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No. 96. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 24th January 1860, No. . .

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, the accompanying letters from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly, recommending an alteration in the configuration of the executive ranges in his district.

Dated 23rd July 1859, No. 363.
„ 31st August „ „ 522.
„ 10th Jan. 1860, „ 1094.

2. The Government in their order, dated the 18th November 1856, No. 2156, approved of the division of the district into four executive ranges, as follows:—

No. 1 Kónád and Manaparai táluqs.
„ 2 Lálgudi and Torayúr do.
„ 3 Musiri and Vettikatti do.
„ 4 Válikondápuram, Ariyalúr and Udayárpáleyam.

3. The number of ranges were, however, altered to three in the late Chief Engineer's Proceedings of 17th January, 1859, No. 7073, on the representation of the District Engineer that the Executive officers in charge of the ranges Nos. 1 and 3, were placed in an inconvenient position in respect to the supervision of works in their respective ranges. He represented in respect to the 3rd range that it was intersected by the river Cauvery, which was impassible at certain seasons of the year for horses and carts, and that the Executive Engineer had to go round Trichinopoly to cross the river and re-enter the limits of his range on the other side; and that in regard to the 3rd range, it was stated that the comparatively more important works in Kónád engaged the attention of the Executive officer to the neglect of those in Manaparai. By the arrangement he then proposed, he moreover, stated, that the Carur road would be under one officer, as well as the river channels on either side of the river.

Vide letters from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly, dated 9th November 1858, and 8th January 1859, Nos. 1219 and 1443.

4. For these and other reasons, the late Chief Engineer approved of the arrangement by which the number of ranges was reduced from 4 to 3, and they comprised as follows:

No. 1. Kónád, Vettikatti and Manaparai.
„ 2. Lálgudi, Musiri and Torayúr.
„ 3. Ariyalúr, Válikonda and Udayárpáleyam.

5. I was, however, of opinion when I had to deal with the subject that the ranges as reduced formed too heavy a charge and, therefore, for the reasons stated in paragraph 10 of my letter to Government, dated 12th July last, No. 2668, I preferred to maintain the original arrangement, leaving any alteration which may seem advisable to be carried into effect after the boundaries of the new táluqs have been determined.

6. The Government in their order, dated the 24th December last, No. 1763, having decided on the question of the new táluqs and their component parts, the District Engineer in his letter, dated the 10th instant, No. 1094, herewith submitted, strongly urges the necessity of immediate sanction for the alteration lately proposed by him in the configuration of the ranges which will bring them to their original number, though not to their component parts, and the reason given by him for urging the matter at this time is, that the transfer of accounts will be more easily effected now than at any other period: the working season having barely commenced.

7. The arrangement proposed for the new ranges corresponds in a great measure with the new táluqs approved of by Government, and is as follows:—

No. of the ranges.	The component parts of each range.	Names of the former táluqs.
1st Range.....	Kónád	Kónád and Lálgúdi.
2nd do.	Vettikatti.....	Vettikatti and Manaparai.
3rd do.	Torayúr	Musiri and Torayúr.
4th do.	Válikondápuram and Udayárpáleyam.....	Válikondápuram, Ariyalúr and Udayárpaleyam.

8. It will appear from a comparison of the ranges as originally sanctioned with those now proposed, that the latter is much to be preferred. The Kónád range will remain intersected by the Cauvery, but there the river is more easily crossed, the other two ranges lie on either side of the river, while the fourth range, the District Engineer states, forms though large, a much easier charge, as a great area of it is covered with private property which does not require the attention of the Engineer department, and that in fact it is the present range No. 3.

9. The three first ranges having only one táluq for their component part may be designated after the names of their respective táluqs, while the fourth, which comprises two new táluqs, may be designated Ariyalúr from its central station of that name, as follows :—

No. of new ranges.	Designation of the new ranges.	Component parts of new táluqs.	Proposed establishment.	Names of the officers and subordinates nominated for the charges of ranges.
1	Kónád range.....	Kónád...	1st class establishment Rupees 120.	Lieut. H. R. Mead, Probationer Assistant Engineer.
2	Vettikatti range.	Vettikatti... ...	4th class establishment Rupees 60.	Sub-Conductor W. T. Bateman, Assistant Supervisor.
3	Torayúr range...	Musiri and Torayúr.	2nd class establishment Rupees 100.	Mr. E. Ricketts, Assistant District Engineer.
4	Ariyalúr range...	Válikondápuram and Udayárpaleyam.	2nd class establishment Rupees 100.	Mr. T. Dick, Supervisor.

10. The range establishments already sanctioned will be disposed to the new ranges as recommended by the District Engineer and shewn above.

11. I beg to recommend that the arrangement above proposed may receive the early consideration and sanction of Government.

No. 97. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1860, No. 378.

The Government approve and sanction the new arrangement of the executive ranges of the Trichinopoly district, recommended by the Chief Engineer in this letter, and described particularly in paragraph 9.

2. It appears to Government however that Udayárpáleyam will be a better title for the 4th range than Ariyalúr, that being the name of the principal of the two táluqs forming this range. If however the office of the range is to be at Ariyalúr, it may properly take its name from that place.

3. The "component parts" of the 3rd range are not correctly stated. It will contain the single new taláq of Torayúr.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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General Office of P.W.
Séparation
January 1860.

No.

From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Public Sir,

I have the honor to forward

Enclosures 3. for submission to Government the accompanying letters from the District Engineer of Trichinopoly recommending an alteration in the Configuration of the Executive Ranges in his District

2 The Government in their order dated the 15th November 1856 No. 2156 approved of the division of the District into four Executive Ranges as follows

Kónád No. 1 Kónad and Manapara Talúqs

Manapara " 2 Talúdi and Vettikatti &c.

Talúdi " 3 Musiri and Tottiam &c.

Trichy " 4 Valconda pur, Ariyalur and Udayarpalayam

Vettikatti Trichy Talúq & the Ariyalúr Udayárpálayam

3. The number of Rangers were however allowed to stand in the late Chief Engineers Proceedings of 7th January 1857 No 7073 on the representation of the District Engineer that the Executive Officers in charge of the Ranges No 1 and 3 were placed in an disadvantageous position in respect to the Supervision of works in their respective Ranges. He also represented in respect to the 3rd Range that it was intersected by the River Canvey which was impassable at certain seasons of the year for Horses and Carts and that the Executive Engineer had to go round Dutchinsky to cross the River and reenter the limits of his Range on the other side, and that in regard to the 3rd Range it was stated that the comparatively more important works in Canvey required the attention of the Executive Officer to the neglect of those in Mauritius. By the arrangement he then proposed, he moreover stated, that the Canvey Road would be under one Officer as well as the River Channels on either side of the River.—

Vide Letters from the Ld Secretary to Govt dated 8th January 1858 & 5th January 1859 Nos 129 & 1143.

4. For these and other reasons the late Chief Engineer approved of the arrangement by which the number of Ranges was reduced from 4 to 3 and they constituted as follows.—

No 1 Canal Tellimelle and Mauritius
" 2 La Gaudi Musaic and Terreur
" 3 Arsenal, Valentin and Wagapatam

It was however of opinion with

5. Had to deal with the subject that the Rangers as reduced formed too heavy a charge and therefore for the reasons stated in para 10 of my letter to Government dated 12th July last No 2668 I proposed to maintain the original arrangement leaving any alteration which may seem advisable to be carried into effect after the boundaries of the new Ranges have been determined.—

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6. The Government in their order dated the 21st December last No 9613 having decided on the question of the new Rangers and their component parts, the District Engineer in his letter dated the 10th instant No 1691 having recommended strongly upon the necessity of immediate sanction for the alteration lately proposed by him in the configuration of the Ranges which will bring them in their original number the work in their component parts and the Steamer given by him for ongoing the matter at this time as that the handing of accounts will be much easily effected from them as any other period. The working Season having already commenced.

7. The arrangement proposed for the new Rangers corresponds in a great measure with the new Ranges approved of by Government and are as follows.

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7. The three first Rangers having only one Talug for their Component part may be designated after the names of their respective Talugs while the fourth which comprises the two Talugs may be designated. Taken from the Central Station of that name. as follows.

Designation of the new Rangers	Component parts of the new Talugs	Proposed Establishment	Names of the Officers and Subordinates nominated for the charges of Ranges
1. Ranges	Cond[e]	1 Cap Establishment	Lieut H.R. Head
		Rupees 120	Subalterns Asst Engineer
2. Ranges	Villoorte	1 Do	Sub Cond[r] B. P. Battiman
		R 60	Assistant Superintendent
3. Ranges	Mussaniam	2 Do	Mr S. Nicholls
	Surian	R 100	Assistant Do Engrs
4. Ranges	Calcombupur	2 Do	Mr P. Dick
	and Mayaveram	R 100	Superintendent
	Talum		

The Range Establishments.

10. already sanctioned will be dispensed with the New Ranges as recommended by the District Engineer and shown above.

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No. of the Ranges	The Counties forming each Range	Names of the former Ranges
1st Range	Conard	Conard and Lafayette
2nd do	Telliamette	Telliamette and Marion
3rd do	Jennie	Marie and Linn
4th do	Calamus for and Morgan for Clem	Calamus for Linn Co and Morgan for Clem

5. Should Objections from a Comparison of the Ranges as originally constituted with those now proposed block the Public Business to be postponed The Conard Range will themselves interested by the Change, but there the Union is more equally confined the other two Ranges be on either side of the Union, while the fourth Range the District Supreme Member forms the Large as much easier charge as a great part of it is covered with pine and prairie forests which does not require the attention of the Supreme Representative, and that in fact it is the smallest Range No 3.

11. Beg to recommend that the arrangement above proposed in your Majesties Gracious Consideration and Sanction of Government

Received from the Hon. the Secretary
26th Aug 1850

Received from the Hon. the Secretary
1st Sept 1850

Received from the Hon. the Secretary
4th Sept 1850

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
C M Bull Lieut
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government

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From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Govt
C.S.D.

Dated 24 January 1860
Rec'd 26th January 1860
No 755

Enclosures &.
From do 9/9 April/60
& 866 in Genl 15 June 1857
Recommending for
the sanction of Government
an alteration in the
configuration of the
Executive Ranges in the
Trichinopoly District.

No 378. 20th February
With an Order

No 378

To the Govt - Approving
Sanction the new arrange-
ment of the executive ranges
of the Trichinopoly District,
recommended by the Ch. Engr
in this letter, & described
particularly in Para 9 -

2. It appears to Govt.
however that Colonel Forbes
will be a letter with for the 4th
range than Ariadoor, that
being the name of the principal
of the two Talugs forming the
Range of however the office
of the Range is the at Ariadoor,
it may hereafter take its name
from that Place.

3. The enclosure sent "to" & 30
Sanction the rings was taken of
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