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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 208. Read the following letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Rajahmundry, 1st March 1867, No. 344-6 :—

1. In forwarding, through the Examiner of Claims, for the favorable consideration of Government, the accompanying original application for fifteen days' privilege leave from Mr. R. J. Melville, Officiating Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement in Kurnool and Cuddapah, I have the honor to explain that though I am competent, under the existing orders, to grant the leave asked for, without prior reference to Government, I deem it advisable, on the present occasion, to submit the application for their orders, as I am aware that it will shortly be followed by another from the same Officer for more extended leave to Europe, and it is consequently of importance that arrangements should be at once made for the charge of the party during his absence.

2. As I cannot hope that an Officer of sufficient experience will be available from the Covenanted Service, a glance at the Civil List shewing that young men of four years' standing are already attaining the grade of Acting Sub-Collector, I am induced to recommend that Mr. J. H. M. Cox, First Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement, may be appointed an Acting Deputy Director, and placed in charge of Mr. Melville's party. Mr. Cox was appointed to the department in March 1861, and has now served in it six years. He has given during that time entire satisfaction to the Deputy Directors under whom he has been placed, and he has been twice employed, with the sanction of Government, in independent charge, first, of the party raised in 1865 to re-classify the portion of the Kistna District, the accounts of which were destroyed in the cyclone, and which party he organized, and secondly, in 1866, in completing the introduction of the new Settlement in the Godavery District after my return to Madras. The manner in which he performed these duties fully justified his selection for them. He was also in charge of the Kurnool party from October 1863 to January 1864, after the death of the late Mr. Morris and before the appointment of his successor. Mr. Melville considers that Mr. Cox is fully qualified and competent to act for him, and in this opinion I quite concur.

Government Order, 10th May 1865, No. 970.

G. O. 28th August 1865, No. 2,013.

3. It is nevertheless right that I should mention that Captain C. J. Stuart, employed in the same party, is senior to Mr. Cox in the department, though only by three days, and also senior to him in promotion to the grade of First Assistant Director by seven months, though owing to absence on sick leave, which of course is Captain Stuart's misfortune and not his fault, the period of his actual performance of duty is much shorter than that of Mr. Cox. Independently, however, of the difference in actual service, it is no disparagement to Captain Stuart to say that he has not the experience in, or knowledge of, the various processes and subjects connected with the formation of a Revenue Settlement, which Mr. Cox has acquired, and as I am responsible for the recommendation of the person best fitted for the important charge under notice, I feel it my duty to submit the name of Mr. Cox.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th March 1867.

No. 209. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1867, No. 606.

Miscellaneous.

Mr. Cox will be gazetted to the charge of the Kurnool and Cuddapah Settlement party during Mr. Melville's absence on privilege leave, or till further orders.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.
" the Accountant General.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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