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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th April 1867.

No. 99. Read the following letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 2nd April 1867, No. 463-11 :—

1. Referring to the Order of Government, dated 12th ultimo, No. 606, I have the honour to state that Mr. Melville has resumed his duties at Cuddapah on the expiration of his privilege leave, but will again quit his station about the 10th instant, preparatory to taking the furlough granted to him in the "Fort Saint George Gazette" of the 19th ultimo, and that consequently should the Government approve of Mr. J. H. M. Cox being placed in charge of the party, it will be necessary for him to be re-gazetted.

2. I take this opportunity to correct two mistakes which I inadvertently made in penning paragraph 3 of my letter of the 1st ultimo, No. 344. I therein stated that Mr. Cox was junior in the Department to Captain Stuart by three days, relying on the figures given in column 4 of the annual List of Establishments in the Revenue Department. On referring, however, to the "Fort Saint George Gazette" for 1861, (pages 272 and 343,) I find that Mr. Cox is really the senior of the two in the department, having been appointed on the 1st March, Captain Stuart's appointment dating only from the 15th of the same month. Again, I stated that Captain Stuart was promoted to the grade of First Assistant seven months before Mr. Cox. The actual difference of time is only five months. The case of Mr. Cox is thus really much stronger than I put it, and when I add that Captain Stuart's priority of promotion was owing in a great measure to accidental circumstances; that Mr. Cox has been for years the First Assistant of Mr. Melville's party, to which Captain Stuart was sent in October 1865 as a supernumerary, and that the former counts by far the longest period of actual performance of duty, I think that on the score of service and seniority alone, without reference to qualifications, it will be admitted that his claims are the strongest.

"Fort Saint George Gazette," 26th June and 4th December 1863, pages 1,055 and 970.

3. Should Mr. Cox be appointed to officiate as Deputy Director, I request orders as to his remuneration. In their Proceedings of the 1st December 1860, paragraph 8, the Government expressed their intention to appoint Uncovenanted Officers to Deputy Directorships on salaries of six or seven hundred Rupees. I think that the last named sum is the least that should be granted on the present occasion, with the tentage and extra tentage of a Deputy Director. For the period during which Mr. Cox acted for Mr. Melville last month, I request he may be granted the usual deputation allowance with tentage under the rules.

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1867, No. 800.

Miscellaneous.

1. Mr. Cox will be appointed to officiate as a Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement from the date on which Mr. R. J. Melville may vacate the post, and will have charge of the Kurnool and Cuddapah Settlement party.

2. While so employed Mr. Cox will draw pay at the rate of Rupees 700 monthly, with the additional fixed and extra tentage allowed to a Deputy Director.

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3. The Accountant General will pass the usual deputation allowance, with tentage, to Mr. Cox for the period during which he acted for Mr. Melville recently when the latter gentleman was absent on privilege leave.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Rs. 800/-

W. Cox Esq^r^ having been appointed to officiate as a Deputy Collector, vide letter from the Board of Revenue dated 21st March 1867, whereby he became entitled to draw charges for travelling allowance and Contingent charges at the rates sanctioned for Deputy Collectors.

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To Mr. Cox

13. Feb^y^ 1867. Alexandria Subdivision 6^th^ April 1867.
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