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No. 169. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division:—

Proposes a new scale of Establishments for the working of the Wynaad Ranges, Malabar District. } (Here enter 21st August 1866, No. 119.)

No. 170. ORDER THEREON, 7th September 1866, No. 2,855.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 17.

1. In July last, the Secretaries to the Planters' Association of Southern India, in noticing the progress which had been made in the opening of the Tambracherry, Carcoor, and Periah Ghâts, remarked that, in the opinion of the Association, one of the proximate causes that deter the expeditious prosecution of operations on those ghâts, is the frequent change in the Officers appointed to the charge of the works, and the want of efficient subordinate agency. In communicating this letter to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division for such observations as he might desire to offer, that Officer was requested to take into consideration the expediency of constituting Wynaad an undivided charge under one Officer, and of securing a more efficient establishment by employing, as local Superintendents of works, such of the Planters as it was understood were likely to lose their present occupations and might be induced to undertake the supervision of Government works.

2. The Superintending Engineer complies with this requisition in his letters above read, in which he expresses his strong conviction of the impolicy of re-constituting Wynaad into a single Range while the three ghâts now in progress and the communications east and west through each of the north, south, and south-west sections of Wynaad, remain incomplete, and the north and south line, connecting them with each other and with the Neilgherries, almost untouched.

3. Colonel Walker proposes, as an arrangement which may be advantageously carried out for a season or two, the establishment of three Ranges to be designated the North, South, and South-West Wynaad Ranges, and to be placed respectively under the charge of the Officers named below, aided by Overseers on the permanent establishment:—

Range.	Name of Officer.	Present		Total.	Proposed		Total.
		Salary.	Travelling allowance.		Salary.	Travelling allowance.	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
North Wynaad Range	Mr. Nordmann with local rank of Assistant Engineer, 3rd Grade.	225	60	285	300	120	420
	Mr. P. Dorsey, Overseer	90	45	135	90	40	135
	Extra Overseer	90	45	135	90	40	135
South do. ...	Captain Kennedy with local rank of Executive Engineer.	741	120	861	743	150	893
					300	120	420
	Assistant Engineer ...	...	...	...	90	40	135
	Permanent Overseer...	90	45	135	90	40	135
	Extra Overseer ...	90	45	135	90	40	135
South-West do. ...	Mr. O'Shaughnessy ...	744	150	894	450	120	570
	Mr. Crowe, Overseer...	90	45	135	90	40	135
				2,715			2,978
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						Excess...	263

4. Colonel Walker reports having only now ascertained that the Controller has, in the case of Captain Kennedy and Lieutenant Coningham, passed the extra allowance of 50 per cent. sanctioned for members of the Department employed in Wynaad, on the total of the Staff salary and Military allowances, whereas, properly, it should have been on the staff salary alone, and, in his scheme of establishment, Colonel Walker has adopted the latter arrangement, except in the case of Captain Kennedy, who he considers should not be a loser by the contemplated changes.

5. The financial result of the proposed arrangements is a net increase of Rupees 263, if Mr. O'Shaughnessy, who was lately transferred to the North Arcot District, be restored to the South-West Range, or of Rupees 113 if a Supervisor on the permanent establishment, with the local rank of Assistant Engineer on Rupees 300, be appointed.

6. Colonel Walker further proposes to build for each Overseer a pucka house for Rupees 1,000, and in order to remove all cause of dissatisfaction on the score of the limited grant made for works, that Officer suggests an increase of Rupees 15,000 to the allotment of the South Wynaad Range for the Carcoor Ghât and works above, and the exemption of the assignments of money for works in Wynaad from the reduction of 10 per cent. to be effected in consequence of the change in the official year.

7. The Government having given Colonel Walker's proposals their fullest consideration, regret that, while demands for pecuniary aid press so heavily on the finances of the State as at present, they must decline to recommend to the Government of India any changes which involve increase of expenditure. Colonel Walker will therefore make the best arrangements in his power for the prosecution of operations in Wynaad with the utmost possible vigor with his present establishment, and, as the assignments to that Province have been made on an exceptionally liberal scale, they can neither be supplemented nor exempted from the proportional reduction which has been ordered to be effected in consequence of the curtailment of the present financial year.

8. As Mr. O'Shaughnessy was transferred from the 7th Division to North Arcot for reasons which still hold good, the Government are not disposed to insist on his return to Wynaad.

9. It was not the intention of Government when sanctioning in G. O. of the 14th November 1864, No. 3,260, an addition of 50 per cent. to the "pay and travelling allowances" of the members of the Department doing duty in Wynaad, to grant the increase in the case of Military Officers of whom none were employed there at that time, on the total of Staff salary and Military allowances, but, as must have been apparent from G. O. dated 22nd August 1865, No. 2,447, on the Civil salaries only. The Controller was therefore in error in allowing Captain Kennedy and Lieutenant Coningham the higher rates which appear to have been passed to them. Seeing, however, that the increased allowances drawn by those two Officers under a misapprehension of orders, are, judging from paragraph 6 of the Superintending Engineer's letter of the 25th July 1866, No. 101, not more than commensurate with the heavy expense of living in Wynaad, the Government will not insist on any reduction.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Secretaries to the Planters' Association of Southern India.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Statement of the Wynaad Rangers, to accompany — Letter
No. 119 of 21st August 1866.

Particulars	Present Salary	Proposed Salary	Travelling Allowances	Total Emoluments	Remarks.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
North Wynaad.					
Range Officer.	225.	60.	225.	285.	Range Officer and Assistant Engineer are allowed for 20 days out of each month. — Overseers at Double these Allowances.
Permanent Overseer.	90.	45.	135.	300	
Extra Overseer.	90.	45	135	90	
	90.	45	135	90	
South Wynaad.					
Range Officer.	144.	120.	611.	743	
Assistant Engineer.	"	"	"	300	
Permanent Overseer.	90	45	135.	90	
Extra Overseer.	90.	45	135	90	
South West Wynaad.					
Range Officer.	144	150.	894	450	
Permanent Overseer.	90	45	135	90	
			Net Increase.	263.	

Supdg Engineer's Office
7th Div.
Cuttack 1st Sept 1866.

Capt. Commg 1st Cuttack Local.
Supdg Engineer 7th Div.

In a letter from the Supg. Engineer 7th Div. to the Secretary to Govt. D.P.W. Madras No. 119 dated 21st Augt. 1866.—

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Statement of the proposed establishments for the Wynaad Range—

Supg. Engineer's Office 7th Dn.
No. 119 Camp Coonoor 21st Augt. 1866.

From

Lieut. Col. G. W. Walker R.E.
Supg. Engineer 7th Division D.P.W.

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Govern.t D.P.W. Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to submit the Statement called for in G. O. No. 2460 of 4th August.—

With reference to which I desire to remark that it is only now that I have learnt that the Wynaad Allowance of 50 per Cent is passed by the Controller as well on Captain Kennedy's and Lieut. Coningham's Military Pay drawn in the Civil Department, as on their Staff Salary, to which latter alone I supposed it to be confined.— Their aggregate Salaries of Rupees 741 and Rs. 743 are thus made up.—

	Military	Staff	Wynaad	Totals.
Captain Kennedy.	293 10 "	200 " "	246 13 "	740 7 "
Lieut. Coningham.	195 12 "	300 " "	247 14 "	743 10 "

In my proposed Establishment I would pass to Military Officers 50 per Cent on their Staff Salary only, but would give

Captain Kennedy the status of 4th Class Executive Engineer that he might not be a loser while his charge was extended - His new aggregate of Rs. 743 would accordingly be thus made up viz:-

Military Pay drawn in the Dept.	Rs. 293-10-0.
Staff Salary.	" 300-0-0.
Wynaad Allowance	" 150-0-0.
Rupees	743-10-0.

2. Again the net increase of Rupees 263 will be exceptional, occurring only if Mr. O'Shaughnessy be restored to the South West Range - Otherwise a 3d Class Assistant Engineer on Rs. 300 (who if possible should be a Supervisor of the permanent Establishment with Local Rank as proposed for Mr. Nordmann) will suffice; which will bring down the monthly excess to Rs. 113 an insignificant sum compared to the additional efficiency to be secured - I regret to say that Mr. Browning's health will preclude his taking the appointment of Assistant to Captain Kennedy, and I do not know who to name in his place - It is not so essential that a permanent Subordinate of the Department should be stationed at Sultan's Battery, as he will not have a Range charge; but it certainly would be better - If further Economy be desired I think I could name an experienced Overseer for the place who would be glad to take it with the Local Departmental Rank of Supervisor -

3. It may be as well to remark that though for the present deprecating the reunion of all Wynaad into one Executive Range, it is my intention as soon as I shall see my way to it to recommend, if not that step, the junction of North and South Wynaad into one Range and the annexation of South West Wynaad to the Neilgherry Range - But what I have now proposed should be worked for a season or two. -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. Servant
A. M. Walker Lieut. Col. R.E.
Supg. Engineer 7th Dn.

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Public Works Dept. 9

No. 2855

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 7th Sept. 1866

Read the following

From

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Pro. of 7th Division of Govt. for Sept. 1866
From No. 3405/
The Supg. Engr.
7th Division
To
The Secretary to Govt.
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	Asst Engr				380	120	420
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To
1 The S. Engr. of the 7 Dn
1 " Secretaries to the Planters Association of Southern India
4 " Controller
Despd 8th Septr

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C. 31st Augt 1866 Pr. 12th Septr

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Passing orders on a letter from the Superintending Engineer proposing a new scale of Establishments for the South Wynaad Ranges.

No. 169. 170.

C. 31st August 1866 Pr. 1st Septr

Controller
Desp.d 8th Septr