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May 29th 1912.

No. 245

Sir.

With reference to the last paragraph of your despatch No. 244 of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you as follows:

2. All members of the Cadastral Branch of the Survey Department down to and including the rank of Junior Staff Surveyor receive subsistence allowance at the rate of Rs. 5/- per diem when in the field and if not more than 13 days in one camp, and they are also either provided with free quarters or receive a house allowance of £60 per annum. These allowances are the same for computers. The corresponding rates for Assistant Junior Staff Surveyors are Rs. 3 per diem and £36 per annum.

3. The two probationary Junior Staff Surveyors referred to in paragraph 5 of your despatch No. 26 of the 18th January receive Rs. 3 per diem subsistence allowance when actually travelling and house allowance at the rate of £60 per annum when not in the field, provided they are not given free quarters.

4. In the past it has been customary for the Public Works Department to pay the house allowances

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allowances, but for the current year and in the future these will be paid from the Personal Emoluments Vote of the Survey Department. Subsistence allowances are paid from the sub-head "Local Transport and Labour" under the Survey Department Estimates.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

ACTING GOVERNOR.

Mr Batterbee

You will be able to compare the rates with those in other depts, and the only comment I make on this point is that it would seem better to graduate the rate of house allowance. It is hardly reasonable that the Deputy Director, Cadastral Branch, and the latest joined Junior Staff Surveyor should draw the same.

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(intd) W.C.B. 25/6/12

Mr Butler

As to house allowances the question when those allowances should be paid has been settled for all officers generally on Gov/5743 E.A.P. and I would not propose to disturb the settlement of that question. Presumably that general decision will be applied to the officers of the Survey Dept. The question of the rates of house allowance requires further consideration. The rates quoted in this despatch are the same as those fixed for officers generally on Gov/11825/07 E.A.P., viz \$60 per annum for superior officers and £36 per annum (since raised to \$40 per annum) for European Clerks. It would certainly seem as if more differentiation were desirable, and I would make enquiry of the Governor on this point, but I would not do it on this paper, but would raise the question generally on the House Allowance file.

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Mr Read

I agree with Mr Batterbee

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