

Surveyor General's Office
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Circular Memorandum

To Mr. Lic^t Surveyor

Having discovered that it has become the practice with certain Surveyors to employ Draftsmen to prepare plans for the Survey Department from the field books alone, I deem it my duty to advise you that there is no sanction for such procedure.

The permission, so far as it has been tacitly given, requires that the Surveyor should plot his own work and fill in, in pencil at least, all the details which are to appear on the plan, the Draftsman being only employed to ink in and finish the plan. This has been allowed in order to meet the difficulties experienced by a Surveyor in the field in drawing his plans neatly.

I have recently learnt that in some cases the Surveyor never sees the plan of his survey, having signed the sheet of paper in blank before the plan is plotted and drawn thereon.

This is clearly an abuse of a permissive arrangement made in the interests of the profession, which I cannot pass over without distinctly expressing my disapproval of the practice referred to, and also of my intention of putting a stop to it.

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