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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th November 1878, No. 1,911.

Read the following paper:—

No. 340. From J. STURROCK, Esq., Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 11th November 1878, Miscellaneous No. 11,503.

With reference to your Official Memorandum, dated 18th October last, I am directed to forward copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 1st June 1877, Miscellaneous No. 7,885, in which the Board remark that there is no objection to the Superintendent of the Government Farms delegating certain powers to Mr. Benson, but that they see no grounds for constituting a separate appointment. No later instructions have been issued on the subject, and the Board consider that from the Proceedings above quoted Mr. Robertson should have understood that he was not authorized to entrust Mr. Benson with any independent charge.

Enclosure No. 1.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st June 1877, Miscellaneous No. 7,885.

Read the following letter from W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Superintendent, Government Farms, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 4th May 1877, No. 415:—

I have the honor to request that Mr. Benson may be placed in charge of the Saidapet Experimental Farm under my general control, and that he may be recognised, in future, as the Superintendent of the Farm. Practically he is now the Superintendent, as for some time the direct charge of the Farm has been in his hands, but the arrangement now in operation is unsatisfactory, in so far that it relieves me only of a portion of the duties connected with the working of the Saidapet Farm, much of my time being occupied in the performance of routine work which could be done equally as well by Mr. Benson. For instance, I keep all the accounts, prepare the contingent bills for audit, prepare the periodical progress statements, &c., and personally pay all bills excepting for wages, bazaar purchases, and petty charges, which Mr. Benson pays from advances made to him by me. The charges met by Mr. Benson from advances represent a very considerable portion of the total expenditure of the Farm, and this expenditure being from advances, we are compelled to undertake a great deal more book-keeping than would be necessary if the payments were made direct and at once by Mr. Benson.

2. I propose that Rs. 1,500 of the permanent advance held by me shall be placed at Mr. Benson's disposal, and that he shall pay all charges against the Farm which have been sanctioned by me.

3. I propose further that Mr. Benson shall submit to me in advance detailed estimates of expenditure for my approval monthly, and at shorter intervals when necessary, and that no expenditure shall be incurred by him except under such approval; that he shall submit monthly statements showing the whole of the expenditure and receipts of the Farm; that he shall prepare and submit to me monthly a statement showing the amounts due to the Farm; that he shall prepare the weekly contingent bills and cash them at the treasury, under the Proceedings of the Board, Miscellaneous No. 9,941, dated the 16th of November 1876; that he shall prepare the monthly contingent bills which, on being audited by me, shall, with the vouchers, be forwarded to the office of the Board for final audit; and that he shall continue, as at present, to prepare and submit quarterly the usual stock-taking certificates and other periodical returns.

4. I would continue to prescribe the cropping of the Farm, the experiments to be made, the improvements, alteration, &c., to be carried out, and control generally the management of the Farm. The arrangement I propose would admit of Mr. Benson's services being more fully utilised than at present, and set free some of my time for more important duties, while it would facilitate my going on tour when necessary. The management of the School of Agriculture and my Agricultural Lectures together have made a considerable addition to my duties.

THERE is no objection to the Superintendent making the arrangements which he proposes between himself and Mr. Benson, as long as Mr. Benson remains attached to the Saidapet Institution. But the Board see no grounds for constituting a separate appointment, or for modifying the present arrangement, according to which the Farm is under Mr. Robertson's superintendence.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. D. MACLEAN,
Additional Sub-Secretary.

No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1878, No. 1,911.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED.

2. The Board will require Mr. Robertson to act up to the spirit of the instructions conveyed to him in their Proceedings, 1st June 1877, No. 7,885.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Govt. of India.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated November 25th.

Printed 29th.

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G.O. 25th November 1878, No. 1913.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 840-841.

Superintendentship of the Saidapet Farm.—Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue applying to them rules implying whether any order has been passed creating the — a vacancy in the office of Superintendent of Government Farms; and directing the Board to require Mr. [illegible] to submit a line specifying the [illegible] shown to him in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st June 1877, No. 985.

Revenue Department.

Mis: No. 7885.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 1st June 1877.

Read the following:—

No. 415.

From W. R. Robertson Esquire. M.R.A.C.
Superintendent, Government Farms.

To H. E. Stokes Esquire
Secretary, Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that Mr. Benson may be placed in charge of the Saidapet Farm, and that, he may be recognised, in future, as the Superintendent of the Farm. Practically, he is now the Superintendent, as for some time the direct charge of the Farm has been in his hands but, the arrangement now in operation is unsatisfactory, in so far that it relieves me only of a portion of the duties connected with the working of the Saidapet Farm, much of my time being occupied in the performance of routine work which, could be done, equally as well, by Mr. Benson. For instance, I keep all the accounts; prepare the

the Contingent bills for audit, prepare the periodical progress statements &c and, personally, pay all bills, excepting for wages, bazaar purchases and petty charges which Mr Benson pays from advances made to him by me. The charges met by Mr Benson from advances represent a very considerable portion of the total expenditure of the Farm and this expenditure being from advances, we are compelled to undertake a great deal more book-keeping than would be necessary, if the payments were made direct and, personally, by Mr Benson.

2. I propose that 1500 Rs of the Permanent Advance, held by me, shall be placed at Mr Bensons disposal and that, he shall pay all charges against the Farm which, have been sanctioned by me.

3. I propose further that Mr Benson shall submit to me, in advance, detailed Estimates of expenditure, for my approval, monthly, and at shorter intervals when necessary; and that, no expenditure shall be incurred by him except, under such approval; that, he shall submit monthly statements showing the whole of the expenditure and receipts of the Farm; that he shall prepare and submit to me monthly, a statement showing the amounts due to the Farm; that, he shall prepare the monthly contingent bills, and cash them at the Treasury under the Proceedings of the Board, Miscellaneous No. 9941, dated the 16th of November 1876; that he shall prepare the monthly Contingent bills which, on being audited by me shall, with the vouchers, be forwarded to the Office of the Board for final audit; and that, he shall continue, as at present, to prepare and submit quarterly, the usual stock taking Certificates and other periodical returns.

4. I would continue to prescribe the cropping of the Farm, the experiments to be made, the improvements, alterations, &c to be carried out and, control generally the management of the Farm. The arrangement I propose, would admit of Mr Bensons services being more fully utilized than at present, and, set free some of my time for more important duties which

while it would facilitate my going on tour when necessary. The management of the School of Agriculture and my Agricultural Lectures together, have made a considerable addition to my duties.

I have &c.
Govt. Farms' Office
Sydney 4th May 1877
(Sd.) W. R. Robertson.

There is no objection to the Superintendent making the arrangements which he proposes between himself and Mr. Benson, so long as Mr. Benson remains attached to the Sydney institution. But the Board see no grounds for constituting a separate appointment, or for modifying the present arrangement according to which the farm is under Mr. Robertson's superintendence.

(True Copy and Extract)
(Sd.) C. O. Mackay
Actg. Secretary.

To
The Superintendent, Govt. Farms.

(True Copy)
J. Kinnear
Ag. Secretary

W. Wright
Asst.

Revenue Board Office
Madras.
11th November 1878.

Miscellaneous No. 11503.

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From

The Ag. Subsecretary to the
Board of Revenue, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to your official Memorandum dated 18th October last I am directed to forward copy of Board's Proceedings dated 1st June 1877 Mis: No. 7885 in which the Board remark that there is no objection to the Superintendent of the Government Farms delegating certain powers to Mr. Benson but that they see no grounds for constituting a separate appointment. No later instructions have been issued on the subject and the Board consider that from the Proceedings above quoted Mr. Robertson should have understood that he was not authorized to entrust Mr. Benson with any independent charge.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
J. Murray
Ag. Sub Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government R.D.
with copy of Board's Pro. 1st June 1877 Mis No. 7885.

Endorsement in Letter from the Secretary to Government Revenue Department dated 11th November 1878 Pro. R. 11503.

Copy forwarded for information.

Collector of [illegible]

Revenue 1878 Deptt

From No 4970

The Ag. Sub Secretary to the
Board of Revenue, Madras.

To,

The Secretary to Govt. R. D.

Dated 11
Recd 12th November 1878.

Encl.

No 1911 - 25 November 1878

Replying to Memo. from
Govt enquiring whether any
order has been passed creating
the Superintendentship of the
Saidapet Farm as a Separate
office under the Superintendent
of Govt. Farms.

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2. The Board were desired to call up the Mr Robertson to ... to the Agri... ... ... in their Proc.; 17th ...

14 Feb 78 ... 20 ...

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