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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd May 1874.*

No. 215. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Chepauk, 2nd April 1874, No. 1,064-32:—
At the request of Messrs. Cook and per, Assistant Superintendents, Revenue Survey, I have the honour to submit an original letter from each, relative to increased rate of pay sanctioned in G. O., No. 212, of 16th February 1874.

Enclosure No. 1.

From E. M. BABER, Esq., Assistant Superintendent, Deputy-Superintendent, No. 1, Revenue Survey, dated Coimbatore, 16th April 1874, No. 165.

GOVERNMENT Order, No. 212, of the 16th February 1874, passed with reference to Mr. Cook's appeal against the ruling of the Accountant-General on G. O., dated 18th January 1873, No. 63, says that Mr. Cook is now entitled on completion of his five years' service to Rs. 425 per mensem, and that the same provision is applicable to other officers similarly situated.

2. It so happens that my case is precisely similar to Mr. Cook's, for we entered the Survey Department on the same date, we were both promoted to Acting Second Assistant on the 11th March 1869, and were similarly temporarily transferred, on special duty, to the Settlement Department.

3. Thus, according to the provisions of G. O. dated 16th February 1874, No. 212, I became entitled to the increased allowance on the 11th March last. But I now find that a recent ruling of the Accountant-General's debars me from the advantages of the late orders of Government on the subject.

4. In the ruling (copy of which is enclosed for information), the Accountant-General says that the increased allowance will be due after five years' actual service as *Uncovenanted Assistant in the Revenue Survey Department*, and he fixes upon the 22nd May 1875 as the date from which I am to draw my increased pay. Now the difference in time between this date and the 11th March 1874, which, as stated in paragraph 3, is the date on which I became entitled to the increased allowance according to the G. O. first quoted, corresponds with the period of my special duty with the Settlement Department; so the Accountant-General is evidently of opinion that this period of special duty (1 year 2 months and 10 days) is not to count as service in my own department.

5. With reference to this ruling, I have the honour to point out—

- (1.) That I did not apply for the Settlement Department, but was transferred to meet the requirements of the public service, and was sent back to the Survey when no longer required.
- (2.) That I certainly drew, as did Mr. Cook, about 1,500 Rs. more than I should have done had I remained in the Survey as Second Assistant, but during my absence I was twice superseded by officers junior to me.
- (3.) That if my settlement service is not to count towards the increased rates of pay recently sanctioned, I must sustain a loss in pocket as well as in position and prospects.

6. I beg, therefore, that you will forward this letter to the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, with a request that the orders of Government may be obtained as to the correctness of the Accountant-General's ruling, that the period of my special duty in the Settlement Department is

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not to count towards the five years' service necessary to qualify me for the increased rates of pay under G. O., dated 18th January 1873, No. 63.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From J. H. COOK, Esq., Second Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Deputy-Superintendent of Revenue Survey, No. 3 Party, dated 11th April 1874, No. 61-53.

I have the honour to state that notwithstanding the Government have been pleased to rule in their order, No. 212, dated 16th February 1874, that I am "now entitled to my 425 Rs. a-month after five years' service," you will observe from the accompanying demi-official of the Accountant-General that he objects to my getting the increased allowance till July 1876, on the plea that during the last five years I had been employed in the Settlement Department for a time, and that service therein cannot count towards my getting the higher salary.

2. Considering that when the Government passed the above quoted order they must have been aware that I had served in the Settlement Department (inasmuch as I mentioned the same in my letter to Colonel Priestley which he forwarded, and the Superintendent also alluded to the fact in his own letter), and yet in face of this information were pleased to direct that I was *now* entitled to the increase sought, I cannot but think the Accountant-General's objection open to doubt, and would, therefore, respectfully request you would be so good as to forward, with such remarks as you may deem fit, this my letter and its enclosures to the Superintendent, and ask him kindly to submit the same at an early period to the Government for their final orders.

3. The question for which I have the honour respectfully to solicit the decision of Government amounts simply to this, namely, whether the five years' service mentioned in G. O., No. 212, of 16th February last, as entitling me to the increased salary, included that portion of my service I was *lent* to the Settlement, or whether the Government intended that I should have five years' *actual* service in the Survey in addition to the five years I was under Mr. Banbury.

4. The circumstance under which I entered the Settlement (though the fact is perhaps already known to Government) was that in 1871 on two of Mr. Banbury's Assistants being absent, —one on furlough and the other on promotion,—application was made to the Survey for two officers to supply their places, when Mr. Baber and myself were selected. Mr. Baber was gazetted to act for Mr. Major, and I for Major (then Captain) Stuart. On the return of these officers to their respective posts, we reverted to ours in the Survey.

5. It will thus be seen from what I have said, as well as from correspondence that has passed between the Superintendent and Mr. Banbury on the subject of my appointment, that I was merely *lent* to the Settlement Department for a short period, and though doing duty there was to all intents a Survey Officer.

6. Under these circumstances, I can scarcely think the Government intend that the portion of my five years' service which I spent in the Settlement Department should be prejudicial to my prospects as regards higher salary; but as the Accountant-General has thought good to differ and accordingly refuses to pass my pay at the new rate sanctioned in G. O., No. 212, of 16th February last, I have the honour to request their final decision on the matter, and trust I may be pardoned for the trouble I am giving.

7. In conclusion, I would respectfully request that if the Government be pleased to decide in my favour I may be permitted to draw back-pay from the date of completion of my five years, namely, 10th March 1874, inasmuch as the Accountant-General has retrenched the excess from my salary.

8. My bill for March I prepared in strict accordance with G. O., No. 212, which I thought had but one interpretation, that notwithstanding my service in the Settlement, which, as I have pointed out, was simply *lent*, I "was now entitled after five years to 425 Rs. a-month".

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No. 216.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1874, No. 623.

Miscellaneous.

The Superintendent of Revenue Survey forwards letters from two of his Assistants, requesting orders on a

ruling of the Accountant-General which deprives them of the benefit of the higher rate of salary sanctioned to officers of their grade by the Resolution of the Government of India, dated 31st October 1872, No. 3,927 (Madras G. O., 18th January 1873, No. 63, Revenue Department).

2. According to this Resolution, the consolidated pay, inclusive of travelling allowance of a Second Assistant Superintendent, was fixed at Rs. 425 per mensem, with the proviso that for the first five years of their service *Civil* Second Assistants should only draw Rs. 325.

3. Messrs. Cook and Baber, who have now addressed Colonel Priestley, were promoted as Second Assistants on 11th March 1869, and claim the increased rate from 10th March 1874 when the period of five years expired.

4. It appears, however, that shortly after they became Second Assistants in the Survey Department it was found necessary, as a temporary measure, to utilize their services under the Director of Revenue Settlement, their names being retained in the meantime as permanent on the Survey Establishment to which, in due course, they reverted when their settlement duties were over.

5. The Accountant-General, it appears, is of opinion that this service in the Settlement Department cannot count towards the five years referred to in paragraph 2 *supra*.

6. The Government have already ruled (G. O., 16th February 1874, No. 212, Revenue Department), that Mr. Cook's claim to an increase of salary after five years could not be prejudiced by the fact that, for certain reasons, he had been considered *acting*. In the present case, they are similarly of opinion that neither he nor Mr. Baber should be sufferers from the fact that, on public grounds, their services had for a time been lent to the Settlement Department. It is true that they drew higher allowances while so employed, but their work was more important and harder, and this cannot be held to be a bar to their regular promotion in their own department.

7. It is observed that the present circumstances were alluded to in the letter recorded in G. O., 16th February last, No. 212.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Survey Office.
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28th April 1874.

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey.

To

The Secretary to Government
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1st Asst Supt for
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Accountant General's Office

Madrid, April 8th 1874.

Dear Sir,

Referring to our communication of the 29th I beg to inform you that having referred to the papers connected with your case, I find that you are not entitled to the increased rate of 20^{cts} per 100 as your name is in the debt book and cannot come under the provision.

I remain

Yours truly

W. H. Woodcock

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