1829/71

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th October 1871.

No. 221. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Chepauk, 14th October 1871, No. 2,273-82 :—

On the 17th August 1871, in letter No. 1,847-74, I had the honour to report that Colonel Crewe, the Deputy-Superintendent of No. 4 Revenue Survey, had declined to carry out certain orders given to him by Colonel Priestley.

2. In G. O. No. 1,518 of the 4th September 1871, I was directed to inform Colonel Crewe that he was forthwith to give full effect to the instructions issued to him by Colonel Priestley, and to report that he had done so.

3. On the 9th September 1871 I sent Colonel Crewe a copy of the Proceedings of Government, and briefly recapitulated the orders of the Superintendent with which he was required to comply.

Letter No. 1,992-117, copy enclosed.

4. I have not as yet received any report of Colonel Crewe having carried out these orders.

5. Colonel Crewe's last communication is dated 30th September 1871. In it he mentions a reason for his not having complied with the directions to draw pay for certain men up to the 31st July; that (by a clerical error) in a particular letter, the 21st July appears instead of the 31st July. This appears hardly a sufficient reason, as the date, 21st, is contradicted by the context; and in two other letters dated 27th July* and 9th September 1871, Nos. 1,672-313 and 1,992-117, respectively, he received distinct orders to draw pay for the men for the whole of the month of July.

Letter No. 364-178, copy enclosed.

* Copy enclosed.

6. With regard to his having failed to visit the Cumbum valley as directed by the Superintendent, he merely states that he intends proceeding there very shortly. Colonel Priestley's order was that he should visit that locality before the end of August.

7. I have to bring to the notice of Government that on the 22nd July 1871 Colonel Priestley desired that Mr. E. M. Baber, Acting 2nd Assistant Superintendent, should join No. 1 Revenue Survey party at Coimbatore. Colonel Crewe objected to the transfer. Colonel Priestley, in telegrams of 25th and 26th July, ordered Mr. Baber to start at once, and directed Colonel Crewe to carry out his original instructions without further reference.

8. Mr. Baber was not permitted to leave No. 4 party till the 1st of September. Colonel Crewe then reported that Mr. Baber had been detained on special work the most important being the examination of instruments in Store under the superintendence of Colonel Crewe.

Letter No. 334-164, copy enclosed.

No. 222. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1,871, No. 1,829.

Miscellaneous.

THE Superintendent of Survey will direct Colonel Crewe to report, within a week from receipt by him of the order,

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whether he has given full effect to the orders of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, and to explain the delay noticed in the instances quoted by the Acting Superintendent.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

No. 1992/117

Rev. Survey Office
Chepauk
9th September 1871

From

The Acting Superintendent Rev. Survey

To

Colonel W. Crewe
Deputy Supdt No. 2 Revenue Survey

Sir

In your letter No. 306/151 of the 9th August you stated you were unable to carry out the directions of the Superintendent ~~the~~ regarding certain transfers.

No. 1518 of 4th September/71

2. I have the honor to enclose copy of Proceedings of the Madras Government directing me to inform you that you are forthwith to give full effect to the instructions issued to you by Col. Priestley and that you are to report that you have done so.

3. The orders may be briefly stated to be.

I To take on the books of your party Captain Thompson and the men employed under his orders in the Cumbum Valley.

II To visit the Cumbum Valley for the purpose of examining the work whilst in progress.

III To draw pay for the men detached from your party to the Cumbum Valley up to the end of the month of July.

4. From the 1st of August pay for the detachment at work in Cumbum will be drawn from the local Treasury by Captain Thompson

5. In order to enable you to be absent from your Head Quarters Captain Freeth will be directed to join from Privilege leave.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. H. Peyton Lieutt & C
Rg. Supt to Rev Survey

No. 364/178

Rev Survey Office
Palamcottah
30th September 1871

From

The Deputy Superintendent
No. 1 Revenue Survey Party

To

The Acting Superintendent Rev Survey

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day, of your letter No. 2141/127 of the 26th instant.

2. In reply thereto, I beg to state that on receipt of your letter of the 9th September 1871 No. 1992/117 I directed the pay for July for the men sent from this party to Cumbum, to be drawn

3. On the following day, I received your letter No. 2000/118 also of the 9th instant in the 1st para of which I am desired to draw pay from the 1st to 21st July 1871 "for the men who originally belonged to No. 4 Party" "and who were ordered to do duty at Cumbum"

4. As this letter (No. 2000/118) was both written and received by me subsequently to your letter No. 1992/117 I concluded the order so clearly given in the 1st para of letter No. 2000/118 was intended to supersede the instructions regarding pay, given in para 3 clause 3rd of your letter No. 1992/117 I consequently acted on the more recent and last received order.

5. I enclose herewith an authenticated copy of your letter No. 2000/118 of the 9th instant.

6. To enable me to carry out fully the instructions contained in clause 1st of para 3 of your letter No. 1992/117 I request you will be so good as to direct the Acting Deputy Superintendent of No. 1 Party to furnish me with Extracts from the Service Registers for the men of No. 1 Survey & No. 3 Demarcation parties that have been sent to the Cumbum valley.

7. I purpose proceeding very shortly to the Cumbum valley to examine the work now in progress there.

I have &c.

Signed J. W. Cremer Colonel C
Deputy Supt to Revenue Survey

Copy of the authenticated copy of letter attached to Col Cremer's letter No. 364 of the 30th September/71

No. 1518

No. 2000/118

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
9th September 1871

From

The Acting Supt Revenue Survey

To

The Deputy Supt No. 1 Revenue Survey

Sir

Referring to the Order of Government dated

dated 4th September 1871, I have to request you will draw pay from the 1st to 21st July 1871 for the men who originally belonged to No. 4 Party, and who were ordered to do duty at Trumbum. Their pay for the subsequent months will be drawn by Captain Thompson in a separate abstract.

2. I enclose for your information copy of salary list of the Detachment for August and of its Contingent bill for July 1871.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. H. Negley Lieutt Col
Dy. Superintendent Rs Survey

(True Copy)
(Signed) W. Crewe Lt Col
Dy. Superintendent Rs Survey

Rs Survey office
Palamcottah
30th September 1871.

No. 1672
313 Reference your of the 21st July 1871 No. 2 reporting arrival at Trumbum & applying for instructions.

To avoid drawing pay for two Rent periods, your pay & that of the men transferred from Coimbatore should be drawn in No. 1 Party up to the end of July 1871 & of those from Tinnevelly in No. 4 Party.

2. A Contingent bill containing travelling & transit charges should be sent to the Central office direct. The Deputy Superintendent No. 4 Revenue Survey will be furnished with a copy of it by me.

3. As regards Salary bills reference has been made to the Accountant General, on the receipt of his reply, instructions will be issued.

Rs Survey office
Chepauk
27th July 1871

(Signed) F. Priestley Lt Col
Superintendent Rs Survey

To
Captain J. W. Thompson
Assistant Supt Rs Survey

Copy to the Deputy Superintendent No. 4 Revenue Survey.

(Signed) F. Priestley Lt Col
Superintendent Rs Survey

No. 334
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Revenue Survey office
Palamcottah
1st September 1871

From
The Deputy Supt No. 4 Rs Survey Party

To
The Acting Superintendent of Rs Survey

Sir

I have the honor to report that Wr. E. M. Baber, Acting 2nd Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey has been relieved this forenoon from his duties with No. 4 Survey Party, & that he

he purposes leaving Palamcottah this evening for Coimbatore.

2. Since the receipt of the Superintendents Memo transferring Wm. Baker to No. 1 Party, he has been employed completing the special work I had previously given him The most important was the Examination under my general Superintendence, of the Theodolites and Circumferenters in the stores of this Party.

3. With a few exceptions all these instruments were in a very dirty state & otherwise unfit for use. It was therefore necessary that they should all be cleaned and thoroughly examined, and that any of them that could be rendered fit for use here, should be put in working order.

4 Whilst employed on this duty, Wm. Baker had a sharp attack of fever which laid him up for 9 days & left him very weak at the end of that period. This retarded the progress of this special work, still I considered it inadvisable to relieve Wm. Baker, as it was a matter of importance that the examination of the Instruments, in which considerable progress has been made, should be completed by him before leaving the party. It was also desirable that he should complete the examination he was making of the Draughtsmen who were under his charge.

5. Wm. Baker might have been relieved a few days sooner, but it was a great convenience to him to remain with this party till the end of the month to enable him to send his camp equipage & luggage in advance & to receive his pay for August before leaving, and as this arrangement was also suitable on public grounds, I have kept him on the strength of the party till this day.

6. I now beg to draw your special attention to the fact that the departure of Levitt Clerk & Wm. Baker leaves this party without any assistants. As already reported Wm. Patton the Sub Assistant is in a very delicate state of health and consequently quite unfit to perform field duties; and I am unable to place any confidence in Acting Sub Assistant Wm. Cooper. Under these circumstances I beg again to represent that without the services of an Assistant it is impossible for me to carry on the work of the party properly.

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Thanes &c.

(Signed) W. Crewe Col
Deputy Supt. Re Surrey.
(True Copies)

Rochurney Office
Chepstow
4th October 1871

W. H. Dupuy Lieutt Col
Acting Superintendent Rhymney

Enclosure to letter
C/R 2273/82 of 14th October
1871

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Rec. 1871 Dept
From No. 3312

The Rg. Supt. Revenue

To The Secretary to Govt.
Rev. Dept.

Dated 14 October 1871
Rec'd 18 do
Reg'd 17 do No. 2273/82

Enclosure 1

Reference G. O. No. 1518 of 4 September 1871 directing the Acting Supt. Revenue to inform Col. Crewe that he is forthwith to give full effect to the instructions issued to him by Col. Priestley

States that Col. Crewe has not as yet reported having carried out the orders of Col. Priestley No. 1829 20 October 1871

No. 221-222

No. 1879

The Supt. of Survey 24 Dist. Col. Crewe & report to this a week from receipt by him of the order & letter to him quoted & the order of the Supt. Rev. Survey and to explain the delay noticed in the 1st Instance quoted by the Acting Supt.

20 Oct/71

13 Fo. No. Supt. of Rev. Survey Dec 27 Oct 71

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