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No. 433. Read the following letter from Co l W. H. HESSEY, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Hon. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dat l Chepauk, 13th November 1876, No. 3,525/135 :—

I HAVE the honor to state that previous to receipt of G.O., 21st September 1876, No. 1,312, arrangements had been mad for the commencement of the demarcation and survey of the Shivagunga Zemindari by desire of the Board of Revenue, and also for the demarcation and survey of theprovince of Puducottah, agreeably to G.O., No. 703, Political Department, of 15th October 1875. The demarcation and survey of the Jalantra Estate, in the Ganjam District, and of the Bodinaiknur, Gundamanaiknur, and Otapanaiknur Estates, in the Madura District, had also been begun and the work in most of these Zemindaris was well advanced.

2. In paragraph 3 of the order above quoted, it is stated that it is to be distinctly understood that special parties employed in the survey of Native States, &c., are not to consist of persons on the regular establishment of the Survey Department. In paragraph 2, the Government remarked that they looked to the Superintendent not to undertake any work which would defer the great end of the completion of the survey and realisation of the revenue which it would secure.

3. I have the honor respectfully to represent that it is almost impossible for me, without great additional expenses, to organise special parties of surveyors who will do even tolerable work without having some such hold on them as the hope of pension and the fact of their being in Government servi will give.

4. When the survey of the Purla Kimedy Estate was undertaken, it was found most difficult to collect surveyors. The survey of the estate was very much more expensive than it would have been, had it been performed by men in the service of Government.

5. In Native States and in Zemindaris the surveyors should, I venture to think, be more amenable to discipline even than in Government taluqs; the temptations to go wrong are greater than elsewhere. I could not have the slightest confidence in a set of men paid at the ordinary rates. To induce qualified men to leave Government service and enter into the temporary service of a Native State or of a Zemindari, strong inducement would have to be held out. I venture to represent that it would be every way preferable that the State or Zemindari should pay 20 per cent. on the salary of all men who would be entitled to pension if they had remained in Government service (see Sections 34 and 35 of the Civil Pension Code). If such an arrangement be permitted, the cost of the survey and demarcation would doubtless be greater than in Government taluqs, but not to the amount of 20 per cent., as Peons, Measurers, and Gumastahs drawing not more than Rs. 10 per month would not be charged with the per-centage.

6. With regard to no work being undert en that will impede the completion of the survey, I have to represent that hith to we have worked up to the full extent of the Budget allotment, and have o n occasionally exceeded it in the endeavour to push on the Revenue Survey w k. In lieu of men detached to the survey of Zemindaris, others have been ent ained. By detaching men for the survey of Zemindaris, money was saved in ler that the survey of Cuddapah might be pushed on towards completion, and t funds might be available for special

surveys such as those of Wy… Nilgiri Hills, Shervaroy Hills, Malabar Teak forests, Anamallay Hills, Bounda… rvey, and many others ordered by Government, but for which no separate and ad… al funds had been allotted. I can safely assert that the surveys in the Zemindar… ve not retarded by one day the completion of the ordinary survey. On the co… ty, if employment had not been found for men as above noted, many valuable me… have had to be discharged and their services would have been lost to the Sur… r ever.

7. I have to represent that … Political Agent of Puducottah is anxious that the survey of the province shoul… e placed under the direction of an experienced European officer, and that he is … ngly of opinion that none but servants of the British Government should be employed in the work.

8. I believe that, in consequence of impending scarcity, it will not be possible to devote to the survey this year the sum he had originally intended, Rs. 50,000. A Native Sub-Assistant and three Deputy Surveyors are now employed in making preliminary sketches and in preparing stones for demarcation purposes. I request that I may be permitted to retain them on the condition of 20 per cent. on their pay being remitted to Government. I also request permission to carry on work in the Zemindaris as at present.

No. 434. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1876, No. 1,780.

Miscellaneous.

UNDER the explanation now furnished, the Government sanction the continuance of the work commenced in Zemindaris, Native States, &c.

2. The levy of an extra charge, not exceeding 20 per cent., is in such cases reasonable, and is sanctioned as proposed in paragraph 5. This order will apply to the establishment already entertained for Puducottah.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintendent of Revenue Surv…
„ the Accountant-General.

Ed. F. B. Bantleman.

Letter from the Supt. of
Revt. Survey. 13 Mar. 1876
No 3525

With reference to his re-
cent order for the Kal. Ma
great work of finishing an
the Survey to completion
shd not be delayed; &
that officers attached
that Dept. shd not be de-
-pulled to Survey Zemin-
daris, having State &c;
but that a special & separate
agency shd be employed
for the latter purpose;
the Superintendt. says
that from the receipts
of this fee, operations were
commenced in the Sena-
pooja Zemindary & the
Poodoocottah Zemindary &
in some estates in Tanjore
& Madura, that circumst-
-ances to organize separate Establ

Mauks efficient & fully
Educated for his purpose, that
his full Budget allotment
for Surveys has always been
Marked out. Which considerable
Retrenchment would have
resulted if an efficient had
Could not been employed
in Native States &c.
as they must have been.
Compulsorily discharged on
account of employment.
He recommends that his Assts
Salaries subsistance for
Servts in Native States &c
qualified them in their
respective Ranks be prospective
& that 20 per cent extra
Rate be charged for their Indents
Servts & requests sanction
for his arrangements &
for carrying on Native
Zemindaree Surveys as
at present.

It is submitted that under

Surveys in Tinnevelly
dated 13th Nov. 1876.

No. 3525/135

Revenue Survey Office,
Tuticorin (Tuticorin)
13th November 1876.

From

The Superintendent Revenue Survey

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

SIR,

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3. I have the honour respectfully to represent that it is almost impossible for me without great additional expence to organise special parties of Surveyors who will do even tolerable work without having some such hold on them as the hope of pension and the fact of their being in Government service will give.

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7 I have to represent that the Political Agent of Pudukottah is anxious that the Survey of the Province should be placed under the direction of an experienced European & that he is strongly of opinion that Stone built servants of the British Government should be employed on the work.

8 I believe that in consequence of unfavourable rains it will not be possible to devote to the survey this year the sum he had originally intended. Rs. 50000 A native Sub Assistant & three Deputy Surveyors are now employed in making preliminary sketches and in preparing stones for demarcation purposes. I request that I may be permitted to retain them on the condition of 2½ per cent on their pay being remitted to Government. I also request permission to carry on work in the Zemmudaries as at present.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your Most Obed.t Servant
(Signature illegible)
Superintendent Ry. Survey

Copd. P.D.
Ex. C.

Revenue 1876 Despatch
From No 4891
The Supt^t Rev. Survey
To
The Secretary to Gov^t
Rev. Department.

Dated 13th Nov^r 1876.
Desp^d 14th
Rec^d 14:
No. 3525
135
Subject

Requests permission to retain Surveyors in the Pudukottah Estate on condition of 20 per cent on their pay being remitted to Government & to carry on work in the Zemindaries as at present

Remarks

No 1780

Under the explanation here-in-recited, the Govt sanction the continuance of the work commenced in Zemindaries & claim referred.

The levy of an extra charge of 20 per cent is in such cases necessary & the sanctioned appropriation para 5. This order will apply to all Establishments already entertained Pudukottah.

23 Novr 1876

13 7 Supt Rev Surv 9/25/0
6 Asst Gumb 9/25

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