. Measey still refusing to obey the orders issued to
him in my letters marginally noted, you will be so
good as to address Government on the subject.
You will explain that my original intention was
to have entrusted the Guimbum Valley Survey, undertaken
on the requisition of the Revenue Board to you and had
almost completed the necessary arrangements for the
purpose. As however I was about shortly to proceed
on leave, I thought it would be a better arrangement
that the party should be composed of a detachment
from No 181 (Surveyors from the former) and men
accustomed to Demarcation from the latter) and for
convenience sake that it should be attached to No 181.

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No 1433 & 1536
86 & 89
of 4 & 14 July 1871

3. Col. Crewe having no practical knowledge of Demarcation, I was desirous that he should have an opportunity of making himself acquainted with it. I therefore further directed that instead of you he should visit the spot where work was commenced, minutely examine the mode of proceeding, & thus qualify himself for the conduct of survey and demarcation continued. To the whole of this arrangement, Col. Crewe objected, saying that it would place him in a false position & offering a number of reasons against it.

4. Although I did not myself agree with him, yet, as carrying out the arrangement would apparently cause him to consider himself aggrieved, I modified my instructions regarding his seeing the survey started, directed that the executive charge of the work should be under Captain Thompson, & requested that after a certain time, he Col. Crewe, would proceed to Cumnor and examine the work in progress.

5. Subsequently as a matter of convenience, I directed that certain Instruments & stationery, partly supplied from the Central Office's stores should be taken on to the hook of N^o 4. To this also, Col. Crewe in another letter objected saying he could not be responsible for Instruments he had not taken over personally.

6. It would have been imagined that you and Captain Thompson would have sufficiently guarded his interests in the matter, but as Col. Crewe had sent

stationery

stationery & Instruments with his detachment, I cancelled the order for the transfer informing him at the same time that I did not see much weight in his arguments & that if it had been a desirable arrangement for the interests of Government I should have overruled them.

7. In reply he states that he feels precluded by the rules of the service from carrying out my instructions for so unusual an arrangement unless backed by higher authority.

8. Being for many reasons desirous to treat him with consideration, I have informed him that other instances of analogous arrangements being made, have occurred, & have required a categorical reply whether it is his intention to carry out my orders or not.

I have the honor to

(Signed) J. Priestley Col
Superintendent Resurvey

(True Copy)

Resurvey office
Chesham
17 August 1871

Enclosed by N.

W. H. Jefferys Major
Sg. Superintendent Resurvey

No. 1847
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17th August 1871

From

The Acting Supt. Revenue Survey

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

SIR,

The Revenue Board, in Proceedings dated 8th March 1871 No. 1023, requested that the villages of Crimbum and Goodaloor in the Periakolam Taluq of the Madras District might be demarcated and surveyed as soon as possible.

The Superintendent, Colonel Priestley, resolved to carry out the work on the combined system, as detailed in the explanatory Memo forming an enclosure to his letter No. 1138 dated 22nd May 1871.

He at first intended to send a detachment from No. 1 Survey party and No. 3 Demarcation, but, afterwards, decided that the work should be done under the orders of the Deputy Superintendent of No. 4 Survey party.

On the 17th June last, he sent orders to
Lieut.

Enclosure to letter

No. 1847 of the 17th

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Scrutt Col. Crewe, to start the work in person. *A^o 253 of the 26th 123*
Col. Crewe sent, in reply, a statement of reasons why *June 1871 A*
the work should not be done by *A^o 4* party or under
his orders or indeed be undertaken this year at all.

5. Col. Priestley then directed that the work *A^o 1433 of the 4th 86*
should be started by an Assistant from *A^o 1* party *July 1871 E*
& that men should be sent from *A^o 1 & 4* Survey & *A^o 3*
Demarcation parties. He also directed that Col. Crewe
should visit the party in the month of August, that
the whole of the men should be brought on the
strength of *A^o 4* party, and that the stores and stationery
should also be brought on the hook of the same
party. *A^o 1536 of the 14th 89* *July 1871 C*

6. Col. Crewe objected first to taking over stores, *A^o 277 of the 21st 133*
and instruments he had not seen. *July 1871 D*

7. He then objected altogether to drawing pay
for the men ordered to be transferred from *A^o 1* Survey *A^o 295 of the 31st 146* *July 1871 E*
party & *A^o 3* Demarcation party.

8. Col. Crewe's letter dated 31st July 1871 *A^o 295 of the 31st 146*
containing the objection was received by Col. Priestley
on the last day of his stay in Madras. He immediately
called on Col. Crewe to state distinctly whether he
intended to carry out his instructions or not. *A^o 1726 of the 4th 106* *August 1871 F*

9. Col. Crewe has, in letter dated 9th August 1871 *A^o 306 of the 9th 157* *August 1871 C*
stated that he considers it to be his duty respectfully
to state that he is unable to carry out Col. Priestley's
desire regarding these transfers. *Para 12*

10. Col. Priestley, in a Memo of instructions to
me, has desired that, in the event of Col. Crewe
failing to carry out his orders, reference should
be made to Government, and that the question
should be confined as to the necessity of Col. Crewe
obeying his orders.

11. I have the honor to solicit I may be favored
with early instructions.

A^o 1727 of the 3rd 4th August 71 II
12. I enclose copy of Col. Priestley's letter of in-
structions, also copies of correspondence between
Col. Priestley and Col. Crewe referred to above.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obed^t Servant
W. S. Sayer Major
Acting Superintendent Revenue

W. S. Sayer

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To

THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF
REVENUE SURVEY.

Dated 4th September.

Recd.

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G. O., 4th September 1871, No. 1,518.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 24-25.

Colonel George of the Revenue Survey Department.—Acting Superintendent's letter respecting this officer's refusal to carry out certain instructions of Colonel P. J. in reference to the Survey of the Chisham and Chishloor villages of Madura District, with orders thereon.