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30th April 1867.*

No. 583. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Calleyandroog, 11th April 1867, No. 88:—

1. With reference to the latter part of my letter No. 3,021, of 28th January 1867, I have the honour to inform you that, having carefully thought over the whole subject, I find I can only strengthen the Military Buildings Range by weakening one of the others and so making it inefficient. I do not think that the Military Buildings Range Office would

No. 1,962 of 22nd June 1856.

„ 2,482 of 7th August „

„ 2,712 of 28th „ „

require strengthening if Government would re-consider their decision in the Orders as per margin, and allow a re-

arrangement of the Ranges in the Bellary District and another Officer.

2. It is that, as regards numbers, the present complement of Officers in the 3rd Division is that allowed in the scale proposed by the Public Works Committee, and approved in Proceedings No. 1,599, dated 18th June 1863; but I would beg to say that I think the Committee must have overlooked, or forgot, to take into

* 11,351 square miles.

consideration the size* of the Bellary District (which is larger than most of

the Public Work Divisions), but also the necessity of treating the Town and Cantonment of Bellary separately from the rest of the district, and of providing a distinct Officer and establishment for it alone.

3. As already stated, I do not think that the Officer in charge of the Bellary Cantonment should ever be called upon to leave the station, and should not therefore be held responsible for works

Para. 3 of letter No. 243 of 28th March 1866.
Do. 1 do. No. 1,387 of 11th August 1856.

in his Range, which he cannot supervise or overlook. The placing a Supervisor under his orders, which has been done on two or three occasions, but only for a short period, as the exigencies of the service required his removal elsewhere, only relieves the Range Officer of a little out-door work; but in no way relieves him of the responsibility or of the accounts.

4. The three districts comprising this Division are Bellary, Cuddapah, and Kurnool. The smallest of these,

7,470 square miles.

9,177 do.

11,351 do.

Kurnool, is larger than either the 4th or 6th Divisions; the next, Cuddapah, is larger than the 4th, 6th, and 8th Divisions, and is nearly as large as the 1st Division; and Bellary is larger than all

but 5th and 7th Divisions, and is nearly as large as the 5th Division. For the first mentioned of these districts only one Officer is allowed, for the next two, and for Bellary only two.

5. It is true that a great portion of these districts is hilly and bare, but still the greater part has to be travelled over, and a great deal of the time of the Range Officers and Overseers is lost in going over country, where no work is in progress, in order to inspect works situated at a distance.

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6. If Government will accede to my request, and allow another Officer to the Bellary District, and permit me to re-arrange the ranges, I would make a slightly different distribution of talooks from that submitted with my letter No. 372 of 7th June 1866; as, on a better knowledge of the district, I think a better arrangement could be made, so as to put talooks under the same Range Officer, the irrigation works of one of which are in a manner connected with those of another; also for convenience of communication with the Revenue Officers, whose divisions at present are different from the Public Works Ranges. For instance the talooks of Raidroog and Durmaveram form, at present, one range; the former talook is directly under the Collector, whereas the latter is under the Sub-Collector. The irrigation works in the Durmaveram talook are in a great measure connected with the works in the Anantapoor talook, and so these two talooks should form one range. Again, the works (chiefly roads) in the Bellary and Raidroog talooks are connected; and so those are the Talooks directly under the Collector himself, they should, I consider, be put together and form another range. The four talooks of Adony, Alloor, Gooty, and Talputri, through which the railway runs, should, I consider, form one range under an Officer, as there are constant questions with the Railway Officers, and they would then have to communicate with only one Officer. The Pennacondah Range I would leave as at present.

7. Lastly, as I have all along recommended, I would suggest that the four talooks of Hospett, Hoovinhadgally, Harpenhully, and Koodlighee, which form the Head Assistant's Division, be made into a range; and that the Town and Cantonment of Bellary be under the Officer in charge of the Military buildings.

N. B.—Since writing the above the Order of Government regarding Mr. Brosnahan has been received, and I would now beg to ask permission to re-arrange the ranges as named in paragraphs 6 and 7.

No. 584. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1867, No. 1,289.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 63.

1. As the Superintending Engineer has failed to show that arrangements can be made for strengthening the Office Establishment attached to the Military Buildings Range at Bellary unless the number of Ranges of that District be reduced from six to five and an additional Officer be appointed, the Government regret that the measure cannot at present be carried out as they are unable to place an extra Officer at Major Moberly's disposal. They are still, however, of opinion that, with a properly qualified Overseer specially employed in charge of the Military Buildings in Bellary, there should be no great difficulty in the Officer in charge of that Range looking after the talook attached to it.

2. His Excellency in Council is anxious to strengthen the establishments in Bellary to a sufficient extent to enable the Superintending Engineer to vigorously prosecute the investigations which he has been ordered to make into the means of extending and improving irrigation in that district, and to expedite the preparation of plans and estimates of such works as may be found to offer fair prospects of

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being beneficial and remunerative. With this view authority has been granted for the employment of a staff of Surveyors and Draughtsmen, and an additional Assistant Engineer has lately been directed to do duty temporarily in Bellary. With the aid of these it is hoped Major Moberly will be able effectively to conduct his investigations so as shortly to lay the results before Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 88.

Superintendent Engineer Office S. D.
Bellary District, Dindigul
Bellary Camp Bellary
11th April 1867.

From

The Superintending Engineer
S. Division
To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,
With reference to the latter part of my letter
No 2021 of 28th January 1867, I have the honor to
inform you that, having carefully thought over
the whole subject, I find I can only strengthen
the Military Buildings Range by weakening one
of the others and so making it inefficient. I do
not think that the Military Buildings Range
Office would require strengthening if Government
would reconsider their decision in the Order as per
margin and allow a re-arrangement of the Ranges
in the Bellary District and another Officer.

No 1962 of 22nd June 1866
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It is true that, as regards numbers,
the present complement of Officers in the S. Division
is that allowed in the scale proposed by the
Public Works Committee and approved in Proceedings
No 1599 dated 18th June 1863; but I would beg
to say that I think the Committee must have over-
looked or forgot to take into consideration the size
of the Bellary District (which is larger than most
of the Public Works Divisions), but also the necessity
of treating the town and Cantonment of Bellary
separately from the rest of the District and

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4 The three Districts comprising this Division are Bellary, Cuddapah and Ponnal. The smallest of these, Ponnal, is larger than either the 4th or 6th Divisions; the next, Cuddapah is larger than the 4th, 6th and 8th Divisions and is nearly as large as the 1st Division; and Bellary is larger than all but 5th and 7th Divisions and is nearly as large as the 5th Division. For the first mentioned of these Districts only 1 Officer is allowed; for the next two and for Bellary only two.

5 It is true that a great portion of these Districts is hilly and bare, but still the greater part has to be travelled over and a great deal of the time of the Range Officers and Overseers is lost in going over country where no work is in progress in order to inspect works situated at a distance.

Para 3 of letter No. 243
of 28th March/66 -
Para 1 of No. 1087
of 14th Aug^r/66.

6 If Government will accede to my request and allow another Officer to the Bellary District and permit me to rearrange the Ranges I would make a slightly different distribution of Valags from that submitted with my letter No. 372 of 7th June 1866; as, on a better knowledge of the District, I think a better arrangement could be made so as to put Valags under the same Range Officer, the irrigation works of one of which are in a manner connected with those of another, also for convenience of communication with the Revenue Officers whose Divisions at present are different from the Public Works Ranges. For instance the Valags of Poidong and Durnamaram form at present one Range; the former Valag is directly under the Collector whereas the latter is under the Subcollector. The irrigation works in the Durnamaram Valag are in a great measure connected with the works in the Anantapur Valag and so these two Valags should form one Range. Again the works (chiefly roads) in the Bellary and Poidong Valags are connected; and as these are the Valags directly under the Collector himself, they should I consider be put together and form another Range. The four Valags of Adang, Almor, Gooty, and Radpatre, through which the Railway runs, should,

No 1289

Read the following

From the Supt. Engineer of
the 3^d Division

(Here enter No. *88* dated *11 April 1867*)

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7 Lastly, as I have all along recommended, I would suggest that the four taluqs of Hoopetti, Kowinbadgally, Mersapahully and Poovilgher, which form the Head Assistant Division, be made into a Range; and that the Town and Cantonment of Bellary be under the Officer in charge of the Military Buildings. —

Shaw The Tutor &c.

W. W. May Jr. Major R. E.
Superintendent Engineer B. D.

N.B. Since writing the above the order of Govt. No. 1076 dated
regarding Mr. Brocnaham has been received 5th April/67.
and I will now beg to ask permission to rearrange
the Rang. as named in Paras 6 and 7.

Inform me that having carefully
thought over the matter and yet
the friends here can only strengthen
the military discipline camp—
by we advising me to attend.

Book at 11th of June 3-1867
Ed. / 12 —

The Secretary to Government
P. M. R.

The accompanying Card was
sent you

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Dr. J. G. G. G. G. G.
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Overseer specially employed
in charge of the Military
Buildings in Bellary, there
should be no great difficulty
in the Officer in charge of
that Range looking after the
Talook attached to it.

His Excellency in
Council is anxious to strengthen
the establishments in Bellary
to a sufficient extent to
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vernment.

W.B.

To

The Superintending Engineer
of the 3^d Division.

Sept. 15/17

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Pro. of the Madras Govt.
Of 30th April 1867

The proposals for
the strengthening of Office
Establishment attached to
the Military Buildings
Range at Bellary, declined.

The Sup. Engrs. of the
3rd Division instructed to
push on the preparation of the
plans and estimates for
Irrigation Works in the
Bellary District.

No 583-584