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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Revenue Survey Office
Coimbatore
24th November 1870.

No.

From

Major W. A. Bessey.
Deputy Supt. Rev. Survey
on special duty.

To.

Colonel F. J. B. Priestley.
Superintendent Rev. Survey.

Sir.

In accordance with instructions contained in your letter No. 2631/366 of 7th Novr. 1870 I have the honor to report that I have visited the Office of the Revenue Survey at Palamcottah.

I respectfully submit the result of my inspection with a few remarks for your approval.

2. I arrived at Palamcottah early on Wednesday the 16th. my inspection lasted during that and the three following days.

3. I have directed my attention to all the points mentioned in the Memorandum which accompanied your letter of instructions.

4. I have the honor to bring more particularly to your notice the undermentioned subjects.

5. The house at present used as an Office is not at all fitted for the purpose: the draughtsmen and Computers ~~are~~ scattered in several rooms: proper supervision is very difficult, if not almost impossible. I have suggested to Lieutenant Freeth the advisability of securing the old Mess House formerly used as an Office, and of asking your permission to give a written guarantee that the house will be occupied as an Office during such time as the Revenue Survey may be employed in the District.

6. I have observed very little deviation from the rules laid down for the guidance of District Parties in every department of work except one.

The Manager has it appears taken upon himself to discontinue keeping up the Order Book for long periods. He alleged that he discontinued keeping the book by Order of the Officer lately in charge, but could shew no written order to that effect.

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I may perhaps attach undue importance to the Order Book, but still there can be no doubt that many orders are given, which should be put on permanent record.

The manager has a file of papers, but there is nothing to prevent a paper containing a disagreeable order from being abstracted from the file. There is nothing to show whether any individual order has been carried out or not. Since the arrival of Lieutenant Freeth, all special though not routine, orders have been entered in the Order Book.

8. The state of the records, computers and draughtsmen's, is noted in the proper place. The substitution of colors for pen and ink work in village maps would much expedite work. The mapping lately executed is very good indeed. The computers department is in very good order.

9. The field work lately executed is, judging by the plotting, every thing that could be wished. The traverses close well and the field plotting is perfect.

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10. The arrangements for survey of Zemindaries appear judicious; a detailed report is given.

11. The time allotted by Lieutenant Trevelyan for the completion of the District appears to be in the main correct / see report /

12. I would draw your attention to the absolute necessity for making early preparations for the employment of the Amins and Boundary Surveyors of No. 4 Party. They may be expected to be at liberty at the end of 1871 or at the beginning of 1872. Demarcation in a new District should therefore begin as soon as possible.

I have &c.

/ Signed / W. R. Hessey. Major
Deputy Supt. No. 1 Rev. Survey
on Special duty.

/ True copy /

Rev. Survey Office
Chepauk
15th November /71

H. Priestley Colonel
Superintendent Rev. Survey.

No. 234

Vide Para 12 of letter No. 2566 15. Nov. 71
Rev. 3658/71

List of Copies of letters already submitted to Government and recorded in their Proceedings dated 4th September & 20th October 1871 Nos. 1518 & 1829.

From whom	To whom	No.	Date
Dy. Supdt. No. 4 Rev. Survey	Superintendent of Rev. Survey	252/128	26th June 1871
Supdt of Rev. Survey	Dy. Supdt. No. 4 Rev. Survey	1433/86	4th July 1871
Do Do	Do Do	1536/89	14th Do
Dy. Supdt. No. 4 Rev. Survey	Superintendent of Rev. Survey	279/133	21st Do
Do Do	Do Do	295/146	31st Do
Supdt of Rev. Survey	Dy. Supdt. No. 4 Rev. Survey	1726/104	4th August 1871
Dy. Supdt. No. 4 Rev. Survey	Dy. Supdt of Rev. Survey	306/151	9th Do
Supdt Rev. Survey	Major Hessey Dy. Supdt Rev. Survey	1727/325	4th Do
Dy. Supdt Rev. Survey	Dy. Supdt of Rev. Survey	1992/117	9th September 1871
Dy. Supdt. No. 4 Rev. Survey	Dy. Supdt of Rev. Survey	364/178	30th Do
Dy. Supdt of Rev. Survey	Dy. Supdt of No. 4 Rev. Survey	2000/118	9th Do
Dy. Supdt of Rev. Survey	Captain Thompson Asstt. Supdt Rev. Survey Cuddapah	1672/813	27th July 1871
Do Do			
Dy. Supdt. No. 4 Rev. Survey	Dy. Supdt of Rev. Survey	334/164	1st September 1871

Copies of letters now sent to Government with Superintendent's letter No. dated November 1871.

From whom	To whom	No.	Date
Supdt of Rev. Survey	Dy. Supdt No. 4 Rev. Survey	1390/81	8th June 1871
Do Do	Do Do	1360/84	17th Do
Dy. Supdt No. 4 Rev. Survey	Supdt of Rev. Survey	273/130	17th July 1871

From whom	To whom	No.	Date
Supdt of Rev: Survey	Dy. Supdt No. 4 Rs Survey	1640 / 97	25th July 1871
Do Do	Do Do	1653 / 99	26th Do
Do Do	Captain Thompson Astt Supdt Rev Survey Cumbum	1672 / 313	27th Do
Deputy Supdt No. 4 Rs Survey	Supdt of Rev: Survey	297 / 7	2nd August 1871
Supdt Rev: Survey	Dy. Supdt No. 4 Rs Survey	1733 / 103	3rd Do
Ag. Supdt Rs Survey	Do Do	2141 / 127	26th September/71
Do Do	Do Do	2270 / 132	14th October/71
Do Do	Do Do	2356 / 130	21st Do
Do Do	Do Do	2369 / 137	24th Do
Dy. Supdt No. 4 Rs Survey	Ag. Supdt Rev: Survey	382 / 187	25th Do
Do Do	Do Do	391 / 194	27th Do
Ag. Supdt Rev: Survey	Dy. Supdt No. 4 Rs Survey	2409 / 138	27th Do
Supdt Rs Survey	Supdt of Rs Survey	Telegram	22nd July 1871
Dy. Supdt No. 4 Rs Survey	Dy. Supdt No. 4 Rs Survey	Do	25th Do
Supdt Rev: Survey	Supdt of Rs Survey	Do	26th Do
Dy. Supdt No. 4 Rs Survey	Dy. Supdt No. 4 Rs Survey	Do	26th Do
Supdt Rev: Survey	Supdt Rev: Survey	561 / 263	8th Do
Major Nefsey	Supdt Rev: Survey	602 / 285	18th Do
Dy. Supdt No. 6 Rs Survey	Do Do	1629 / 215	24th Do
Do Do	Dy. Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	630 / 302	26th Do
Supdt Rev: Survey	Supdt of Rev Survey	1651 / 154	26th Do
Dy. Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	The Accountant Genl	2846	27th Do
Supdt of Rev: Survey	Supdt of Rev: Survey	1703 / 108	1st August/71
Accountant General	Dy. Supdts No. 184 and Captain Thompson	1927 / 371	1st Septr/71
Supdt of Rs Survey	captain Thompson Astt Supdt Rs Survey Cumbum	2121 / 414	23rd Do
Ag. Supdt of Rs Survey	Dy. Collector in charge of Treasury Madura	25	25th Do
Do Do	Ag. Supdt of Rs Survey	2184 / 429	29th Do
Captain Thompson Astt Supdt Rs Survey Cumbum	captain Thompson Astt Supdt Rs Survey Cumbum		
Ag. Supdt Rev Survey			

From whom	To whom	No.	Date
Captain Thompson Astt Supdt Rs Survey Cumbum	Ag. Supdt Rev Survey	28	10th October 1871
Ag. Supdt Rev Survey	Accountant General	2312 / 137	17th Do
Accountant General	Ag. Supdt Rev Survey	5101	21st Do
Ag. Supdt Rs Survey	Captain Thompson Astt Supdt Rs Survey Cumbum	2381 / 483	24th Do
Secretary to Board	Supdt of Rs Survey	21	5th January/71
Supdt of Rs Survey	Dy. Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	81 / 10	14th Do
Dy. Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	Supdt of Rs Survey	55 / 15	16th Do
Supdt of Rs Survey	Dy. Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	138 / 19	20th Do
Dy. Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	Supdt of Rs Survey	188 / 77	28th Feby/71
Secretary Board of Revenue	Supdt of Revenue Survey	1023	8th March/71
Supdt of Rev Survey	Dy. Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	708 / 84	18th Do
Dy. Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	Supdt of Rs Survey	466 / 224	12th June 1871
Supdt of Rs Survey	Dy. Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	1434 / 180	4th July 1871
Dy. Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	Dy. Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	1488 / 190	11th Do
Supdt of Rs Survey	Do Do	1535 / 199	14th Do
Do Do	Do Nos. 1, 3, 4 & 5	1600 / 99	22nd Do
Do Do	Supdt of Rs Survey	629 / 361	26th Do
Deputy Supdt No. 1 Rs Survey	Ag. Dy. Supdt No. 2 Rs Survey	1889 / 288	20th August/71
Ag. Supdt Rs Survey	Ag Supdt Rs Survey	16	1st September/71
Captain Thompson Astt Supdt Rs Survey Cumbum	Dy. Supdt No. 4 Rs Survey	1947 / 113	2nd Do
Ag. Supdt of Rs Survey	Captain Thompson Astt Supdt Rs Survey Cumbum	1996 / 387	9th Do
Do Do			24th November/70
Major Nefsey Deputy Supdt Rs Survey on copy of Statute By Supdt No. 4 Rs Survey	Supdt Rev: Survey Supdt Rs Survey	4 Diaries	

Revenue Survey Office
Chepauk
15th November 1871

J. Priestley Colonel
Superintendt Revenue Survey

DPH

No. 23 of 1871

Enclosure in letter
No. 2556 of 15 Dec 71
Rec'd 1/1/71

No. 21.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th January 1871.

Read the following letter from the Honourable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th December 1870, No. 356:—

I HAVE the honour to call the particular attention of the Board to the following facts.

2. At the time of Fysul the lands appertaining to the villages of Cumbum and Goodalore, of the Periakolam Talook, were covered with large tracts of jungle. The beriz of Cumbum was then Rupees 8,590, it is now* Rupees 28,200; that of Goodalore was Rupees 534, and is now* Rupees 15,000.

* Fusly 1279.

3. There has never been any accurate survey made of these villages, probably from the extremely wild condition of the country at the time of survey, and also subsequently in 1826 when the number Olugoo was made for the rest of the district these two villages were omitted.

4. The numbers or stuls in these villages are in most cases several hundred acres† in area, and as portions only of these huge "stuls" are brought into cultivation year after year we have really no reliable account of the area under cultivation.

† In Goodalore the largest stul measures 1,676 Acres, and in Cumbum 1,309 Acres.

5. The Nattamgars and Curnums can scarcely be held responsible for this state of things, for the total area of these villages is about 160 square miles exclusive of hills, and yet Cumbum contains only 35 and Goodalore 39 "stuls."

6. I would, therefore, recommend that these two villages should be demarcated and surveyed at once by a small party of Government Survey officials, or if this is inconvenient or objectionable I will undertake the demarcation and survey at a cost of about Rupees 250 a month. If the Board concur with me I will at once forward an estimate of the expense. I feel perfectly assured from inquiries made on the spot that the expense will be far more than covered in the first year by the increased revenue.

THE Board concur with the Collector as to the advisability of an immediate survey in the case of the villages referred to by him.

2. Colonel Priestley will be requested to inform the Board if he can undertake the duty.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Madura.
,, the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.
Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

1871.

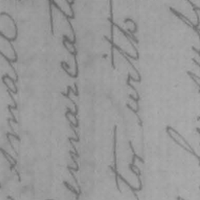
Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 5TH JANUARY 1871, No 21.

Encl.

Received



JANUARY.

No. 21.

Survey—of Cumbum and Goodalore villages in Periakolum Talook, Madura District.—Concurrence with Collector as to advisability of immediately carrying out,—Superintendent of Revenue Survey, requested to state if he can undertake this duty.

as would serve to guide me as to the strength of the detachment to be sent.

2 I should have preferred visiting the place myself, but I, unfortunately cannot, at present, spare time. As I apprehend that the work is to be undertaken without loss of time, I have proposed sending Captain Thompson for the purpose of making enquiries. At present, I am quite in the dark as to the nature of the country to be operated on.

3 I might be able to see the party started at work myself.

4 There will be no great difficulty in sending a detachment from A.^o 1. Party for the work.

I have &c

(Signed) W. H. Hessey. Major
Deputy Supto No 1 Rev Survey.

A.^o 138/19 Reference. Your letter of the 16.^th January 1871, proposing to send Captain Thompson to Cumbum and Goodalore, Periakolam talook. No 55/15.

Your proposal to send Captain Thompson to make enquiries on the spot previous

previous to detaching Surveyors is approved.

2 He should not only report on the nature of the Country but also on the facilities for obtaining Demarcation Stones in the neighbourhood, the amount of Village Labour, the existence of Boundary disputes &c &c.

Rev Survey Office
Egmore
20.^th January 1871

(Signed) J. Priestley. Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey
The Deputy Supto No 1 Rev Survey.

A.^o 188/77

Rev Survey Office
Egmore
23.^d February 1871

From

Major W. H. Hessey.
Deputy Supto No 1 Rev Survey.

To Colonel J. J. B. Priestley.
Superintendent Rev Survey.

Sir

In my letter A.^o 87/35 of the 27.^th January 1871, I informed you that I had directed my Assistant Captain Thompson to proceed to Periakolam Taluq, Madura District, for the purpose of making certain enquiries regarding two Villages, which the Collector of Madura desired should be surveyed, and enclosed a Copy of instructions I had given to Captain Thompson.

Captain

2 Captain Thompson has, this day, returned, and has handed to me the enclosed report.

3 You will observe that fever is the Chief obstacle, but that, from June to October, the place is tolerably healthy. I am informed that, just at present, fever is very prevalent.

4 There will be no difficulty in procuring stones or labour.

5 The probable area to be demarcated as fields is 47928 acres, or 74·89 Square miles, whilst the actual cultivation is estimated to be about 30939 acres, or 48·34 Square miles.

6 Captain Thompson advises that a rather strong party should be sent there so as to ensure the work being finished during the healthy months. I perfectly agree with him, and also beg to recommend that a trial should be made of the system of simultaneous demarcation and survey in that locality under the guidance of Captain Thompson. If the work succeeds there, it will succeed in more civilised places.

7 I respectfully request that I may be favored with early instructions in order that I may make the necessary arrangements for the supply of stones.

8 Stones should be got ready before hand, or there will be no possibility of finishing the work in one season.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. H. C. Hessey. Major
Deputy Supto Do / Rev Survey.

Report on the villages of Cumbum and Goodalore, Periakolam Taluk, Madura District.

Questions of Deputy Superintendent	Reply.
I Situation of the Villages	The villages of Cumbum and Goodalore are about 81 Miles S.W. of Dindigal; in what is called the Cumbum valley. Road from Dindigal good as far as Periakolam (47 Miles) remainder very bad.
II Time of year most favourable for Field work both with regard to absence of rain and absence of fever?	The most favourable time is from about the 15th of June to the end of October. The Country is then healthy, except just at the foot of the Hills South of

III Nature of Boundaries whether partly on the Hills and partly in the plains or entirely in cleared and open country?

of Goodalore; and there is very little rain.

The actual boundaries of both villages are partly on the Hills through very thick & difficult jungle, & partly on the plains.

The Collector of Madura does not want these boundaries demarcated and surveyed at present; all that he requires is the area of cultivated and culturable land in both villages.

There will be no difficulty about this. There will be a little jungle to be cut &. of Goodalore, but nothing particular.

IV Land to be demarcated whether in detached pieces or in one or more large blocks?

The land to be demarcated in Cumbum is in one block. In Goodalore, there are some detached bits of cultivation surrounded by jungle, through which lines will probably have to be cut.

V Village labour whether procurable or not?

Village labour procurable to any extent in Cumbum, and can be supplied from thence to Goodalore where there is not much available

VI Boundary whether undoubted or in dispute?

There is a dispute between the villages of Cumbum and a neighbouring zemindar

VII Stones for demarcation materials abundant or not?

zemindar, but this is in the jungle boundary and will not be brought forward till the zemindary has been surveyed. There are also one or two small patches of land in Cumbum apparently belonging to other villages. The Collector of Madura, however, informs me that there is no difficulty in the case. He will be in the vicinity about the end of June, and, should I be permitted by you to go at that time, I think that the work required would be quickly done.

There is plenty of stone available in Goodalore, and the road from thence to Cumbum is good.

VIII Stone Cutters for preparing demarcation stones available or not?

There are no stone cutters in Cumbum or Goodalore. The Collector informs me that a sufficient number can be procured from Periakolam.

IX Probable total area of each village?

Cumbum 19,886 acres
Goodalore 36,000 acres.

X Probable area to be demarcated as fields?

Cumbum 19,641 acres.
Goodalore 28,287 acres.

XI Probable area in actual cultivation?

Cumbum 15,981 acres
Goodalore 14,950 acres.

XII Any particular circumstances likely to

The Survey, as at present required by the Collector of Madura,

present

to impede or assist the Survey?

present no great difficulty. The Country of Goodaloor is very wild, and, I think, that the presence of an English Officer would encourage and greatly assist the native subordinates.

A rather strong party will be required, because, if the work is not finished before the end of October, it will have to be postponed till next year.

I am assured by the Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Madura, that every assistance will be given in every way by the Taloor Officials.

(Signed) F. H. Thompson Captain
A. D. C. to Dr. Rev. Survey.

True Copy
(Signed) W. H. C. Hessey. Major
Deputy Superintendent
Dr. Rev. Survey.

No. 1,023.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th March 1871.

Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 1st March 1871, No. 544-19:—

ON the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board, dated 5th January last, (received on 12th idem,) I communicated with Major Hessey and instructed him to obtain the information necessary for me to reply to the Board. Captain Thompson, Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey, was at once despatched to the locality, and, in his report, states that from June to the end of October is the most favourable season for work, during the rest of the year the valley being extremely feverish.

2. I have the honour to report that I am prepared to undertake the survey of the Cumbum and Goodaloor villages in Periakolum Talook, Madura District, and beg that early orders on the subject may be given me in order to have demarcation stones prepared by June next, the month in which field work should be commenced.

THE Superintendent of Revenue Survey is accordingly requested to proceed with the survey of Cumbum and Goodaloor.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Secretary.

To the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

Copy to the Collector of Madura.

" to the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

Pro

Bd. Board. Revenue, date 8th March 1871, Bo/1023.

A. 708/874

From
The Deputy Superintendent S.V.
Karty, who is requested to take the steps
necessary to secure a supply of stones for
quarrying the Cumbum and Goodaloor
villages. He will make arrangements
to admit of work being commenced in June
next, and report to the above points when
his plans are matured.

Observatory Office
Cant. Saidapet
18th March 1871.

Major
Superintendent S.V.

A. 406/224

Revenue Survey Office
Cant. St. Thos
12th June 1871.

From
Major W. H. Cavey.
Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey.
To Colonel J. G. Pringle.
Superintendent Revenue Survey.

Sir,

References. Your Memo of the 8th Instant forwarding for my remarks & Copy of a letter to the address of the Deputy Superintendent No. 708 Revenue dated 18th Instant, giving directions for the demarcation of the Cumbum & Goodaloor villages of Cumbum Taluk, in the Periakolum Division, Madura District.

I have the honor to report that, in the absence of Major Pringle, on Leave, I attended to the above directions on Saturday last, the 11th Instant.

I found the orders contained in the Memorandum in the Margin, which I shall be attended to.

I think it my duty to bring to your notice the fact, that in the opinion of Captain Thompson who had visited the locality and of the Sahibilan

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1871.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 8TH MARCH 1871, No. 1,023.

Received

SUPERINTENDENT REVENUE SURVEY 1871 14 MAR 3

Encl.

MARCH.
No. 1,023.

Survey of Cumbum and Goodaloor villages—in Periakolum Talook, Madura District.—Superintendent of Revenue Survey, requested to proceed with,

Tahsildar of the Talook, the presence of an European Officer will be absolutely necessary.

3 The Country to the South of the Valley is wild in the extreme.

There is no doubt whatever that it swarms with Tigers and elephants.

4 Natives from a distant Country will require to be encouraged by the presence of a European.

I have &c.

Signed W. H. C. Hessey. Major
Deputy Supt to No 1 Rev Survey.

Copy of a letter from the Deputy Superintendent A No 4 Revenue Survey to the Superintendent, dated 26th June 1871, No 253/123 representing that it appears very inadvisable to proceed with the demarcation and Survey of the villages of Cumbum and Goodalore, in the Periakolam Talook, of the Madura District, in the manner now proposed, with an extract from the administration Report on the operations of No 4 party Para 28.

A No 1434/180 To The Officer in charge of No 1 Rev Survey for information.

Signed F. Priestley. Col
Supt to Rev Survey

Rev Survey Office
Camp Coimbatore
4th July 1871.

No

A No 561/263

Rev Survey Office
Coimbatore
8th July 1871

From

Major W. H. C. Hessey.
Deputy Supt to No 1 Rev Survey.

To

Colonel F. J. B. Priestley.
Superintendent Rev Survey.

Sir

Reference your memo of 4th July 1871 communicating copy of a letter to the Deputy Supt No 4 Rev Survey and desiring to make necessary arrangements for commencing work of Cumbum and Goodalore Villages, in Periakolam Talook, Madura District.

I have the honor to report that I have made the following arrangements for work in Cumbum & Goodalore under Captain Thompson's orders.

I have handed over to him copies of the whole of the correspondence up to date.

I have supplied him with stationery for 4 months for himself, 1 writer, 2 Surveyors and 10 ameens.

I have given him a transit Theodolite and Chains from my stores.

I have selected three Head Gumastas one Gumastah who understand Ameen's work, 1 Duffadar & 3 Peons to accompany him so that he may be able to commence work at once. I have sent instructions to the Deputy Inspector now in Periakolam Talook to select and train some few men

* Besides a Deputy Inspector already sent.

natives of the Country. I have asked the Tahsildar of Periakolum to assist the Deputy Inspector in selecting the men.

I have informed the Collector of Madura that the charge of the work has been given to Captain Thompson. I have informed Captain Thompson that, should he fail to receive a satisfactory draft of men from Timevelly, I shall be able to assist him from this Party.

I have now the honor to request that you will have the goodness to send me a supply of Stationery to replace the quantity supplied for the use of No 4 Party as per list enclosed.

I have also to request that you will direct the instruments &c. which Captain Thompson takes away with him to be transferred to the books of No 4 Party, and that you will grant a fresh supply from your Office in lieu of them.

The necessary indents are enclosed.

I have further to request that the individuals mentioned in the enclosed list may be transferred either temporarily or permanently to No 4 Survey Party.

A sum of Rupees 500, from the permanent advance fund, has been lodged with the Tahsildar.

I have given the Tahsildar notice that the sum is to be at the disposal of Captain Thompson.

By the last report received from the Deputy Inspector, 3200 stones were actually ready, and 24 stone cutters were at work preparing more.

I see no likelihood of any thing but an unusually sickly season delaying the work.

The fields or "stubs" in parts of the two villages are unusually large. It will be necessary somewhat to modify the rules perhaps as far as limit of size of fields is concerned.

Orders can be given on this point after Captain Thompson has seen the Tahsildar and the Collector, and has made himself fully acquainted with the circumstances of the country.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. H. Hessey. Major
Deputy Supte No 1 Rd Survey

Reference

No 1488/190

Reference Your docket No 552/259 of the 7th Instant, requesting that two 5 inch Theodolites may be sent direct to Carroor care of Inspector C. Streenevasa Pillay for the use of the detachment of the 4 Party to be employed in Periakolam.

I have forwarded to Carroor as requested two 5 inch Theodolites and one Barker's Circumferentor as per enclosed list.

2 If any other Instruments or Chains are required, I request you will submit an indent including in it the Instruments that have just been despatched.

3 The Deputy Superintendent No 4 Revenue Survey will be requested to bring the Instruments onto the Register of his party.

Revenue Survey Office / Signed / F. Priestley. Colonel
Despatch /
11th July 1871. / Superintendent Rev Survey.

No 1535/199 Reference. Your letter No 561/263 of the 8th Instant, detailing the arrangements made for conduct of work in Periakolam Taluq, Madura District, under the orders of Captain F. H. Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Rev Survey.

I have to thank you for the arrangements you have made for commencing work in the Cumbum Valley, Periakolam Taluq, Madura District, under the orders of Captain Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Rev Survey.

2 I will request the Deputy Superintendent No 4 Revenue Survey, to bring on the books of his party, the Stationary and Instruments handed over to Captain Thompson, and will forward to you the articles indented for to replace those supplied, with the exception of the articles

4- Test rods wooden 6 feet
12- Amins' flat rulers wooden 6 inches.
1- Wooden record box with Padlock.

named in the margin, which can be made up in Coimbatore.

3 I will also request the Officer in charge No 4 Revenue Survey to bring on the strength of his party temporarily the subordinates detached under Captain Thompson's orders, and inform him that the sum of 500 Rupees, advanced for demarcation purposes, should be adjusted hereafter.

4 Be so good as to instruct Captain Thompson to make a monthly return of stationery expended to the Deputy Superintendent No 4.

/ Signed /

Rev Survey Office
Bangalore
14th July 1871

Signed F. Priestley. Col
Superintendent Rev Survey

To the Deputy Supt No 1 Rev Survey

No 1600
99 The Superintendent has made the following transfers.

I Mr F. J. Bagshawe, Probationary Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey Cuddapah, to join No 5 Party Chingleput temporarily.

II Mr E. M. Baker, Acting 2d Asst Superintendent Revenue Survey Trinnelly, to join No 1 Party Coimbatore temporarily.

III Mr T. A. Tomlinson, Ag 1st Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey Chingleput to join No 3 Party Cuddapah.

Rev Survey Office
Chingleput
22d July 1871.

Signed F. Priestley. Col
Supt Rev Survey

I. II & III to No 1 Party.
I & III to Nos 3 & 5 Parties.
II to No 4 Party.

No 629/301 Reference. Para 3 of your docket No 1535/199 of the 14th Instant stating that the Officer in charge of No 4 Party would be requested to bring on the strength of his party, the subordinates attached under Captain Thompson's orders.

Requests to be informed, as early as possible, up to what date the pay of Captain Thompson and his detachment should be drawn in this Party, and to what date the expenditure should be debited to this Party.

2 Requests also that a copy of reply to this communication may be sent to the Deputy Superintendent of No 4 Party.

3 Captain Thompson left this District on the 13th Instant.

Rev Survey Office
Coimbatore
26th July 1871.

Signed W. H. C. Hessey. Major
Deputy Supt No 1 Rev Survey

No 1889/353 Reference your letter of the 18th August 1871 No 699/340 requesting permission to charge the pay of the detachment in No 1 Party expenditure up to the date of Captain Thompson's departure.

The pay of Captain Thompson and of the men transferred should be debited to Cumbum Valley Survey from the date of Captain Thompson's departure.

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2 The amount to be debited should be communicated to the Officer in charge of the detachment.

Rev Survey Office
Camp Coimbatore
28th August 1871

I have &c
Signed W. H. C. Hessey. Major
Ag Supt to Rev. Survey.

To
The Ag Deputy Supt to No 1 Rev Survey.

No 16

Camp Cumbum
1st September 1871.

From
Captain J. H. C. Thompson
Apld Superintendent Rev Survey.

To
The Superintendent Rev Survey.

Sir

I have the honor to request that the combined detachment under my orders, may be disconnected with No 4 Party, and that I may be permitted to send my own monthly return of work to the Central Office, instead of sending my weekly reports to Palamcottah as at present.

When the time comes for setting up and plotting traverses, I hope there will be no objection to the work being done at Coimbatore.

I am sure that the arrangements I propose will expedite the work, which is now going on in a satisfactory manner.

I have heard nothing of the Pay list for the men of the No 4 Party for July. It was sent to Palamcottah by order of the Superintendent. The list for the men of No 1 party for July, sent to Coimbatore by the same order, was passed at once, and the amount sent to me.

I have &c
Signed J. H. C. Thompson. Captain
Apld Supts Rev Survey

No 1947
113

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
2d September 1871

From
The Ag Superintendent Rev Survey
To
The Deputy Superintendent
No 4 Rev Survey

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your diary for the month of July dated 22d August 1871, and to draw your attention to the printed note at the foot of it "To be submitted on the 5th of every month."

I have &c
Signed W. H. C. Hessey. Lieut & Col.
Ag Superintendent Railway.

No 1996
387

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
9th September 1871

From

From

The Asst Superintendent Rev Survey

To The Asst Superintendent Rev Survey

Cumbrum

Sir

Reference Your Letter A.16 of the 4th September 1871 regarding monthly work

I have the honor to state that, in the temporary absence of the Superintendent, I do not think myself authorized to cancel his order attaching you and your detachment to No 4 Rev Survey.

2 I have no objection to your making up your monthly return of work yourself. you can send it direct despatching a Copy to No 4 party.

3 It was, in consequence of your having a very small office, that the Superintendent wished you to be excused the task of preparing the Returns.

4 If you have no computer competent to set up and compute traverses, your Boundary Field books can, until further orders, be sent direct to Central Office.

5 The Deputy Superintendent of No 4 Party has been requested to draw pay for the men who originally belonged to his party for the month of July 1871.

I have &c

Signed

Signed W. H. Heaney Lieut Col
Acting Superintendent
Rev Survey.

(True Copies)

J. Priestley Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
15th November 1871.

Compared by W.

No. 2311

Rec'd 3 Oct 1871

No. 397/1

Revenue Survey Office
Palamcottah
1st November 1871

From

Colonel W. Greene
Deputy Supt. No. 4 Survey Party

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, from Lieutt Colonel Wesley, Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, of Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 4th September 1871, with G. O. No. 1518, directing me to give full effect to the instructions issued to me by Colonel Priestley, and to report that I have done so, or that my services will be replaced at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

2. I also beg to acknowledge the receipt, from the same Officer, of a copy of the Proceedings of Government dated 20th October 1871 with G. O. No. 1829, in which I am directed to report, within a week from receipt by me

of

of the order, whether I have given full effect to the orders of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey and to explain the delay in the instances quoted by the Acting Superintendent in his letter to the Secretary to Government dated 14th October No. 2373/82

Supt's Remarks

3. With reference to the former Proceedings, I beg to state that judging from the letters specified in the margin and referred to in the 17th August 1871 No. 1847/74 | Acting Superintendents letter thereon recorded, it appears that several letters and documents which are essential to a proper comprehension of the case, have not been submitted to Government

I do not know what papers have been omitted

4. In order to lay the case fully and fairly before His Excellency the Governor in Council and to reply to the serious charges made against me in the letter from the Acting Superintendent above referred to, it would be necessary to furnish the documents that appear to be deficient and at the same time to submit a brief account of the various proceedings connected with the party employed

It is not apparent how this narrative can affect the question of Col. Crewe's refusal to obey orders It is however for Government to decide.

Supt's Remarks

employed in the Cumbum Valley and to refer to other orders that have been issued and to circumstances that have occurred since my return to duty and assuming charge of this party in March last from sick leave on the Hills.

Mr. Tomlinson joined Col. Crewe in the forenoon of the 2nd Col. Crewe had been informed of his having been ordered to join immediately in Memo dated 16th October & despatched 17th October. Mr. Tomlinson actually joined the morning after the date of Col. Crewes letter, which was, it appears, by the post mark on the envelope, posted the day after Mr. Tomlinson actually arrived. Had Col. Crewe carried out the Supts orders, he would have been absent from Head Quarters, at a time when there was an Assistant to take his place.

5. At present there is no assistant with this party, my Sub Assistant Mr. Patton is sick; and I have been absent for a fortnight on my visit of inspection of the Cumbum Valley party in the Madura District Owing to these & other circumstances, the work on my hands is unusually heavy, and renders it impracticable for me to prepare at once the above mentioned account and explanation.

6. In this letter therefore, I will confine myself as much as possible to the report I am directed to submit which will show the extent to which I have been able to carry out the orders of the Superintendent that are specified in Lieut Col Wilcox's letter

Letter to me of the 9th September 1871 No. 1993/117 and to my explanation of the instances of delay attributed to me in his letter recorded in the 14th October 1871 No. 2273/82. | Proceedings of Government dated 20th October 1871 No. 221.

7. Para 3 of the Acting Supts letter No. 1993/117 is as follows.

"The orders (Col. Priestleys) 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 months "of July."

8. When these orders were communicated to me, there was no Asstant with this party and in Para 5 of the same letter Lieutt Col. Bersey states that "in order to "enable you to be absent from "your Head quarters Captain "Smith will be directed to join from Privilege

Suppl Remarks

It would be almost imagined that this was the date of Col Crewe's receiving the original order instead of being two months later. When the first order was sent, there were 2 Asstants with the party.

Suppl Remarks

Because Col Crewe objected to every arrangement suggested by the Superintendent.

Because Col Crewe wished that 12. In accordance with instructions the issued

"Rivilege leave"

9. I will now report on these orders seriatim.

10 As regards the first order an Officer and men transferred from one to another party are practicably brought on the strength and books of the party to which they are transferred by the adoption of the three following measures in the latter party.

I The entry of their names on the Roster or lists for duty.

II Drawing and issuing their pay

III The entry in the service Register of their names with extracts from the Registers of their former parties showing their services &c.

11 The charge of the Cumbum Valley party has been made an independent charge. Captain Thompson acting 2nd Asstant has been given the same authority over his men as if he were the Deputy Superintendent in charge of a full survey & demarcation party, & he makes his reports to and receives his orders direct from the Central Office.

issued by the Acting Superintendent, the party is designated as

"No 4 Revenue Survey Party"
"Additional Establishment"

The salary bills, bearing this heading are drawn and cashed by Captain Thompson in the local treasury of the Madura District, without any reference to this office. As Captain Thompson and his party are in every respect free from the control of this Office, I am unable to adopt measures Nos I & II

13. Finding that the Registers of the service of No 1 Survey and No 3 Demarcation parties for 1871 No 364/178 were not furnished me, I requested the Acting Superintendent in my letter of 30th September to direct the Deputy Superintendent of No 1 Party to furnish me with them, to admit of the men's names being entered in my Register. To this request I have not received any reply and the extracts have not been furnished me. I consequently have been and am still unable to enter the names of the Bills should be cashed.

It is quite immaterial whether or not Col Crewe enters the names of the men on any particular list but he received distinct orders to draw their pay and nothing that he urges appears to warrant his refusal to do so.

Only a certain number of survey parties is sanctioned, & all men in the Department must be borne on the strength of some one of these parties.

There was no immediate necessity for sending the Register as the men were only temporarily detached.

Suppl Remarks

Col. Crewe applied for the extracts of the Registers in the month of October.

Col. Crewe was ordered to transfer the men; he objected to do so, and only complied with the order after the Government had interfered.

of these men with their services in my Register. I have only been able to file the list of their names with my records.

The report that I am able to make regarding this order is that I have filed this list and that for the reasons above explained this is all I have been able to do.

14 Col. Wesley when reporting to Government that he had not as yet received any report of my having carried out the (three) orders given me, omits to mention that I had applied to him for the extracts from Registers and that no notice had been taken of my application.

15 I beg here to explain that no inconvenience has been or is being caused in consequence of these men not being on the Register of No 4 party: and I cannot perceive that any benefit would accrue from their being placed there.

16. The second order is to visit the Cumbum Valley, for the purpose of

examining

examining the work whilst in progress.

17 With reference to this, the Acting Superintendent in his Report to Government observes that Col Priestley's order was that I should visit that locality before the end of August and that in my last communication dated 30th September 1871 I had merely stated that I intended proceeding there very shortly.

18 The circumstances connected with this order are as follows:- In Para 10 of his letter of 4th July 1871 No. 1433/86 the Superintendent, after directing me to visit the locality and examine the work says:- "I shall be glad to have "a report 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."- This can hardly be considered as a positive order to go during the months of August. Moreover the Supte

Supte Remarks

Col. Browne was actually ordered to start the work. He objected to doing so. The Superintendent then ordered him to take an early opportunity of visiting the party not later than the end of August, he did not visit it till October. The working season closes early in November. Col. Browne states that the Superintendent could not have anticipated that the work would have been delayed by want of stones which Col. Rejsey had undertaken some months before to get ready. Colonel Rejsey had, at the desire of

of the Superintendent, sent a man to endeavour to make arrangements for the supply of stones, and would have visited the Valley at the end of July, had not circumstances required that Col. Browne should take his place.

It can hardly be contended that events which occurred afterwards warranted Col. Browne in refusing to obey the Supte's orders when he received them.

It might be expected that Col. Browne's presence would aid Captain Thompson in procuring Demarcation stones. The actual modus operandi is precisely the same whether stones or pegs be put down.

Col. Browne apparently forgets that he declined to obey the Supte's order

Superintendent, when writing this letter could not have anticipated that the commencement of the work (demarcation) would be so much delayed as it was for the want of stones, which the Deputy Superintendent of No. 1 (Major Rejsey) had undertaken some months before to get ready.

19 When Captain Thompson arrived at Coimbum on the 22nd July, he found only a few hundred stones ready instead of several thousands and there were only 8 stone cutters at work. In a letter to the Superintendent dated 5th August 1871, he says "Owing "to a sufficient quantity of stones not "being ready, all "of the field Surveyors "(1) are pegging out (2) "fields and writing "the Land Register."

(1) a new term used in this party for the amens.
(2) The pegs were subsequently to be replaced by stones when available.

It would therefore have been of little or no use for me to have gone there in August; moreover my presence was very much wanted here during that month.

20 The first half of October seemed to be in every respect the most suitable time

time for the inspection. The progress that would then be made would enable me to judge of the working of the combined system of demarcation and survey of which this is a trial, & as the leave of my Assistant Captain Smeeth expired on the 30th September, I could leave the party in his charge during my absence.

21 A representation on the subject to the Superintendent was rendered necessary by the contents of a letter received from him dated 26th July 1871 No. 1640. In this letter, I was directed personally to visit the different localities in which the various processes of Survey are in progress in the (Innerelly) District one after the other, at as early a date as possible. I was instructed that a mere passing visit would not be sufficient but that a searching inspection of each was to be made, and from time to time a report by taloobs of the result of my inspection was to be submitted by me. This order superseded and consequently appeared to me to cancel the order to

order altogether & only visited the Valley after the Government had been appealed to.

The order to visit Coombum specified a particular time, that order of course took precedence of an order in which no particular date was specified. Vide extract from Memo of Instructions for Col. Nepean's guidance marked

Supt's Remarks

Col. Crewe had in four months been absent from office only 3 days which he spent at Tuticorin. See Diaries. B to E

If it had been intended to supersede or correct a former order, it would have been so stated. The inspection ordered by the Supt would, to be performed properly, have extended over several months. Col. Crewe in a demi-official letter marked F dated the 22nd had reported that he considered the party in an unsatisfactory state. Col. Priestley in a letter dated 3rd August marked G directed him to send him immediately a full statement of the points he had to complain of in the work of the party. He also directed him not to delay the submission of the report till the completion of the inspection before ordered. No report of the kind has yet been received. On a reminder being sent to Col. Crewe on the 21st October, he applied for a copy of his demi-Official (2½ months after the date of the 1st letter) other Deputy Supts have not found it impossible to be absent from office without work coming to a stand still & with the comparatively

to inspect the Coombum Valley party in the ensuing month. 45

22 With reference to this order to proceed on the tour of inspection I beg respectfully to observe that no reason was mentioned for its being given that the issue of such an order is, I believe, unprecedented in the Department, and that it would be impossible for me to carry it out & at the same time perform the duties of Deputy Superintendent of the party. Action on this order was suspended by the instructions contained in another letter dated 3rd August No. 1703 103

X Nothing in this letter warrants this construction C.P.

comparatively trifling work of superintendence in Innerelly the Deputy Supts would be more profitably employed in inspection than in Office for a considerable portion of the year.

23 The order to visit the Cumbum Valley party was re-issued in the Acting Supts' letter of 9th September 1871 No. 1992/177 as shewn in Para 7 of this letter. The only time indicated therein is "whilst the work is in progress"

24 As explained in Para 20 of this letter, the first half of October was the most suitable time for the inspection accordingly on the 28th September, I sent on my tents, pony and camp equipage to Cumbum intending to follow in 5 or 6 days and in my letter of 30th September No. 364/174 to the Acting Superintendent containing my report of the extent to which I had complied with the three orders specified by him. I stated that I purposed proceeding very shortly to the Cumbum Valley.

25 On the night of the 1st of October Captain Freeth, my only Assistant, was taken ill. On the forenoon of the 5th he sent in a medical certificate recommending that preparatory leave to Madras should be granted him. He also formally reported sick and ceased to do duty from that

Col Crewe was referred to the Supts former order, the whole of the order was not recapitulated. As stated before, the working season was only 4 months in duration.

Col Crewe had not even complied with the whole of the orders, & therefore, the Ag. Supt, after waiting in vain for a further report till the 14th October, again addressed Government.

Captain Freeth having reported sick on the 1st of October most unexpectedly could not have prevented Col Crewe from obeying orders in the two previous months.

Supts Remarks

Col Crewe did not inform Col Nepean of his departure from Palamcottah. Had he done so, the 2nd letter to Government would not have been written, the case would have been permitted to lie over till the return of the Supt to from leave.

that date. This obliged me to defer my departure for a few days.

26 After making all necessary arrangements here I gave over charge of the office and party to my Sub Assistant Mr. Patton and left for Cumbum which is 158 miles from this. I reached the Valley during the night of the 13th and on the 14th when I sent Col Nepean made his second report to Govt. I was at Cumbum Immediately on my return here on the 25th I at once wrote to the Acting Supt to report that I had inspected Captain Thompson's party.

Col Crewe again seems to forget that, in the first instance, he declined to obey the order altogether, and that, even after the receipt of the Government proceedings, he delayed acting on the orders for some weeks.

27 I therefore respectfully submit that I have fully carried out the second order given me.

28 The third order was to draw the pay for the month of July for the men sent from Asst party to Cumbum.

Col Crewe received a distinct order to draw pay for certain men for July. He declined to do so. No amount

29 In the Supts' docket dated 27th July 1871 No. 1672/313 addressed to Captain Thompson a copy of which was sent to

to this office, it was directed that in order "to avoid drawing pay for broken periods" the pay of the men transferred from Inniswelly should be drawn in Ac. 4 party to the end of July.

30 The detachment sent from this was detached on the 10th July and reached Cumbum on the 20th July Idem, and as on the 1st August, the men were under Captain Thompson's orders. it was his duty to draw pay for them for July. On a former similar occasion, a ruling to this effect had been obtained from the Accountant Generals office and communicated to this office for guidance accordingly in a letter dated 2nd August 1871 Ac. 297/147 I pointed out that this was the case; and as no further communication was made to me on the subject, I concluded that my representation was accepted.

31 Captain Thompson I may add was subsequently instructed in a letter addressed to him by Supt Col. Nefsey, to draw the pay of these men for July.

amount of writing can alter this fact. A copy of the order to Captain Thompson was communicated to Major Nefsey & Col Crewe with a view to their carrying out these instructions. They were obeyed by Major Nefsey.

Col. Crewe was not to sit in judgement on the Supts orders. They were precise, that the pay of the men sent from Col. Crewe's party should be drawn up to the 31st of July by Col Crewe.

Col. Crewe is in error. Col Nefsey sent no order of the kind. He anticipated delay in the receipt of the regular pay, and, therefore, with the permission of the Supt, sent a sum of money from the permanent advance fund to draw on; had he not done this, some of the men

men would have been without part of July's pay for three months.

Col. Nefsey never gave orders to Captain Thompson to draw pay for July.

As Col. Crewe considers the production of docket Ac. 1672/313 of 27th July to the address of Captain Thompson important, an authenticated copy is sent marked H It will be seen that the instruction regarding pay cannot admit of a doubt. appended marked

32. On the receipt of the Proceedings of Government of 4th September/71 with G. O. 1018 the Ag. Supt superseded in Letter Ac. 1992/117 dated 9th September 1871. | the above mentioned instructions to Captain Thompson by directing me to draw the pay of these men for July, and by informing Captain Thompson that he had done so.

33. I would here observe that the Supts docket to Captain Thompson Ac. 1672/313 referred to in Para 28 of this letter does not appear to be amongst the documents that were submitted to Government with the Ag. Supts first report dated 17th August 1871 Ac. 1847/74 it therefore appears to me doubtful whether under the circumstances above Vide Paras 30 & 31. | related Col. Nefsey was fully justified in naming this as one of Col. Priestleys orders that were to be carried out especially as the order required the usual custom & the ruling referred to in Para 29 of this letter, to be disregarded.

34 On the receipt of the Acting Supts letter Ac. 1992/117 I directed the pay

for July for these men to be drawn in a supplementary abstract.

35 By the following days post, I received another letter from the Ag. Supt^t No. 2000/118 also of the 9th September in the 1st Para of which I was desired to draw pay from the 1st to 21st July 1871 for the men "who originally belonged to No. 4 "party & who were ordered to do "duty at Cumbum" as this letter was both written & received by me subsequently to letter No. 1992/117 I concluded the order so clearly given in the 1st para there of was intended to supersede the instructions given regarding pay in letter No. 1992/117 Para 3 Clause III & I consequently acted on the more recent & last received order & remitted the amount of pay for the 21 days to Cumbum.

Supt^t Remarks

36 On becoming aware that I had drawn the pay to the 21st July only, the Ag. Supt^t called on me for an explanation in a letter dated 26th September No. 2141/127 which was furnished in my letter of the 30th Idem No. 364/178

Surely the following cannot be mistaken. "The pay for the subsequent month will be drawn by Captain Thompson". If the letter has been read by the light of the former letters received, it would have been apparent that the substitution of 21st for 31st was a mere clerical error

Supt^t Remarks

37. Lieut. Nepsey now takes exception to my having acted in accordance with the instructions contained in his letter No. 2000/118 and he observes that a clerical error in a particular letter is hardly a sufficient reason, as the date 21st is contradicted by the context and that in two other Supts docket dated 27th July 1871 No. 1672/313 letters, distinct orders had been given me to draw pay for the whole of the month of July. But he overlooks the contents of the two letters referred to in Paras 30 & 31 of this letter, by which the instructions in the Supts docket No. 1672/313 were virtually withdrawn & the order in Lieut^t Col. Nepsey's letter No. 1992/117 was I respectfully submit superseded by that contained in his letter No. 2000/118

38 And as regards the date, 21st it appears to me to be supported not contradicted, by the context, as also by the letter as a whole and for the following reasons.

The order given in the Ag. Supt^t's letter No. 1992/117 para 3 clause III was clear & sufficient in itself, consequently when I received by the following days

Letter No. 2000/118 is the one which contains the absurd clerical error. The second order was sent for fear there might be any mistake, it merely recapitulated what was contained in the docket to Captain Thompson, Copy of which had already been sent to Col. Crewe. The letter is given in extenso as Col Crewe considers it capable of two constructions

days post his letter No. 2000/118 directing me to draw their pay from 1st to 21st July, I concluded that a change of the former order was intended. If not the questions suggest themselves what was the object of this second order, & why were the figures 1st to 21st July used instead of the usual expression for the month of July

39 I of course observed that a discrepancy existed in letter No. 2000/118 & this appeared to be the omission of the words portion of the between the words "subsequent & month". With the insertion of these words, the whole letter is clear & consistent which is not the case if 21st be substituted for 21st. For how could a copy of the salary list of Captain Thompsons party for August bearing that officers signature be furnished to me from the Contract office, if the bill had not already been drawn. On the other hand the words "will be drawn by Captain Thompson" were perfectly applicable to the pay for the subsequent portion of the month ie. the last ten days of July. Again if the last sentence of the first para of this letter No. 2000/118 applies to the pay to be drawn after that for July, the proper expression would be for the subsequent months

constructions being put upon it. The Government will then be able to judge.

Vide enclosure marked I

If in order to render Col. Nepeans letter intelligible it was necessary to interpolate certain words Col. Crewe was clearly bound to refer to the Ag. Supt. for explanation, & not himself to interpolate words which would cause the re-iteration of the Supts former order in reality to contradict it

a copy of Captain Thompsons pay bill was sent to Col. Crewe for record. The bill however was not cashed the Deputy Collector refusing to do so.

Supts Remarks

Col. Crewe already stated that a copy of a salary bill had been sent in for August. If Captain Thompson had been intended to draw for the broken period in July, he would have been instructed to draw pay for that period before drawing pay for August. As mentioned above, Captain Thompson, in consequence of Col. Crewe not drawing pay as directed, was obliged to advance pay to the men.

Col. Crewe is mistaken. The original order was precise, & if it had been acted on at once, the clerical error could not have caused any ill consequences, in fact, the letter containing the clerical error could not have been written. The reason why Col. Nepean wrote this letter is given above. The Supt. does not consider it necessary to offer any remarks on Col. Crewes language. He is content to leave it, as Col. Crewe represents, for the consideration of Government.

& the words in a separate abstract would be superfluous.

40. There was another circumstance that indicated a probable reason for the change of order. It was that Captain Thompson had reported his arrival at Cumbum on the 2d inst. July and it occurred to me that it was intended that he should draw pay for the men for the period they had been under his orders.

41 Under the above circumstances, I respectfully submit that it does not appear to me that blame is attachable to me for having drawn pay for these men to the 21st July only. The original cause of the misunderstanding regarding this pay was the order to depart from the usual & proper course of drawing it. The last cause is the positive order contained in Lt. Col. Nepeans letter No. 2000/118 received by me.

42. The Ag. Supts remarks on this subject appears to imply that I acted in bad faith in this matter. I respectfully submit for the consideration

consideration of Govt. whether throughout the correspondence regarding the Umbeum Valley party, there is any thing to justify an implication of this description It appears to me to be rather for Col. Reffrey to explain why his letter No. 2002/118 of the 9th September was written.

43. I now beg to give the summary of my report regarding the three orders specified by the Ag. Supdt.

The first I have carried out as far as it at present practicable for me to do so.

The second I have fully carried out. The third I have carried out in accordance with the instructions given me by the Ag. Supdt of Rev Survey.

44. I have now to explain the delay reported in relieving Wm. E. M. Baker Asstt Supdt the circumstances connected with which are as follows.

45. Wm. Baker returned from three months Privilege leave on the 2nd July last. There were then 12 Theodolites in the stores. They were generally in a dirty state; some of them were covered

Supdt Remarks

The first order was carried out months after receipt of the order, & then, only after the Govt had intimated the consequences of refusal. The second only under similar circumstances The third is not yet fully carried out, inasmuch as no report of pay being drawn for the whole months of July has been received from Col. Crewe.

covered with verdegris & mould. All were unfit for use. More than one Surveyor in the field complained of his instrument; it was impossible to give him a better from the stores. It was therefore a matter of very great importance that these instruments should be cleaned & thoroughly examined, and that any of them that could be rendered fit for use here, should be put in working order. Immediately therefore on Wm. Baker's return from leave, gave him this duty to do under my general superintendence.

46. In a demi official note of the 10th July Col. Priestley informed me that the Director of Rev. Settt. had applied for the services of another assistant & he requested me to warn Wm. Baker that it was intended to transfer him to the Settlement Department.

Owing to my being in the District at the time, there was some delay in the note reaching me, on becoming aware that Wm. Baker's transfer to the Settlement Department was not in the Gazette of the 18th July. I sent a private telegram to Col. Priestley saying I could not spare Wm. Baker. I also wrote a Demi official note asking him to let Wm. Baker remain with the party

party, at least till my first Assistant Captain Smith should return from leave.

47. In reply to my telegram & note I received a telegram on the 25th saying that he could not let Wm. Baker remain here & that he must start at once. At this time all I had received was the note telling me to warn Wm. Baker.

Telegrams enclosed marked J

In reply to a second telegram I was told to carry out the original instructions without further reference as the original instructions were merely to warn Wm. Baker, I could only suppose that there was some misapprehension on the subject.

On the same date as the second telegram, it will be seen that the Memo of Wm. Baker's transfer was also received. Under these circumstances it is difficult to account for Col. Crewe's opposition unless he thought that both telegram & letter travelled at the same rate.

48 By the post of the 26th I received a Memo of transfer in which Wm. Baker was ordered "to join No. 1 Party Coomlebore temporarily" this did not indicate haste, as where this is required, the word immediately is used just at this time Wm. Baker had a sharp attack of fever which completely laid him up for nine days & left him very weak at

at the end of that period. It was inadvisable for him to start on his journey immediately. Moreover if he had done so, his work here would have been lost & the instruments would have been left in nearly the same unsatisfactory state. Under these circumstances, I requested him to go on with their examination by degrees whilst regaining strength. Meanwhile he sent off his luggage Camp equipage &c to Coomlebore. He might have been relieved a few days sooner but as it was a great convenience to him to remain here whilst his luggage was on the road and to receive his pay for August before leaving. I kept him on the strength of this party till the morning of the 1st of September, on the afternoon of which day he left by Transit for Trichinopoly.

49. In reporting the relief & departure of Wm. Baker on the 1st September, all this was explained & no exception was then taken to what I had done. A copy of my report is enclosed.

Col. Crewe was, as mentioned in letter to Secretary to Govt No. 2273 of 14th October 1871, ordered officially by letter, & by two official telegrams, to send off Wm. Baker at once; he did not allow him to move till the 1st of September, more than a month afterwards.

With

50. In further explanation I beg to state that I had no reason to suppose that Mr. Bakers services were urgently wanted elsewhere whilst the reasons for keeping him were very strong. In doing so I considered I was acting for the best interests of the public service and if I erred, I certainly did not do so intentionally & in such case can only express my regret.

51. Lieut. Bessey does not appear to consider the examination of the Theodolites to be of much importance. It is I beg to state a matter of very great importance & owing to want of attention to this point much erroneous work has been done in this party.

With regard to no exception being taken to what Lieut. Browne had done, the A. Supt probably thought it useless to comment on disobedience of orders issued by the Supt.

The words of the first Telegram are "your D. O. letter received, sorry I cannot let you keep Baker, he must start at once."

The second Telegram was "be so good as to carry out without further reference my original instructions for the transfer of Mr. Baker." The above orders appear tolerably explicit.

The Supt is fully alive to the importance of examining Theodolites, but does not consider that the examination of them by an Assistant, under the Superintendence of the Deputy Supt, a sufficient reason for disregarding a distinct order.

The Government will be the best judge as to whether the orders were conflicting or not; granted that letter No. 2000/118 in consequence of a clerical error was liable to misconstruction, yet that is no excuse for Lieut. Browne having originally refused to obey all orders whatever; for Lieut. Browne having delayed carrying out orders for transfer of Mr. Baker for more than a month, & for having up to this day, omitted to send in a report called for by Lieut. Priestley on the 3rd August last.

52. In conclusion I beg to apologize for the length of this letter, which under the circumstances I am unable to diminish. It will I trust be apparent, even from this incomplete explanation that numerous and conflicting orders have been to a very great extent the cause of much unfortunate misunderstanding and that as regards the circumstances explained in this letter, the serious charges made against me are not at all borne out by the actual facts.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servant
(Signed) W. Browne Lieut
Deputy Supt. N. Z. Survey
Party

J. Priestley Colonel
Superintendent Nav. Survey

Nav. Survey Office
Chepauk
15th November 1871

Encl. 1

Rev. 3658/71

Enclosure in letter
No. 3586 of 15th Nov 71

No. 1

A

Extract from Memo of instructions for the guidance of Col Wesley during the absence of the Superintendent on Privilege leave.

By the diaries received from the Deputy Superintendents of you will perceive that had performed any inspection worthy of the name have been consequently directed in letters dated 25th July to make a tour of inspection throughout the Districts under Survey. I attach much importance to the reports of these inspections more especially in Tinnevelly where Col. Crewe tells me D.O. that matters are not in a satisfactory state. This as I told him surprises me as both Captain Smith & Yourself led me to understand that work was progressing satisfactorily.

The inspection in Tinnevelly ought not to interfere with Col. Crewe's visit to the Cumbum Valley this latter is indispensably necessary for Col. Crewe to learn the combined system

(True Extract)

Rev. Survey Office
Chepauk
15th Nov. 1871

H. Priestley Col
Superintendent Rev. Survey

F

1 Palamcottah
22nd July 1871

D.O.

My dear Col. Priestley

Your Demi Official note telling me that Baker is to be made over to the Settlement Department, delivered to me on my return from Saloor took me very much by surprise. As his appointment is not in the Gazette of last Tuesday (the 18th) I have sent you a telegram to say that I cannot spare him. I addressed the telegram to the Supdt of Revenue Survey in case you should have given over charge to Major Wesley.

For the past 3 months, I have had practically no Assistant for the general work of this party which includes demarcation & Survey of Zemindaries. Baker has been on leave & Pretty has been employed the greater part of the time on the Bill Survey.

And now that Baker has returned, you purpose letting him go to a Settlement party which has already taken one of the Survey Assistants and which at present is better off than this party will be if Baker is withdrawn.

You say that I have Clerk for 3 months. Clerk tells me that at the latest he must leave this at the end of next month which will give him less than 2 months here. He has no tents or camp equipment of any sort, & has left nearly all

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of his servants at Mercara to take care of his house Pony &c & to get his tents repaired for his own work; consequently he cannot take the field & taking into consideration the long distance he has come down for so short a time I do not think he could be expected to come down prepared to go to the field.

From the beginning this party has been an unfortunate one. I find it in most respects very inefficient compared with my former parties, especially in the upper subordinate grade. The lower grades are not much better, they are a [illegible] the district is a notoriously corrupt one & the work is not in a very satisfactory state.

Without assistants it is impossible to carry on the work properly. If Baker is now withdrawn, I shall be without one for six months, same for such short periods or under circumstances that it is not possible to send one to the field. I have had & have no one to inspect, take sights, or superintend field work

It appears to me very unfair that the party should be rendered inefficient merely to give a demarcation party a second Assistant, I therefore trust you will keep Baker. If not for good at least till Freeth returns or another Assistant is given me.

Yours sincerely
(Signed) W. Crewe.

(True Copy)

H Priestley Col
Superintendent Rev Survey

Rev Survey office
Chepauk
15th Novr 1871

E

Revenue Survey Office
Madras 25th July 1871

D.O.

My dear Col. Crewe

I have just received your D.O. of the 22nd Instant and regret I cannot concur with you in the necessity for detaining Mr. Baker My telegram will however have intimated to you that the original order was to hold good.

You say the work of the party includes the Demarcation & Survey of Zemindaries. The Demarcation of Zemindaries in the plains is a very simple matter. It was taken over from the Settlement to save us trouble. The obstacle about Clerk taking the field seems to me not very difficult to overcome. In the first place I think you might take the field & thoroughly inspect the work in the various localities in which it is in progress leaving Clerk in charge of the office. In the second either you or Freeth might lend Clerk tents to enable him to draw Jufed tentage to which he is otherwise not entitled I have had Clerk promoted to 1st Assistant as long as he does duty with you I regret to hear that the work is not in a satisfactory state I was not prepared for this by the reports of either Freeth or Major Wesley who inspected it not long ago

No 1 with at least three times the work of No 4 has only one Assistant In No 5 with about three times the work only one Assistant has

has for a long time been employed. In Kurnool Captain Colsets for nearly the whole of last year had only one Assistant & in Cuddapah at present Wm. Gourperty has only one I consider the work in Immensely the lightest of any District not excepting Ganjam where both Demarcation & Survey are in progress under two Assistant Supts

It is not of course necessary that I should enter into this detail, but I think it will perhaps be more satisfactory to you to know my reasons for not complying with your request. & I am averse to issuing orders, for which the reason may not be apparent, without some explanation.

I must remind you that it is impossible to carry on work satisfactorily unless those in charge of Districts support me heartily and exert themselves to the utmost to keep down the already too heavy cost of Survey.

Yours Sincerely
(Signed) F. Priestley

(True Copy)

F. Priestley Col
Superintendent Rev Survey

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
15th Nov. 1871

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Revenue Survey Office
Chepauk
3d August 1871

No 1723/103

From.
The Superintendent Rev Survey

To,
The Deputy Superintendent Rs. &c Rev Survey

Sir.

I had hoped that my D.O reply to your D.O. letter of the 22d Ultimo in which I informed you I was not prepared to learn that work was not in a very satisfactory state, and that you considered the Party in most respects inefficient would have elicited from you some more detailed report. As I am about to hand over charge to Major Hessey, I think it necessary to address you on the subject, and have the honor to request that you will immediately submit a full statement of the points you have to complain of.

2. This report is required at once, and need not be delayed till you have made the inspection ordered in my former letters.

I have &c
(Signed) F. Priestley Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey

True

(True Copy)

Rev Survey office
Chepauk
15th Nov 1871

F. Priestley Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey

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69

No 1672/313

Reference - Your letter of the 21st July 1871 No 2 reporting arrival at Cumbum and applying for instructions.

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1. To avoid drawing pay for broken periods, your pay and that of the new transferred Sd from Coimbatore should be drawn in No 1 Party upto the end of July 1871, and of those from Tinnevelly in No 4 Party.

2. A Contingent Bill containing travelling and 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.

4. Covers to the address of the Superintendent Revenue Survey need not be stamped with service labels.

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
27th July 1871

(Signed) F. Priestley Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey

To

To

Captain F. W. Thompson, Apt. Supt. Rev Survey

Copy of 1st 3 paras to Nos 1 and to Parties.

(True Copy)

Rev Survey office
Chepauk
15th Nov 1871

F. Twistleton Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey

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Revenue Survey Office
Chepauk
9th September 1871

No 2000
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From

The Superintendent Rev Survey

To

The Deputy Superin Nos Rev Survey

Sir.

Referring to the order of Govt dated 4th September 1871, I have to request you will draw pay from the 1st to 31st July 1871 for the men who originally belonged to No 1 Party and who were ordered to do duty at Cumbum. Their pay for the subsequent Months will be drawn by Captain Thompson in a separate abstract.

No 1518

X By a mistake of the Clerk, it appears that in the letter to Lt Col Crewe 21st was entered instead of 31st.

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. R. Kessey Lt Col
Asst Superintendent Rev Surv

(True Copy)

Rev Survey office
Chepauk
15th Nov 1871

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F. Twistleton Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey

J

Telegrams.

From	To
Colonel Priestley Madras	Colonel Crewe
25th July 1871.	Palamcottah

Your D. O. letter received Sorry I cannot let you keep Baker. He must start at once.

Colonel Priestley Madras	Colonel Crewe
26th July 1871.	Palamcottah

Be so good as to carry out without further reference my original instructions for the transfer of etc Baker. Lieutenant Clerke must be called on to fit himself for the field.

/True copies/

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
15th November 1871

W. Priestley Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey

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Diary of Deputy Superintendent for the month of January 187/.

Date	Where employed		Nature of duty on which employed.
	Village	Taluq	
1			
2	Xmas	holidays	
3	Erichanapalli	Nanjanad	Examining certain details ordered to be seen pudgal Sahib
4	do		
5	do		
6	Travelling to Palamcottah		
7	Office		
8	Building		
9	Office		
10	Office		
11	Office		
12	Perumal Kovil		
13	do		
14	Office		
16	Office		
17	Kistnapuram & Kovilpatti	Tinnevelly	In checking some of the Town plane tables
18	on Cash List		
19	do		
20	do		
21	do		
22	Sunday		
23	Office		
24	Office		
25	Office		
26	Office		
27	Office		
28	Office		
29	Sunday		
30	Office		
31	Office		

N.B. The under signed has been on Leave from the 1st to the 15th Dec. 1870. the previous to this

Revenue Survey Office

Camp Palamcottah

13th Feby 1871

Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey

To be submitted on the 5th of every Month.

Rev: 3658/71.

Rec. 3688/71

Enclosure in letter
No. 502 of 1871
No. 2566 of 15-4-71
Rec'd 17-4-71

Encl. to No. 11

Extract from Mr. C. W. Spurway's Diary
of 4th to 13th March 1871

Left Tinnevelly for Palamcottah

Reached 13th

Returned 17th

Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey
for the Superintendent

B

Diary of Deputy Superintendent for the month of March 1871.

Date	Where employed		Nature of duty on which employed
	Village	Taluq	
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13	Tinnevelly	District	Receiving charge and
14			superintending the
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16	Palamcottah		operations of the Party.
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Revenue Survey Office
Camp Palamcottah
14th April 1871

Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey.

To be submitted on the 5th of every Month.

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Diary for the Deputy Superintendent
Office 4 Revenue Survey
Dated 14th April 1871
Rec'd 20th April 1871

REVENUE SURVEY · SUPERINTENDENT · 20 APR 1871

Diary for the Deputy Superintendent for the month of April 1871.

Date	Where employed		Nature of duty on which employed.
	Village	Taluq	
1	Palamcottah		
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4	Tuticorin		
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8	Easter holidays		
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19			Superintending the operations of the Partys.
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21	Palamcottah.		
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Revenue Survey Office
~~Cargo~~ Palamcottah
2d June 1871

W Spence Colonel
Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey.

To be submitted on the 5th of every Month.

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Diary of Deputy Superintendent for the month of May 1871.

Date	Where employed		Nature of duty on which employed.
	Village	Taluq	
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15	Palamcottah		Superintending the operations of the party.
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Revenue Survey Office
Palamcottah
25th June 1871

Deputy Superintendent Revenue Su

To be submitted on the 5th of every Month.

B

Diary of Deputy Superintendent for the month of May 1871.

Copy of Diary

Received Calcutta

Revenue Survey Office
5 JUN 1871
SUPERINTENDENT
REVENUE SURVEY

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Diary of Deputy Superintendent for the month of June 83 1871.

Date	Where employed		Nature of duty on which employed.
	Village	Taluq	
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Revenue Survey Office
Palamcottah
~~Camp~~
5 July 1871

W. Pearse Lieut
Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey.

To be submitted on the 5th of every Month.

Diary of the Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Survey in the Provinces of the Carnatic for the month of June 1871

Dated 5th July 1871

The Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Survey in the Provinces of the Carnatic

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

REVENUE SURVEY SUPERINTENDENT 1871

Diary of the
Deputy Superintendent
for the Month of July 1871.

The Superintendent Revenue Survey
Dated 31st July 1871
Received 3rd August

Assistant Superintendent
in charge of Revenue Survey
&c &c &c

REVENUE SURVEY · SUPERINTENDENT · 3 AUG 1871

Diary of Deputy Superintendent for the month of July 1871.

Date	Where employed		Nature of duty on which employed.
	Village	Taluq	
1			
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4			
5	Palamcottah	Tinnevelly	Superintending the operations of the Party.
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11			
12	En route to	Sattur	Inspected and finally despatched the detachment of this Party ordered to the village of Cumbum in Sheet No 1 Division. Arranged for the progress of the work in the Sattur Taluq.
13	Sattur	Do	
14	Sattur	Do	
15	returning from	Do	
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22	Palamcottah	Tinnevelly	Superintending the operations of the Party.
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Revenue Survey Office
Camp Palamcottah
22nd August 1871

W Revenue Colonel
Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey.

To be submitted on the 5th of every Month.

Diary of Deputy Superintendent for the month of August 1871.

Date	Where employed		Nature of duty on which employed.
	Village	Taluq	
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Revenue Survey Office
Camp Palamcottah
1 September 1871

Deputy Superintendent Revenue

To be submitted on the 8th of every Month.

Diary of Deputy Superintendent for the month of September 1871

Date	Where employed		Nature of duty on which em
	Village	Taluq	
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Revenue Survey Office

Camp

5th October 1871

Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey

To be submitted on the 8th of every Month.

Diary of Deputy Superintendent for the month of October 1871.

Date	Where employed		Nature of duty
	Village.	Taluq	
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5	Head Quarters		Superintending operations
6	Palamcottah		of the Party.
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12	Travelling to Cumbum in the Madura District.		
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14			Inspecting the
15			the Party employed on the
16	Cumbum Valley	Periakolam	demarcation and survey of
17	" "	" " Taluk	Cumbum and Goodalore in the
18	" "	" "	Madura District
19	" "	" "	
20	Travelling to	Madura	Detained on road by an
21	" "	" "	accident to and swollen rivers.
22	Sunday	"	
23	Madura	Madura	
24	Returning to	Palamcottah	
25	" "	" "	
26			
27	Head Quarters		Superintending operations
28	Palamcottah		of the Party
29			
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Revenue Survey Office
Camp Palamcottah
6th November 1871

Wm Lee Colonel
DY SUPT REV. SURVEY.

To be submitted on the 5th of every Month.

No 1290/81

Revenue Survey Office
Chepauk
8th June 1871

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey

To

The Deputy Superintendent
No 4 Revenue Survey

Sir

Referring to Para 18 of your Administration Report for 1870/71, intimating that some of the boundary Surveyors and Ameens will be available for work in another District, and to Rc. of the Board of Revenue No 1023 of the 8th March last, I have the honor to request you will place yourself in communication with the Deputy Superintendent No 1 Revenue Survey, and detach five ameens under an intelligent Surveyor for the Survey of the Cumbum and Goodaloor villages in the Periakolam talook Madura District. They should be sent at the time and to the locality named by Major H Cessey.

2 Two qualified men will be sent from Coimbatore with a view to your Ameens being instructed in the new system of combined demarcation and Survey.

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Rec'd 10-11 1871 REVENUE SURVEY SUPERINTENDENT

No 237

Rec'd 10-[illegible] March 1871

To be submitted on the 5th of every Month.

Shaw 8P

/Signed/ F. Priestley. Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey.

Copy to the Dy Superintendent No 1 Rev Survey for remarks.

No 1360/84

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
17th June 1871.

From
The Superintendent Rev Survey
To
The Deputy Superintendent
No 4 Rev Survey.

Sir

With reference to my letter No 1290/81 of the 8th Instant, I have the honor to enclose copies of letters named in the margin, and request that you will detach Sethuraman Sub Assistant No 1 Cooper to take charge of the 5 ameens and 1 Surveyor appointed to demarcate and Survey the Cumbum Valley Periakolam Taluq Madura District.

From the Deputy Supt No 1 Rev Survey to the Supt to Rev Survey No 466/24 dated 12th June 1871.
From the Collector of Madura to the Deputy Supt No 1 Rev Survey dated 10th June 1871.

2 The pay of the Acting Sub Assistant to be raised from 120 to 150 Rupees whilst employed on this special duty.

3 I enclose for your information — original correspondence (to be returned) — regarding the demarcation and Survey of Cumbum and Goodalore villages, and request that you will, on ascertaining the earliest suitable date from Major McCasey, yourself visit the spot, and start the men at work, reporting having done so with any suggestions or remarks you may deem necessary.

Shaw 8P

/Signed/ F. Priestley. Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey.

Copy to the Deputy Superintendent No 1 Revenue Survey for information and guidance.

No 273/130

Rev Survey Office
Palamcottah
17th July 1871.

From
The Deputy Superintendent
No 4 Rev Survey
To
The Superintendent Rev Survey
Chepauk

Sir

I have the honor to report that, in accordance with the instructions contained in Para 9 of your letter No 1433/86 of the 4th instant, a detachment of this party, of the strength noted in the margin, was detailed on the 10th instant to meet at Sator 50 miles from this on the Madura Road. On the 14th the detachment left Sator for Cumbum in the Periakolam Talook of the Madura District, at which village the men should arrive on

1 Head Surveyor.
1 Deputy — Do —
10 Ameens
1 Computer
2 Head Peons
8 Peons

or

or about the 21st instant.

2 Head Surveyor Canacasaby Pillai who is in charge of the party has been directed on reaching Cumbum to report the arrival of himself and party to Captain Thompson Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey-

3 As the work is of an unusual nature, the Surveyors and ameens have been selected for it, and their salaries have been increased. I saw these men at Satoor before the detachment left that place.

4 The peons of this party were generally unwilling to go to the Cumbum Valley. To induce some to do so, I have promised the following rates of pay to those that accompany the detachment viz 8 Rupees to the Head peons and 7 Rupees to the other peons.

5 The detachment is provided with instruments, stores and stationery. I have added a Computer to the men namedby you as it was necessary to send some one in charge of the stationery and spare stores. The services of this additional man will, I believe, be found very useful.

6 All the men of this detachment have received their pay for June. No advances have been made to them.

7 With reference to the pay and Contingent expenses of this party, regarding which no instructions are given in your letter under acknowledgement, I beg to state that, in order to admit of the pay of the men being distributed to them in due time each month, it appears to me necessary that Captain Thompson should be authorized to draw the amount of the salaries and Contingent charges of his party in the Madura District, & this can easily be done on regular abstracts and Contingent bills signed by him.

8 As he will work directly under orders from the Central Office, the above seems to be the most suitable arrangement. It will also simplify accounts and save all respects, the most convenient one.

I have &c
Signed W. Crewe. Colonel
Deputy Superintendent Rev Survey.

No. 1640
97.

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
25th July 1871.

From
The Superintendent Rev Survey
To
The Deputy Superintendent
No 4 Rev Survey.

Sir

I think it essential that you should yourself personally inspect the different localities in which the various

proces-es

process of Survey are in progress in the Timevelly District.

2 I have the honor, therefore, to request that you will visit the above localities one after the other, as early a date as possible. I do not consider a mere passing visit sufficient, but beg you will be so good as to make a searching inspection of each process of Survey. I shall be glad to receive, from time to time, a report, by talooks, of the result of your inspections.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. Priestley, Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey.

No 1653/99

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
26th July 1871.

From The Superintendent Rev Survey.
To The Deputy Superintendent
No 4 Rev Survey.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt (this day) of your letter No 279/133 of the 21st Instant, offering further objections to the instructions issued by me for the Cumbum Valley Survey.

2 I do not myself see much weight in your objection to take over the instruments sent from No 1 party, and, had it been actually necessary for the good of the Service, the nominal transfer of these Instruments to the books of your party must have been made. As, however, you have provided Stationery and Instruments from your stores, those brought from Coimbatore will continue to belong to No 1 party.

2 The excess expenditure you notice and to which you drew my attention on a former occasion will be provided for.

3 The transfer of Mr Baker to the Settlement will shortly relieve you of the charge of one Assistant. Captain Thompson will only be attached to your party for four months, and Lieutenant Clerk, for three. The heavy charges you mention will, therefore only be temporary. The accident of Captain Streetto being on Privilege leave is the reason for Lieutenant Clerk being ordered to do duty with No 4.

4 You will be so good as to call on Lieutenant Clerk to fit himself to take the field, and inform him that, until he does so, he will not be entitled to the fixed monthly allowance of Rupees 75 for travelling. Meantime he can be profitably employed in charge of the Office during your absence from head quarters on the tour of inspection which I desired you to make in

in my letter of yesterday's date.

5 I am glad you have mentioned the difficulty of drawing pay for some of the men from No 1; as, however, they perform Survey duties, this ~~is~~ can be easily rectified.

6 I take this opportunity of pointing out the necessity for cordial support from the Officers in Charge of District Surveys without which it is impossible for work to be carried on satisfactorily. It is easy, at all times, to find objections to almost any arrangement. I consider it, however, the duty of a Deputy Superintendent to endeavour, even at some personal inconvenience, to carry into effect orders he may receive rather than dwell on the difficulties in the way of executing these orders.

I have &c

Signed J. Priestley. Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey.

No 1672/313

Reference. Your letter of the 21st July 1871 No 2 reporting arrival at Cumbum and applying for instructions.

To avoid drawing pay for broken periods, your pay and that of the men transferred from Dimlatore should be drawn in No 1 Party up to the end of July 1871, and of those from Timmerelly in No 4 Party

Party.

2 A Contingent bill, containing travelling and 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.

4 Covers to the address of the Superintendent Revenue Survey need not be stamped with service labels.

Rev Survey Office
Chittaurk
27th July 1871

Signed J. Priestley. Col
Superintendent Rev Survey.

To Captain Thompson
Asst Superintendent Rev Survey.

Copy of 1st three Paras to No 1 and 4 parties.

No 297/147

Rev Survey Office
Palacacollah
3rd August 1871

From
The Deputy Superintendent
No 4 Rev Survey Party
To
The Superintendent Rev Survey
Chittaurk

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of a portion Paras 1 to 3 of your Docket No 1672/313 of the 27th Instant to Captain J. H. Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey, Para 1 of which directs

directs that the pay for July 1871 of the men of this party transferred to the Cumbum valley detachment, is to be drawn in the Salary bill of No 4 Party.

2 With reference thereto, I beg to state that, for the reasons given in the latter part of Para 3 of my letter No 295/146 of the 31st Ultimo, I am unable to include the salaries, for July, of these men, in the Salary bill of this Establishment. On inspection of the back records, I find that the course to be followed in a case of this description is explained in Para 3 of the Official Memorandum from the Civil Pay Master to your address dated 22nd October 1864 No 179, a copy of which was furnished to this Office for information and guidance.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. Crewe. Colonel
Deputy Superintendent Rev Survey.

No 1723/103

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
3rd August 1871.

From
The Superintendent Rev Survey.
To
The Deputy Superintendent
No 4 Rev Survey.

Sir

I had hoped that my D. O. reply to your D. O. letter of the 22nd Ultimo in which I informed you I was not prepared to

to learn that work was not in a very satisfactory state and that you considered the party in most respects inefficient would have elicited from you some more detailed report. As I am about to hand over charge to Major Hessey, I think it necessary to address you on the subject, and have the honor to request that you will immediately submit a full statement of the points you have to complain of.

2 This report is required at once, and need not be delayed till you have made the inspection ordered in my former letters.

I have &c.

(Signed) T. Priestley. Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey

No 2141/127

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
26th September 1871.

From
The Superintendent Rev Survey
To
The Deputy Superintendent
No 4 Rev Survey

Sir

In the Superintendent's docket No 1672/313 of the 27th July 1871, you were requested to draw pay for the men transferred from your party to Cumbum detachment up to 31st July 1871.

2 I have just received a communication from

from Captain Thompson informing me that he has received a Bill from you for the pay of the men detached from your party for 21 days of July; but that he has not received any bill for the pay of the remaining days of the month.

3. I have the honor to request your attention to my letter No 1992/117 of the 9th Instant, inclosing proceedings of the Madras Government No 1518 of the 4th September 1871.

4 I request you will have the goodness to inform me whether you have carried out the instructions of the Superintendent mentioned in that letter or not.

I have &c
(Signed) W. H. Hessey. Lieut Col
Dy Superintendent Rev Survey.

No 2270/132 Confidential. Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
14th October 1871.

From
The Acting Superintendent Rev Survey
Colonel W. Crewe.
Deputy Superintendent No 4 Rev Survey

Sir

In your letter No 364/178 of the 30th Ultimo, you state that, in my letter of the 9th September 1871 No 2000/118, the 21st appears as the date up to which pay should be drawn by you for the men sent to the Cumbum valley.

2 I have the honor to state that it is clear, from the context, that the entry of 21st for 31st was a clerical error. It is mentioned that the pay for the detachment in Cumbum, for the months of August, would be drawn by Captain Thompson. No mention whatever is made of the remaining days in July.

3 In docket No 1672/313 of the 27th July last, you were distinctly ordered to draw pay for the men transferred up to the end of July. The same instructions were again given in letter No 1992/117 of the 9th September Para 3
1871.

4 I regret extremely that you should have so long permitted these orders to remain unattended to.

5 In letter No 1433/86 of the 4th July, the Superintendent directed you to visit the Cumbum valley before the close of August. I shall be compelled to report that, up to the 30th September, you had entirely failed to carry out the directions of the Superintendent.

6 In Memo No 1600/99 of the 22nd July last, Mr Baker was transferred to No 1 Party, and, in telegrams dated 25th and 26th July, you were directed to order Mr Baker to start at once, and to carry out, without further reference, the original instructions for

for his transfer. In your letter dated 1st September, you reported that Mr. Baker was relieved of his duties in the forenoon of the 1st September. I shall have to bring to the notice of Government this additional instance of disregard of Colonel Priestley's instructions.

7 The Supplementary Bill from 21st to 31st July for the pay of men transferred has not yet been received; and the expenditure account to be submitted to the Board of Revenue is therefore delayed.

Para 2 of letter No 2141/127 of the 20th September 1871.

I have &c

(Signed) W. H. C. Hessey. Lieut. Col
Acting Superintendent Rev. Survey.

No 2356/136.

Rev. Survey Office
Chepauk
21st October 1871.

From
The Acting Superintendent Rev. Survey
To
The Deputy Superintendent No 4 Rev. Survey

Sir

On the 3rd August last, Colonel Priestley requested you to submit immediately a full statement of the points you have to complain of in No 4 party. Colonel Priestley in Para 2 of the same letter, stated that the report was to be submitted at once, and need not be delayed till you had made the inspection ordered in his former letter.

2 I have the honor to call your notice to the above mentioned order, and to request that you will have the goodness to submit the report without further delay.

I have &c

(Signed) W. H. C. Hessey. Lieut. Col
Acting Superintendent Rev. Survey.

Pro. Madras Government No 1829 of 20th October 1871.

No 2369/137 Communicated to Colonel W. Crewe, Deputy Superintendent No 4 Revenue Survey, for information and guidance.

2 Colonel Crewe is requested to submit the required report as early as possible.

Rev. Survey Office
Chepauk
24th October 1871.

(Signed) W. H. C. Hessey. Lieut. Col
Acting Superintendent Rev. Survey

P.S. Receipt to be acknowledged.

No 382/187

Rev. Survey Office
Palamcottah
25th October 1871.

From
The Deputy Superintendent
No 4 Rev. Survey.
To
The Acting Superintendent of Rev. Survey
Chepauk

Sir

With reference to Para 7 of my letter No

№ 364/178 of the 30th Ultimo, I have the honor to report that I have been to Cumbum in the Madura District, and inspected the party employed on the demarcation and Survey of the Cumbum Valley, under the orders of Captain Thompson, 2d Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey.

2 A memorandum of my inspection will shortly be submitted.

3 My departure from this for Cumbum was unavoidably retarded, for some days, by the illness of Captain Heath, my only Assistant, for whom a Medical Certificate was sent in by me on the 5th Instant.

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Crewe. Colonel
Deputy Superintendent Rev Survey

№ 391/194

Rev Survey Office
Palamcottah
27th October 1871.

From
The Deputy Superintendent
№ 4 Rev Survey Party.
To
The Acting Superintendent of Rev Survey
Chepauk

Sir

With reference to your letter № 2356/136 of the 21st instant, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to furnish me with a Copy of my demi-official note of the 22d July last, which is referred to in the Superintendent's letter № 1723/103 of the 3d August 1871.

I have &c
(Signed) W. Crewe. Colonel
Deputy Superintendent Rev Survey

G.O. № 1829 of the 20th Instant, requesting the Superintendent Revenue Survey, to direct Colonel Crewe, to report, within a week from the receipt by him of the order, whether he has given full effect to the orders of the Superintendent Revenue Survey, and to explain the delay noticed in the instances quoted by the Acting Superintendent.

№ 2409/138

Communicated to the Deputy Superintendent № 4 Revenue Survey in continuation of Memo № 2369/137 of the 24th Instant.

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
27th October 1871.

(Signed) W. H. C. Hessey. Lieut & C.C
Acting Superintendent Rev Survey

Telegrams.

From Colonel Crewe Palamcottah. To The Superintendent Rev Survey Madras

22d July 1871.

I cannot spare Baker I give my reasons by post.

From

From
Colonel Priestley Madras
25th July 1871.

To
Colonel Crewe
Palamcottah.

Your D. O. letter received Sorry I cannot let you keep Baker. He must start at once.

Colonel Crewe Palamcottah.
26th July 1871.

Colonel Priestley
Supt. Rev Survey.

For the reasons given in my note of the twenty second, I cannot carry on the work of this party properly without the services of one assistant, that can take the field. I therefore solicit reconsideration of the request contained in my note.

Colonel Priestley Madras
26th July 1871.

Colonel Crewe
Palamcottah

Be so good as to carry out without further reference my original instructions for the transfer of Mr. Baker. Lieutenant Clerk must be called on to fit himself for the field.

/True Copies/

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
15th November 1871.

J. Priestley Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey.

Encl. No. 1

Revenue 3/58/71

No 1651/104

Revenue Survey Office
Chepauk
26th July 1871

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey

To

The Accountant General
Madras

Sir

At the request of the Board of Revenue, a small detachment, composed of men transferred from the 1st & 4th Survey parties Coimbatore and Tinnevelly, is employed in charge of Captain Thompson 2d Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey, in the demarcation and survey of the Cumbum valley, of Periakolam taluk, Madura District.

2 As delay and inconvenience would be caused by the pay of these men being drawn in the respective parties from which they were transferred, and remitted to the Officer in charge for disbursement, I have the honor to request you will inform me, whether there is any objection to Captain Thompson submitting a separate abstract and

Contingent

Contingent bill, for the detachment
under his orders.

3 I may mention that he is in
independent charge, and reports direct
to Head Quarters.

4 An early answer will greatly oblige.

Have &c

(Signed) F. Priestley Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey.

Audit Department. No 2845 Fort Saint George
Accountant General's Office
27th July 1871.

From
The Offg Deputy Accountant General
Madras.
To
The Superintendent Rev Survey
Chepauk

Vide your Offie letter No 1651/104 dated 26th Instant.

The undersigned has the honor to
state that there is no objection to Captain
Thompson drawing, on separate bills, the
salary of the Establishment, ordered to
work under his orders. Contingent bills
also may be drawn separately as required.

(Signed) D. Teagiah
for Offg Deputy Accountant General

Copy of letter from the Offg Deputy
Accountant General to the Superintendent
Rev Survey, No 2845 of 27th July 1871,
stating that there is no objection to
Captain Thompson drawing, on separate
bills, the Salary of the Establishment &c.

No 1703/108

Communicated to the Deputy Superintendents Nos 1 to 4 and Captain Thompson,
in continuation of Memo No 1672/313 of the
27th Ultimo.

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
1st August 1871.

(Signed) F. Priestley. Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey

No 1927/371.

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
1st September 1871.

From
The Superintendent Rev Survey
To
Captain Thompson

With reference to Memo No 1703/108
of the 1st Ultimo, communicating Copy of
a Memo from the Offg Accountant
General, the Superintendent has to
state that the pay of the new employ
under Captain Thompson will be drawn
on separate abstract, till further orders

All the Head Gumastahs
must be graded as Deputy Surveyors

2 To avoid retrenchment, the new
hands hitherto be placed in an additional
establishment. The detachment is
to

to be considered part of No 4 party.

Signed W. H. Hexley Lieut & Col
Ag Superintendent Rev Survey.

New Survey Office
Palk
23 September 1871.

No 2121
414

From Maj Ag Superintendent New Survey
To The Deputy Collector
In charge of Treasury Madura

Sir

I have the honor to enclose, for your information, copies of letters named in the margin, regarding Captain Thompson, Assistant Superintendent New Survey, drawing separate bills of the Salary of the Establishment employed in the Demarcation and Survey of the Cumbum & Goodalore villages, in the Periakolam Talook, Madura District.

From the Supt New Survey to the Accountant General No 1651/104 of the 26th July 1871.
From Offg Deputy Accountant General No 2845 of 27th July 1871.

2 I request you will be so good as to Cash Salary as well as Contingent bills that may be submitted by Captain Thompson.

I have &c
Signed W. H. Hexley Lieut Col
Ag Superintendent New Survey

No 25

Cumbum
25th September 1871.

From
Captain Thompson
Ass Superintendent New Survey.
To
The Superintendent New Survey.

Sir

I have the honor to report that the Deputy Collector of Madura requires a last pay certificate before issuing pay for August to this party. I thought perhaps instructions might have been sent to him.

I have applied to Collectors for a certificate for No 1 Party; and to Tinnevelly for a certificate for No 4.

The latter will only be given by the Deputy Superintendent up to the 21st July; as he has only drawn pay to that date.

I request instructions as to whether I am to draw pay from Madura for No 4 party for the remaining 10 days.

My party has been paid for August an advance from the demarcation fund. Pay for September is now nearly due, and there is not enough money remaining in the fund to pay it with.

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If another thousand rupees are sent, I can carry on, till the pay lists and Contingent bills are paid.

Thave &c.

(signed) F. H. Thompson. Captain
A.D.C. Supt. to Rev Survey.

Rev Survey Office
Cherpauk
29th September 1871.

No 2184
429

From
The Ag Superintendent Rev Survey.
To The Apd Superintendent Rev Survey.
Cumbum.

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 25th September 1871 No 25, requesting instructions as regards the pay of the men transferred from No 4 Party, I have the honor to append copies of letters, as per margin, requesting the Deputy Superintendent No 4 Rev Survey to draw pay for the men up to 31st July 1871, and the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury Madura to Cash the Salary and Contingent bills that may be presented by you for payment.

- No 2000/118 of 9th September 1871 to the Deputy Supt to Rev Survey
- 2141/127 of 26th September —do—
- 2121/414 of 23rd —do— —do— Collector

2 Your letter under reference will be laid before the Ag Superintendent Revenue Survey on his return from circuit in the Ganjam District.

I have &c.

(signed) W. Starr. Assistant
Revenue Survey Office
for the Ag Supt to Rev Survey

Camp Cumbum
10th October 1871

No 28

From
Captain F. H. Thompson
Apd Superintendent Rev Survey
To
The Superintendent Revenue Survey

Sir

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the amount of my Contingent bill for July, for this party, forwarded on the 5th August, has not yet been received by me. This puts us to great inconvenience and I am also unable to repay the advances made by No 3 demarcation party.

I have &c.

(signed) F. H. Thompson. Captain
Apd Supt Rev Survey.

Rev Survey Office
Cherpauk
17th October 1871.

No 2312
137

From
The Ag Superintendent Rev Survey
To
The Accountant General
Madras

Captain

Sir

Captain Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey in charge of Cumbum Demarcation and Survey, informs me that the amount of his contingent bill for July 1871, forwarded on the 5th August last, has not yet been received by him.

2 I have the honor, with reference to your Memo No 2845 of the 27th July 1871, to request you will instruct the Officer in charge of the Treasury Madura to remit the amount of the bill under reference, and of any others that may have been subsequently received by him, at once, to Captain Thompson.

I have &c

(Signed) W. H. C. Hessey. Lieut Col
Dy Superintendent Rev Survey

Audit Department. No 5101. Fort Saint George
Accountant General's Office
21st October 1871.

From
The Offg Deputy Accountant General
To
The Collector of Madura.
Madras.

The undersigned has the honor, by direction, to inform you that the Salary and Contingent bills drawn by Captain Thompson, Assistant Superintendent

+ Bill for July 1871 forwarded on the 5th August 1871.

Survey Department, for the party working under his orders, may be paid from your Treasury. That Officer has been instructed by this Office to draw separate bills for charges incurred by him.

(Signed) D. Teagiah.
for Offg Deputy Accountant General.

Copy forwarded to the Dy Superintendent Revenue Survey, in reply to his letter No 2312/137 dated 17th October 1871.

(Signed) D. Teagiah.
for Offg Dy Accountant General.

Copy of a Memo from the Officiating Accountant General Madras, to the Collector of Madura, No 5101 of the 21st Instant, informing him, that the Salary and Contingent Bills drawn by Captain Thompson may be paid from Madura Treasury.

No 2381/483 Communicated to Captain Thompson, Assistant Superintendent Rev Survey, for information, with reference to his letter No 28 of 10th Instant.

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
24th October 1871.

(Signed) W. H. C. Hessey. Lieut Col
Dy Superintendent Rev Survey.

(True Copies)

Rev Survey Office
Chepauk
15th November 1871.

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H. Pittley Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey

A° 561/263

Rev Survey Office
Coimbatore
8th July 1871

From

Major R. H. Hessey
Dy Superintendent 24 Rev Survey.

To

Colonel F. J. B. Priestley
Superintendent Rev Survey

Sir

Reference your Memo of 4th July 1871 Communicating Copy of a letter to the Dy Superintendent A°4 Rev Survey, & desiring to make necessary arrangements for Commencing work of Cumbum & Govdalore villages in Peria Kolam Taluks Madura District.

I have the honor to report that I have made the following arrangements for work in Cumbum & Govdalore under Captain Thompson's orders.

I have handed over to him Copies of the whole of the Correspondence up to date.

I have supplied him with stationary for 4 Months for himself, 1 writer, 2 Surveyors & 10 Ameens.

I have given him a transit Theodolite & chains from my stores.

I have selected* three Head Gumastahs, one Gumastah who understands Ameen work &c

* Besides a Deputy Collector already sent.

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work & Duffadar & 3 Peons to accompany him, so that he may be able to commence work at once. I have sent instructions to the Deputy Inspector now in Peria Kolum Taluk to select & train some few more natives of the Country. I have asked the Tahsildar of Peria Kolum to assist the Depy Inspector in selecting the men.

I have informed the Collector of Madura that the charge of the work has been given to Captain Thompson. I have informed Captain Thompson that should he fail to receive a satisfactory draft of men from Tinnevelly, I shall be able to assist him from this Party.

I have now the honor to request that you will have the goodness to send me a supply of stationary to replace the quantity supplied for the use of A.4 Party as per list enclosed.

I have also to request that you will direct the instruments &c which Captain Thompson takes away with him to be transfered to the books of A.4 Party & that you will grant a fresh supply from your office in lieu of them.

The necessary indents are enclosed.

I have further to request that the individuals mentioned in the enclosed list may be transfered either temporarily or permanently to A.4 Survey Party.

A sum of Rs 500 from the permanent advance fund has been lodged with the Tahsildar.

I have given the Tahsildar notice that the sum is to be at the disposal of Captain Thompson.

By the last report received from the Dy Inspector, 3200 stones were actually ready, and 24 stonecutters were at work preparing more.

I see no likelihood of any thing but an unusually sickly season delaying the work.

The fields or "aluls" in parts of the two villages are unusually large. It will be necessary somewhat to modify the rules perhaps as far as limit of size of fields is concerned.

Orders can be given on this point after

after Captain Thompson has seen the Tahsildar and the Collector, & has made himself fully acquainted with the circumstances of the country.

I have &c

/Signed/ W. H. Harvey. Major
Depty Supt No 1 Rev Survey.

No 602
285

Rev Survey Office
Cannanore
18th July 1871

Snow.

The Depty Superintendent No 1 Rev Surv.

The Superintendent Rev Survey.

Sir

In continuation of my letter No 561/263 of 8th July 1871, I have the honor to report that I have sent to the Tahsildar of Pariakolum a further sum of 1500 Rupees (in addition to the 500 originally sent) out of the permanent advance fund, in order that, in the event of there being any delay in the receipt of pay by Captain Thompson for the men of his party he may be provided with funds to draw on.

I have &c
/Signed/ W. H. Harvey. Major
Depty Superintendent No 1 Rev Survey

No 1629
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Letter from the Deputy Superintendent No 1 Revenue Survey No 273/130 of the 17th July 1871 reporting the departure of a detachment to Punlum &c &c.

Copy to the Deputy Superintendent No 1 Revenue Survey for information.

2 The arrangements made by the Deputy Superintendent No 1 Rev Survey appear unobjectionable.

3 I fear an excess of stationery may have been supplied, & have doubts whether the Accountant General will recognise a salary bill signed by Captain Thompson & transmitted direct.

Rev Survey office
Cheranto
24th July 1871

/Signed/ T. Priestley. Lt
Superintendent Rev Survey

No 630
302

No 630
302

Rev Survey office
Coimbatore
26th July 1871

From

The Deputy Superintendent No 1 Rev Survey

To

The Superintendent Rev Survey

Sir

Reference your Memo No 1629 of the 24th Instant, sending Copy of letter from the Dy Superintendent No 4 Party _____

With regard to your remark in Para 3 that the Accountant General will perhaps object to recognise a salary Bill signed by Captain Thompson,

I have the honor to observe that I have sent to the Tahsildar of Periakolum to be at the disposal of Captain Thompson Rupees 2000 from the permanent advance fund in order to obviate the necessity of waiting for a remittance from No 4 or of being obliged to drawout a separate salary Bill for the payment of the detachment.

It will much simplify matters if pay be drawn by Colonel Crew in the usual manner at Palamcottah.

See my letter No 602/285 of 18th July 1871.

Captain Thompson can pay his men each month out of the advance fund & send in a list of disbursement to Colonel Crew who can replace the amount when he has drawn pay on the regular Salary Bill.

I have &c

(Signed) B. H. Heavy. Major
Dy Superintendent No 1 Rev Survey

(True Copies)
H Pettley Colonel
Superintendent Rev Survey

Rev Survey office
Chepauk
15th November 1871

Revenue Survey Office
Palamcottah
1st November 1871.

No 397.
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From
Colonel W. Greeve
Dep.y Superintendent. No 4 Survey Party.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department. Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, from Lt. Colonel Hessey, Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, of Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 4th September 1871, with G.O. No 1518, directing me to give full effect to the instructions issued to me by Colonel Priestley, and to report that I have done so, or that my services will be replaced at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

2. I also beg to acknowledge the receipt, from the same Officer, of

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a copy of the Proceedings of Governo-
-ment dated 20th October 1871
with G.O. No 1829, in which I
am directed to report, within a
week, from receipt by me of the
order, whether I have given full
effect to the orders of the Superinten-
-dent of Revenue Survey and to
explain the delay in the instances
quoted by the acting Superintendent
in his letter to the Secretary to
Government dated 14th October No 2273/82.

3. With reference to the former
Proceedings, I beg to state that
judging from the letters specified
in the margin and referred to in
the Acting Superinten-
dents letter therein
recorded, it appears
that several letters and documents
which are essential to a proper
comprehension of the case, have
not been submitted to Government.

17th August 1871.
No 1847/74

4 In order to lay the case fully
and fairly before His Excellency
the Governor in Council, and to
reply to the serious charges made
against

against me in the letter from the
Acting Superintendent above referred
to, it would be necessary to
furnish the documents that appear
to be deficient and at the same
time to submit a brief account
of the various proceedings connected
with the party employed in the
Cumbum Valley, and to refer to
other orders that have been issued
and to circumstances that have
occurred since my return to duty
and assuming charge of this party
in March last, from sick leave
on the Nilgiris.-

5. At present there is no Assistant
with this party; my Sub. Assistant
Mr. Patton is sick; and I have
been absent for a fortnight on
my visit of inspection of the
Cumbum Valley party in the
Madura District. Owing to
these and other circumstances,
the work on my hands is
unusually heavy, and renders it
impracticable for me to prepare
at once the above mentioned
account and explanation.

6. In this letter therefore, I will confine myself as much as possible to the report I am directed to submit, which will show the extent to which I have been able to carry out the orders of the Superintendent that are specified in Lieut-Colonel Hessey's letter to me of the 9th September 1871, No 1992/117, and to my explanation of the instances of delay attributed to me in his letter recorded in the Proceedings of Government dated 20th October 1871. No 221.-

14th October 1871.
No 2279/82.

7. Para 3 of the Acting Superintendents letter No 1992/117 is as follows:

"The orders" (Colonel Priestley's) "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 Combum-Valley "
" II. To visit the Combum-Valley " for the purpose of examining " the work whilst in progress.
" III. To draw pay for the men detached

"detached from your party to "the Combum-Valley up to the "end of the month of July."

8. When these orders were communicated to me, there was no Assistant with this party: and in Para 5 of the same letter, Lt. Colonel Hessey states that "in order to enable you to be "absent from your Head quarters, "Captain Freeth will be directed "to join from Privilege leave."

9. I will now report on these orders seriatim.

10. As regards the first order. An Officer and men transferred from one to another party, are practically brought on the strength and books of the party to which they are transferred by the adoption of the three following measures in the latter party.

I. The entry of their names on the Roster or lists for duty.
II. Drawing and issuing their pay.
III. The entry in the Service Register of

of their names with extracts from the Registers of their former parties; showing their services &c.

11. The charge of the Cumbum Valley party has been made an independent charge.. Captain Thompson acting 2nd Assistant, has been given the same authority over his men as if he were the Deputy Superintendent in charge of a full Survey and demarcation party; and he makes his reports to and receives his orders direct from the Central Office.

Because [illegible] objected to the selection of work

12. In accordance with instructions issued by the Acting Superintendent, the party is designated as-

"No. 4 Revenue Survey Party"
"Additional Establishment."

The salary-bills, bearing this heading are drawn and cashed by Captain Thompson in the local treasury of the Madura District, without any reference to this office. As Captain Thompson and his party are in every respect free from the control of this office, I am unable to adopt measures Nos I and II.

13. Finding that the Extracts from the Service-Registers of No 1 Survey and No 3 Demarcation parties for these men were not furnished me, I requested the Acting Superintendent in my letter of 30th September 1871 No 364/178 to his address, to be so good as to direct the Deputy Superintendent of No 1 Party to furnish me with them, to admit of the men's names being entered in my Register. To this request I have not received any reply and the Extracts have not been furnished me. I consequently have been and am still unable to enter the names of these men with their services &c in my Register. I have only been able to file the list of their names with my records.-

The report that I am able to make regarding this order is that I have filed this list, and that for the reasons above explained this is all I have been able to do.

after receipt of G.O.

Why?

14. Colonel Hessey, when reporting to Government that he had not as

as yet received any report of my having carried out the (three) orders given me, omits to mention that I had applied to him for the Extracts from Registers and that no notice had been taken of my application.

15. I beg here to explain that no inconvenience has been or is being caused in consequence of these men not being on the Register of No 4 party: and I cannot perceive that any benefit would accrue from their being placed there.

16. The second order is to visit the Cumbum-Valley, for the purpose of examining the works whilst in progress.

17. With reference to this, the Acting Superintendent in his Report to Government observes that Colonel Priestley's order was that I should visit that locality before the end of August and that in my last communication dated 30th September 1871, I had merely stated that I intended proceeding there very shortly.

Col R. Lewis Cy of Ofl. Letter with his Ofn

18. The circumstances connected with this order are as follows:

In Para 10 of his letter of 4th July 1871 No 1433/86, the Superintendent, after directing me to visit the locality and examine the work says:- "I shall be glad "to have a report on the result "of your examination which I "think should not be delayed "later than the close of August "when the new employés will "probably be in good working "order."- This can hardly be considered as a positive order to go during the month of August. Moreover the Superintendent, when writing this letter could not have anticipated that the commencement of the work (demarcation) would be so much delayed as it was for the want of stones, which the Deputy Superintendent of No 1 (Major Heisey) had undertaken some months before to get ready.

19. When Captain Thompson arrived

arrived at Cumbum on the 22nd July, he found only a few hundred stones ready instead of several thousands; and there were only 8 stone cutters at work. - In a letter to the Superintendent dated 5th August 1871, he says - "Owing to a "sufficient quantity of stones not "being ready, all of the "field Surveyors (1) are "pegging (2) out fields, "and writing the "Land Register."

(1) A new term used in this party for "The Ameens -
(2) The pegs were subsequently to be replaced by stones when available.

It would therefore have been of little or no use for me to have gone there in August; moreover my presence was very much wanted here during that month.

20. The first half of October seemed to be in every respect the most suitable time for the inspection. The progress that would then be made would enable me to judge of the working of the combined system of demarcation and survey of which this was a trial; and as the leave of my Assistant Captain Freeth expired on the 30th September, I could leave the party

party in his charge during my absence.

21. A representation on the subject to the Superintendent was rendered unnecessary by the contents of a letter received from him, dated 25th July 1871, No 1640/97.

In this letter, I was directed personally to visit the different localities in which the various processes of survey are in progress in the (Timevelly) District, one after the other, at as early a date as possible. - I was instructed that a mere passing visit would not be sufficient, but that a searching inspection of each was to be made, and from time to time a report by talooks of the result of my inspection was to be submitted by me. This order superseded and consequently appeared to me to cancel the order to inspect the Cumbum Valley party in the ensuing month.

22. With reference to this order to proceed on the tour of inspection, I beg respectfully to observe that no

reason

reason was mentioned for its being given: that the issue of such an order is, I believe, unprecedented in the Department, and that it would be impossible for me to carry it out and at the same time perform the duties of Deputy Superintendent of the party. Action on this order was superseded by the instructions contained in another letter dated 3rd August 1871 No 1723/103.

23. The order to visit the Cumbum Valley party was re-issued in the Acting Superintendent's letter of 9th September 1871, No 1992/117, as shown in Para 7 of this letter. The only time indicated therein is "whilst the work is in progress".

24. As explained in Para 20 of this letter, the first half of October was the most suitable time for the inspection. Accordingly on the 28th September, I sent on my tents, pony and camp equipage to Cumbum intending to follow in 5 or 6 days: and in my letter of 30th September No 364/174.

Col. P. Collins Right to resign

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to the Acting Superintendent containing my report of the extent to which I had complied with the three orders specified by him. I stated that I purposed proceeding very shortly to the Cumbum Valley.—

25. On the night of the 1st of October, Captain Freeth, my only Assistant, was taken ill. On the forenoon of the 5th he sent in a Medical Certificate recommending that preparatory leave to Madras should be granted him: He also formally reported sick and ceased to do duty from that date. This obliged me to defer my departure for a few days.

26. After making all necessary arrangements here, I gave over charge of the office and party to my Sub-Assistant Mr. Patton and left for Cumbum which is 158 miles from this. I reached the Valley during the night of the 13th and on the 14th when Lieut Colonel Mercer made his second report to Government, I was at Cumbum. Immediately on my return here on the

the 25th I at once wrote to the acting Superintendent to report that I had inspected Captain Thompson's party.

27. I therefore respectfully submit that I have fully carried out the second order given me.

28. The third order was to draw the pay for the month of July for the men sent from No 4 party to Cumbum.

29. In the Superintendents' docket dated 27th July 1871 No $\frac{1672}{313}$, addressed to Captain Thompson: a copy of which was sent to this Office, it was directed that in order "To avoid drawing pay for broken periods." the pay of the men transferred from Immovelly should be drawn in No 4 party to the end of July.

30. The detachment sent from this was detailed on the 10th July and reached Cumbum on the 20th July I drew, and as on the 1st August the men were under Captain Thompson's orders, it was his duty to draw pay for them for July.- On a former similar

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occasion a ruling to this effect had been obtained from the Accountant General's Office and communicated to this office for guidance. Accordingly in a letter dated 2nd August 1871 No $\frac{297}{147}$ I pointed out that this was the case; and as no further communication was made to me on the subject, I concluded that my representation was accepted.

Not so. See Col's Note on copy of this letter. Col Hyslop wrong from the advantage of supplying the men's needs.

31. Captain Thompson, I may add was subsequently instructed in a letter addressed to him by Lt Colonel Hessey, to draw the pay of these men for July.

32. On the receipt of the Proceedings of Government of 4th September 1871 with G. O. 1518, the acting superintendent superseded in letter No $\frac{1992}{117}$ dated 9th September 1871. the above mentioned instructions to Captain Thompson by directing me to draw the pay of these men for July, and by informing Captain Thompson that he had done so.

33. I would here observe that the Superintendents' docket to Captain Thompson

Thompsons No $\frac{1672}{313}$: referred to in Para 28 of this letter, does not appear to be amongst the documents that were submitted to Government with the Acting Superintendents first report dated 17th August 1871. No. $\frac{1347}{74}$: it therefore appears to me doubtful whether under the circumstances above related*, Colonel Hessey was fully justified in naming this as one of Colonel Priestleys orders that were to be carried out; especially as the order required the usual custom and the ruling referred to in Para 29 of this letter, to be disregarded.

*Vide Paras 30 and 31.

34. On the receipt of the Acting Superintendents letter No $\frac{1992.}{117}$, I directed the pay for July for these men to be drawn in a Supplementary abstract.-

35. By the following days post, I received another letter from the Acting Superintendent No $\frac{2000}{118}$, also of the 9th September, in the 1st Para of which I was desired to draw pay "from the 1st to 21st "July 1871 for the men who originally

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The clerical error for 31st

"originally belonged to No 4 party "and who were ordered to do duty "at Cumbum". As this letter was both written and received by me subsequently to letter No $\frac{1992.}{117}$, I concluded the order so clearly given in the 1st para thereof, was intended to supersede the instructions given regarding pay in letter No $\frac{1992.}{117.}$ Para 3 Clause III: and I consequently acted on the more recent and last received order and remitted the Amount of pay for the 21 days to Cumbum.

36. On becoming aware that I had drawn the pay to the 21st July only, the Acting Superintendent called on me for an explanation in a letter dated 26th September 1871. No $\frac{2141.}{127}$, which was furnished in my letter of the 30th Idem No $\frac{364.}{178}$.-

37. Colonel Hessey now takes exception to my having acted in accordance with the instructions contained in his letter No $\frac{2000}{118}$ and he observes that a clerical

error

error in a particular letter is hardly a sufficient reason, as the date-21st- is contradicted by the context: and that in two other letters, distinct orders had been given me to draw pay for the whole of the month of July - But he overlooks the contents of the two letters referred to in Paras 30 and 31 of this letter, by which the instructions in the Superintendents docket No 1672/313 were virtually withdrawn and the order in Lt Colonel Thomp's letter No 1992/177 I respectfully submit superseded by that contained in his letter No 2000/118.

Sups docket dated 27th July 1871 No 1672/313.
and
Acting Sups letter dated 9th Septr 1871 No 1992/177

38. And as regards the date, 21st - it appears to me to be supported, not contradicted, by the context, as also by the letter as a whole: and for the following reasons -

The order given in the acting Superintendents letter No 1992/117 para 3 Clause III was clear and sufficient in itself: consequently when

when I received by the following days post his letter No 2000/118, directing me to draw their pay from "1st to 21st "July" I concluded that a change of the former order was intended. If not the questions suggest themselves, what was the object of this second order, and why were the figures 1st to 21st July - used instead of the usual expression for the month of July.

Yes. Attach enclosure when printed letter

39. I of course observed that a discrepancy existed in letter No 2000/118, and this appeared to be the omission of the words.- portion of the - between the words "subsequent" and "month". With the insertion of these words, the whole letter is clear and consistent which is not the case if 31st be substituted for 21st - For how could a copy of the Salary list of Captains Thompsons party for August bearing that Officer's signature be furnished to me from the Central Office, if the bill had not already been drawn.

On the other hand the words "will "be drawn by Captain Thompson" were perfectly

perfectly applicable to the pay for the subsequent portion of the month ie the last ten days of July.

Again if the last sentence of the first para of this letter No $\frac{2000}{118}$ applies to the pay to be drawn after that for July, the proper expression would be for the subsequent months and the words "in a "seperate abstract" would be superfluous.

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40. There was another circumstance that indicated a probable reason for the change of order. It was that Captain Thompson had reported his arrival at Cumbum on the 22nd July: and it occured to me that it was intended that he should draw pay for the men for the period they had been under his orders.

Jas. Thiselton Esquire

41. Under the above circumstances I respectfully submit that it does not appear to me that blame is attachable to me for having drawn pay for these men to the 21st July only - The original cause of the misunderstanding regarding this pay was the order to depart from the usual and proper course of drawing it: the last cause is the positive order contained in Lt Colonel Nessey's letter No $\frac{2000}{118}$ received by me.

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42. The acting Superintendents remark on this subject appears to imply that I acted in bad faith in this matter - I respectfully submit for the consideration of Government whether throughout the correspondence regarding the Cumbum-Valley party, there is any thing to justify an implication of this description.- It appears to me to be rather for Colonel Nessey to explain why his letter No $\frac{2000}{118}$ of the 9th September was written.-

43. I now beg to give the Summary of my report regarding the three orders specified by the acting Superintendent.-

The first I have carried out as far as it at present practicable for me to do so. The

The second I have fully carried out. The third I have carried out in accordance with the instructions given me by the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

44. I have now to explain the delay reported in relieving Mr. R. M. Baber, Assistant Superintendent the circumstances connected with which are as follows:-

45. Mr. Baber returned from three months Privilege leave on the 2nd July last. There were then 12 Theodolites in the Stores They were generally in a dirty state; some of them were covered with verdegris and mould: all were unfit for use. More than one Surveyor in the field complained of his instrument; it was impossible to give him a better from the stores. It was therefore a matter of very great importance that these instruments should be cleaned and thoroughly examined, and that any of them that could be rendered fit for use here, should be put in working order. Immediately therefore

therefore on Mr. Babers return from leave I gave him this duty to do under my general superintendence

46. In a demi-Official note of the 10th July, Colonel Priestley informed me that the Director of Revenue Settlement had applied for the services of another Assistant and he requested me to warn Mr. Baber that it was intended to transfer him to the Settlement Department.

Owing to my being in the District at the time, there was some delay in the note reaching me. On becoming aware that Mr. Baber's transfer to the Settlement Department was not in the Gazette of the 18th July, I sent a private telegram to Colonel Priestley saying I could not spare Mr. Baber. I also wrote a Demi Official note asking him to let Mr. Baber remain with the party, at least till my first Assistant Captain Freeth should return from leave.-

47. In reply to my telegram and note, I received a telegram on the 25th, saying that he could not

not let Mr. Baber remain here and that he must start at once. At this time all I had received was the note telling me to warn Mr. Baber.

In reply to a second telegram I was told to carry out the original instructions without further reference.- As the original instructions were merely to warn Mr. Baber, I could only suppose that there was some misapprehension on the subject.

48. By the post of the 26th I received a memo of transfer in which Mr. Baber was ordered "to join No 1 Party Combatore- "temporarily" This did not indicate haste, as where this is required, the word, immediately is used. Just at this time Mr. Baber had a sharp attack of fever which completely laid him up for nine days and left him very weak at the end of that period. It was unadvisable for him to start on his journey immediately. Moreover if he had done so, his work here would have been lost and the instruments would have been

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been left in nearly the same unsatisfactory state. Under these circumstances, I requested him to go on with their examination by degrees whilst regaining strength.- Meanwhile he sent off his luggage, camp equipage &c to Coimbatore- He might have been relieved a few days sooner, but as it was a great convenience to him to remain here whilst his luggage was on the road and to receive his pay for August before leaving, I kept him on the strength of this party till the morning of the 1st of September, on the afternoon of which day he left by transit for Trichinopoly.

49. In reporting the relief and departure of Mr. Baber on the 1st September, all this was explained and no exception was then taken to what I had done. A copy of my report is enclosed.-

50. In further explanation, I beg to state that I had no reason to suppose that Mr. Baber's services were urgently wanted elsewhere whilst

whilst the reasons for keeping him were very strong. In doing so, I considered I was acting for the best interests of the public service and if I erred, I certainly did not do so intentionally, and in such case can only express my regret.

51. Colonel Hennessy does not appear to consider the examination of the Theodolites to be of much importance. It is I beg to state a matter of very great importance, and owing to want of attention to this point, much erroneous work has been done in this party.—

52. In conclusion, I beg to apologize for the length of this letter, which under the circumstances I am unable to diminish. It will I trust be apparent, even from this incomplete explanation, that numerous and conflicting orders have been to a very great extent the cause of much unfortunate misunderstanding: and that as regards the circumstances explained in this letter, the serious charges made against me

are not at all borne out by the actual facts.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
W^m Lane Colonel.
Dep^y Sup^t No 4 Survey Party.

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Copy of a letter from the Deputy Superintendent, No 6 Revenue Survey Party to the Acting Superintendent of Revenue Survey, dated Palamcottah 1st September 1871. No 334/164.

I have the honor to report that Mr. E. M. Baber, Acting 2nd Assistant Superintendent Revenue Survey, has been relieved this forenoon from his duties with No 6 Survey Party, and that he purposes leaving Palamcottah this evening for Coimbatore.

2. Since the receipt of the Superintendent's Memo transferring Mr Baber 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 of this Party.

3. With a few exceptions, all these instruments were in a very dirty state and otherwise

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From Colonel W. Lacon
Superintendent Revenue Survey
To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Dated 1st September 1871

Recd 2nd
No 334/164

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Enclosure 1.

Subject
Deputy Superintendent
Palamcottah
Relative to examination
of Theodolites &c
&c
Dated 1st September 1871
And 2nd Revision 1871

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, Mr. Baber had a sharp attack of fever which laid him up for nine days and left him very weak at the end of that period. This retarded the progress of this special work; still I considered it unadvisable to relieve Mr. Baber, as it was a matter of importance that the examination of the instruments, in which considerable progress had 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. Mr. Baber might have been relieved a few days sooner: but as it was a great convenience to him to remain with this Party to the end of the month, to enable him to send his camp equipage and luggage in advance and 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 especial attention to the fact that the departure of Lieut.t Clerke and Mr. Baber leaves this party without any Assistant. As already reported, Mr. 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 Mr. 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.

/True Copy/

Lt. Colonel
Dy. Supt.t Rev.e Survey

Rev.e Survey Office
Calamba Estate
2.nd November 1871

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Revenue Survey Office
Palamcottah
2nd November 1871

No 399/198

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From
Colonel W. Crewe
Dep: Supt No 4 Rev: Survey Party

To
Lieut: Colonel W. Heaney
acting Superintendent Rev: Survey
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Sir

With reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 4th September 1871. No 1518 and 20th October - 1871 No 1829. I have the honor to enclose my letter No 397 of this date addressed to the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department, containing the report and collections I have been directed to submit.

2 I shall be obliged if you will forward this letter with its enclosure at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
your most obedient Servant
W. Crewe Colonel
Dep Supt No 4 Survey Party

Endorsement
in a letter
from Dep Superintendent
No 4 Rev Survey Party
to the Secretary
to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

dated 2nd November 1871

No 397/1

SUPERINTENDENT OF REVENUE SURVEY
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Revenue Survey Office
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15th November 1871

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the first instal-
Dated 4th September - ment of the report called for in G. O. No. 1518 from
1871
Colonel Crewe.

2. I regret that my absence on leave should have caused a disagreeable duty to devolve on Colonel Wesley, and, still more, that, for the performance of it, he should be subjected to the remarks Colonel Crewe has thought fit to make. Under these circumstances, I have felt bound to submit all documents at all calculated to afford information, or throw any light on the subject, and trust that I may, therefore, be excused for sending in this voluminous record.

From Col. Crewe
No. 397
1st Nov. 1871
Para 4 3

3. In this letter, Colonel Crewe has had before him two objects, one to prove that he has, to the best of his ability, obeyed the order of Government, to carry out

1871

From
Colonel W. Crewe
Offg. Superintendent
Revenue Survey Northern Circle
To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Dated - 2nd
Recd - 3rd
Nov

No. 397
10-11
1871
SUPERINTENDENT
REVENUE SURVEY

Rec'd Nov. 4th

Submitted
Subject
Colonel Crewe's letter of
2nd Inst. to the
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
& copy of Report
& Appendix
& Index
& Contract Copies
Pleaders.

To Mr. A. Edmonstone Esq
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir

I have the honor to submit herewith
Colonel Crewe's letter of
2nd Inst. & enclosures
& to request that I may be
favored with the orders of
Government thereon.

I have &c.
W. Wesley
Colonel

out the instructions received from the Superintendent, which he had refused to do, unless Government were appealed to, the other that his disobedience & neglect of orders were prompted by a consideration for the interest of the public service, in fact by zeal, and he is indignant at Colonel Bayley's implying that he had not acted in good faith.

Col. Crewe Passim

4. It is not necessary, & indeed, it would be impossible to follow the laboured arguments based on his definition of the meaning of the phrase "brought on the strength of the party". Suffice it to say that, practically, he has obeyed the order, as he said he would "when authorised by superior authority", to that of the head of the Department.

5. The visit to the Cumbum Valley has also been made, & it appears to have been delayed until the time it would be of the least benefit to the detachment, & when it would leave No. 4 party without an officer.

During October the only month Col. Crewe was without an Assistant.

Colonel Crewe was directed to visit the detachment at Cumbum not later than the end of August. Supt's letter No. 1433/86 Para 10 Col. Crewe Para 21

He states first that an order he also received to make a tour of inspection in the Tinnevelly District (no date being fixed for doing so because the inspection would require time for its performance & would be performed probably in several journeys) in his opinion cancelled the one to visit the Cumbum valley. There is no ground for this assumption as no mention is made in the second order of the first being cancelled, & as there is nothing incompatible in the two orders. Colonel Crewe's zeal, moreover, did not prompt him to apply to Head Quarters, in order to have his gratuitous assumption negatived as it most certainly would have been. Even if we accept his statement, it will be for him then to account for his not obeying the alternative order, & for not having made a tour of inspection in his own district, which, by his own showing, part of the time his occupation consisted in superintending Mr. Baker, who was employed in cleaning & examining instruments.

Memo of Instructions for Major Bayley's guidance 3rd August 1871

Col. Crewe Para 45

6. His second statement is that, in disobeying the order to visit the Cumbum valley before the end of August, he, in reality, selected a more favourable time, & one more advantageous to the service.

Col. Crewe Para 20.

As already shewn, he could have been easily spared in August, when there were two Assistants with him, but he chose to wait until, in his absence, it was necessary to leave No. 4 party in charge of a Sub Assistant, Captain Frette having suddenly left on emergent certificate, & Mr. J. Tomlinson not having had time to join at Palamcottah.

Ante Para 5

7. The work performed in the Cumbum valley, as far as I can, at present, ascertain, has not progressed at the rate anticipated. Had Colonel Crewe visited the detachment in August, it is only fair to suppose that his presence & advice would have

have had a beneficial effect. He chose, however, to wait till near the end of October, when the working season was about to close, & it was too late to take advantage of any suggestions he might make. The fact of his journey being delayed by floods shews that the working season had practically closed. He is, therefore, in a measure, responsible for the short comings of the detachment, during the latter part of the working season.

8 The third order "to draw pay for the Cumbum detachment for July" Colonel Crewe has not yet obeyed, or, if he has, no report to that effect has been received. He has taken advantage of the error of a copying clerk, who, when transcribing Colonel Pefsey's letter, wrote 21st for 31st July. It is difficult to conceive, how any one, with a knowledge of all the arrangements made, and, of all former correspondence, could have thought that, in the face of the original order, such a change, in the period for which he was to draw pay, had been made. My docket containing instructions for drawing pay commences. "To avoid drawing pay for broken periods," as the reason for directing Colonel Crewe & Major Pefsey each to draw pay for the men furnished by them respectively to the Cumbum Detachment. Major Pefsey obeyed the order. Colonel Crewe refused to do so unless my order was sanctioned by superior authority." The content of Colonel Pefsey's letter reiterating my order "their pay for the subsequent month — will be drawn in a separate abstract" palpably shewed that the date 21st was an error. Again, on this occasion, Colonel Crewe never applied to have any doubts, he might feel on the subject, solved by the Acting Superintendent. Had Captain Thompson not been provided with funds from which he was able to pay the men, they would not, up to this date, have received 10 days' pay for July. Colonel Crewe was aware, for, he publicly reported to that effect that his subordinates were unwilling to go to Cumbum. It was, of all things, necessary, therefore, that no real ground for dissatisfaction should be given them.

Vide Diary

A° 2000
118
9 ÷ September 1871

A° 1672
313
27 ÷ July 1871

From Col. Crewe
31st ° July 1871
A° 295
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Para 3.

From Col. Crewe
26 ÷ June 1871
A° 253
123
Para 5

A° 1518

9 In the case of the three orders referred to in G.O. 4 ÷ September 1871, no great regard for the interests of the public service or zeal has, I think, been displayed by Colonel Crewe.

Supt's letter
A° 1290
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8 ÷ June 1871

10 In consideration of Col. Crewe's conduct from the very commencement, as shewn in the correspondence, renders it difficult to reconcile it with the zeal for the interests of the public service which he claims. In the first instance, I desired Col. Pefsey to set the work going in Cumbum, & directed Colonel Crewe to put himself in communication with Colonel Pefsey, & arrange to detach a few sowars & a surveyor from his party for work there, at the date Colonel Pefsey found most suitable. To this, Colonel Crewe made no objection, & indeed, made no reply. Finding subsequently

subsequently that the arrangement was not desirable as Colonel Pefsey would probably be required elsewhere. I wrote to Colonel Crewe desiring him to start the men at work. To this I received an official letter, of eleven pages objecting to the time, to the mode of conducting work, in fact, to every arrangement, & to the work being undertaken at all. In this public letter, he reported the disinclination of his subordinates to go to Coimbatore. In my reply, I pointed out that such a statement made publicly was calculated to cause embarrassment, & that he had neglected to carry out my instructions to put himself in communication with Colonel Pefsey. With reference to the employment of Captain Thompson in a semi-independent position, I have to remark that this is not the first instance of officers being so employed. Being of opinion from the spirit of Colonel Crewe's letter that the survey was not likely to prosper under his immediate direction, I modified my former orders placing Captain Thompson in charge, & directing Colonel Crewe to take an early opportunity of visiting the detachment not later than the close of August. I also gave & reiterated the orders for transfer of men and instruments, to which, as well as to visit Coimbatore, he refused obedience, as reported to Government.

Supt's letter No. 1360/84 17th June 1871

From Col. Crewe No. 253/123 26th June 1871

Para 5

Supt's letter No. 1433/96 4th July

Para 13

Para 14

Para 8

Para 9

Para 10

Paras 11 & 12.

11. At the request of the Director Revenue Settlement, I agreed to Mr. Baber's services being placed at his disposal, & (as I generally do) wrote to Colonel Crewe, demi-officially, intimating that I

Transfer dated 22nd July 1871 No. 1600

had done so, & requesting him to warn Mr. Baber. He sent two official telegrams, & one D.O. letter, objecting to the transfer. To each of these, I replied directing in unmistakeable terms, that Mr. Baber should be sent at once to Coimbatore, in my D.O. letter, explaining my reasons, & appealing to Colonel Crewe's sense of duty for his hearty aid & co-operation. Mr. Baber was required to conduct Demarcation under the Settlement, and, though he had a thorough practical acquaintance with the work, I was desirous, both for the credit of the Survey Department & the satisfaction of Mr. Baber, that he should pass part of a month in the Coimbatore Demarcation Office, where he would be advantageously employed under Captain Cloete, who was conducting the most extended operations done of late years & Demarcation and supervising the most important District Survey & Demarcation Offices, without the aid of an Assistant, whilst Colonel Crewe for Survey alone, & that not on the largest scale, had two Assistants, besides one on leave & one detached.

Dated 22nd & 26th July 1871
Dated 32nd July
Telegrams dated 25th & 26th
D dated 25th July

Pay Not quite Rs. 700.

Pay A little more than Rs. 1,400.

Without a word more, Colonel Crewe deliberately ignored my instructions, & in the face of the plain orders he had received, detained Mr. Baber more than a month, on the plea that it was for the interest of the public service that he should be employed in examining & cleaning Theodolites under the supervision of the Deputy Superintendent.

Col. Crewe Para 50.

12. It is perhaps necessary to explain the case of

of disobedience of orders, noted in the remarks on the final Para of Colonel Crewe's letter. On the 3d August 1871, I called on Colonel Crewe, to report on the points he had to complain of, in the party of which he had taken charge. My reason for calling for this report was that the party had, with the permission of Government, been minutely inspected by Colonel Pefsey (to whom I gave written queries to fill up) shortly before Colonel Crewe assumed charge, and had been favourably reported on by the former officer. No notice having been taken of my order dated 3d August, the Acting Superintendent called Colonel Crewe's attention to this neglect, & on the 27th October 1871, Colonel Crewe, in reply, asked for a copy of his D.O. letter containing the complaint of the work of the party being in an unsatisfactory state. If a copy of the letter was required, it should have been at once applied for, though I do not myself see why the desired report should not have been furnished without it. The fact is that, up to this day, no attempt has been made to comply with the order.

13. Observing, from his diaries (March to June) that he had only been three days absent from Head Quarters, (at Intercourse just before the Easter holidays) I directed him to make a thorough inspection of the talooks in which work was in progress, & report the result. This was the more necessary from the unfavourable statement he had made me Demi-officially. The order for this inspection he

A°. 1723/103

Vide inspection report dated 24th Nov. 170

letter dated 21st October 1871 A°. 2356/136

Vide diaries

Supts' letter A°. 1640/97 25th July 1871.

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Col. Crewe Para 21

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From Col Crewe A°. 382/187 25th Oct/71

makes a plea for not having visited Cumbum, but I find that, although he had always two Assistants with him up to the 1st September, & that Captain Smith was ordered to join before the expiration of his leave in September, he has, up to this date, made no attempt to carry out this order for inspection; nor has he yet submitted any report of his inspection of the Cumbum valley detachment, whence he returned to Head Quarters on the 25th Ultimo.

14. The fact must not be lost sight of that the above are not isolated instances, on a former occasion, when my official and demi official letters failed to elicit any notice whatever, I went so far as to appeal to a mutual friend (General Marshall) to move Colonel Crewe not to oblige me to hand up the matter to Government, & even so lately as the time subsequent to Colonel Pefsey having, at my request, sought the aid of Government, to compel Colonel Crewe to yield obedience to orders, he took the opportunity, in a trifling matter, to evince his disregard of orders, & his desire to ignore the authority of the Acting Superintendent, by referring for the opinion of the Board of Revenue direct, a final order of the Acting Superintendent, retrenching certain fixed travelling allowances, from the travelling allowance bill of Lieutenant Clerke. In the matter, even of forwarding diaries, on the face of which are printed instructions to submit them

dated 11th August 1871

Vide diaries

them on the 5th of the following month, I find that some have been sent in 3 weeks in arrear, thus keeping the Superintendent in ignorance of the Deputy Superintendents movements to a much later date than was desirable, & necessitating the notice of the Acting Superintendent. Nor must it be forgotten that Colonel Crewe has, on all occasions, been treated, both by me & by Colonel Pefsey when acting for me, with the great consideration & forbearance due to his rank (he is only 9 months my junior in the army) & his age, compared with that of other Deputy Superintendents (he has served 33 years uninterruptedly in India). I have always supported his authority when circumstances admitted of my doing so, & have considered it hitherto for the advantage of the Department & of Government to endeavour to avoid any collision.

Col. Pefsey's
No. 1947/113
dated 2nd September 1871

10. An officer in the position, which he holds, has great power either to assist or obstruct. As stated to him in my letter above quoted, it is impossible for me to carry on work satisfactorily, or keep down the cost of the survey without the hearty cooperation of my deputies. This aid Colonel Crewe does not afford me, & I have no certainty that my orders are strictly carried out when they are not in accordance with his own views

x Do dated 25th July & No. 1653 29 26th July/71 Para 6.

& opinions. He is also, to say the least of it, unfortunate in his relations with his Assistants, and, altogether, I do not feel justified in assuming the responsibility laid on me in G. O. 12th December 1864 No. 3243 by employing him as I would other Deputy Superintendents, in the conduct of demarcation or survey and demarcation combined.

No. 1138/42
dated 22nd May

16. My letter to Government giving the heads of the changes I proposed was communicated to all Deputy Superintendents, and, amongst them, to Colonel Crewe. He does not conceal his dislike & disapproval to these changes, which might do a little affect him disagreeably, & if he continued in charge of a district, would greatly increase his duties & responsibilities, & necessitate an amount of inspection, travelling, & work in the field, which would be most distasteful to him, if, indeed, he were able to perform it.

From Col. Crewe
No. 253/123
26th June 1871
Paras 7, 11, 12 & 13.

17. Colonel Crewe would seem to consider that being called on to perform or supervise any work beyond the limits of the District in which his Head Quarters are situated, is a hardship. If, however, the duty of a Survey Officer is to be viewed in the light of a contract to perform so much work in a given locality & no more, it will be a serious blow to the utility & efficiency of the Department & a check to all zeal.

18. Five months have now elapsed since my first orders were issued to Colonel Crewe,

Dated 17th June
No. 1360/84

& his present letter is, it appears, merely the first instalment of his reply. I trust Government may not think it desirable to wait for any other letters, for, as far as I am aware, no paper of any kind connected with the case has been omitted. Meantime, I must either call on more zealous officers to perform work otherwise devolving on Colonel Crewe, or be prepared for similar correspondence, & final appeal to Government, whenever he receives an order distasteful to him.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Servant
J. Priestley Colonel
Superintendent Rev. Survey

P.S.

On reading over the above it has struck me that I have not sufficiently noticed Para 22 of Colonel Crewe's letter in which he says it is impossible for him to perform the field inspection required & at the same time carry on the duties of Deputy Superintendent. I beg to draw attention to the fact that no report to that effect has ever been received by me & that up to date Colonel Crewe has made no attempt to carry the order

Compared by me

order out & ascertain whether it is within his power to do so. When I mention that the officers named in the margin while in charge have been absent from head quarters on field inspection (some for a considerable period) & at the same time performed the duty of Deputy Superintendent it will be apparent that Colonel Crewe's statement is without foundation. The remark to Captain Sneeth's diary for January 1871 shews that this Officer had been absent on field inspection the whole of December when in charge of the same party. Captain Sneeth had only Wt. Baker to assist him. For the 8 months during which Colonel Crewe has had charge of No. 4 party he has been only absent from Palamcottah 3 days before the Easter holidays at Tuticorin. 5 days in July at Satoor despatching his quota of men for the Cumbum detachment, and 14 days in October on his visit to the Cumbum Valley, in all 22 days. Of these 5 to Satoor were in conformity with an order from me and 14 in obedience to the stringent G. O. dated 4th Sept.r No. 1518

I consider the statement in para 22 of Colonel Crewe's letter therefore either an acknowledgement of incompetence or an expression of his deliberate intention to refuse obedience to my orders & to continue (as he has for some years past) drawing the monthly Government allowance for travelling without expending any portion

Colonel Hickey
Wt. Pinckle
Wt. Beaumont
Wt. Cardozo
Captain Cloete
Wt. Gompertz
Captain Eddy
Captain Sneeth

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Diaries were only introduced from 1st January 1871

× During the years 1866/69 all Col. Crewe's letters appear to date from Cuddapah.

portion of it in the manner intended. I think I may therefore venture on my part to assert that it is impossible for me to carry on work with an officer possessed of the contumacious and obstructive spirit displayed by Colonel Greene.

J.P.

When he went by rail to Montinetta to relieve Captain Wynett of charge may be an exception

Revenue 1871. Oct.

~~From~~ No. 3658.

The Superintendent
Rev. Survey

To The ~~Secretary to Govt~~
Rev. Deptt

Dated 15th November 1871
Desp. do
Rec'd 15th.

~~No.~~ 2566
94
Enclosures ~~8~~ 10.

~~Subject~~

Submits with remarks copy of report from Col. Greene called for in G. O. No. 1518 of 4th Sept. 71

S.O. No. 2151 - 20 Dec. 71

No 234

R.L. 15 Dec. R 18 Dec. 71
C. 20 Nov. 71

Letter from Col. W. Crewe
of the 2nd November 1871 with 2
enclosures to accompany letter
to Secretary to Govt No. 2566
of the 15th Nov. 1871. 94

Stephen
17th Nov 1871

No. 234

No. 2803/106

Revenue Survey Office.
Camp Coimbatore
8th December 1871

187/183

No 234 A

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

SIR,

In Colonel Wesley's report of inspection of the Tinnevelly Survey party in October last year made by permission of Government during my indisposition he mentioned that the Departmental order directing that an order-book should be kept (in which all orders issued by the Deputy Superintendent should be recorded) had been neglected. The Office Manager pleaded in excuse the instructions of the former Deputy Superintendent then in England. I determined therefore to defer the disposal of the matter till after his return from leave.

G. O. No 1792 of 16th November 1870

No 2492/141

On the 8th of last month Colonel Crewe was desired to send without delay the former & present order-books. He has neither sent them nor even acknowledged the receipt of the letter.

No 2509/142

2. On the 9th Ultimo Colonel Crewe was furnished with a copy of his D. O. letter in which he complained of the Tinnevelly Survey party. Up to date however the report on this subject called for before I went on leave at the beginning of August as already reported has not been furnished

3. On the 25th October Colonel Crewe returned

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to Palamcottah after having inspected the Coumbum Valley Survey. He has not yet however sent in any report of his inspection as directed, nor has he, although there is an Assistant to whom the office might be entrusted, yet made any attempt to carry out my orders for inspecting field work.

4. I have the honor to bring these circumstances to notice as it would appear that notwithstanding the late stringent orders of Government Colonel Crewe still retains his attitude of uncompromising defiance.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed.t Servant
J. Pettley Colonel
Superintendent Rev.e Survey

Rec: 1871 Dept.
No. 3971.

From

The Supt. Rev. Survey

To

The Secretary to Govt.
Rev. Dept.

Dated 8th
Dep. 9th
Rec. 9th } December

No. 2803/106

Inclosures None
S. O. No. 2151. 20 Dec/71

Subject

Representing that under the circumstances stated Colonel Crewe has not yet carried out certain orders of the Supt. Rev. Survey.

No 234 A