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Read the following letters :—

No. 652. From Captain H. L. PRENDERGAST, R. E., Executive Engineer in charge of the Superintending Engineer's Office, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 22nd October 1868, No. 1,638.

1. With reference to G. O., No. 3,052, of the 28th September 1868, I have the honor to recommend that the 5th Range of the Tinnevely District be added to the 1st Range, thus setting free a Range Officer, and 3rd Class Range Establishment, for the Tambrapoorney Irrigation Range.

It is, I think, absolutely necessary that the 5th Range, consisting of the one Nanganeri Talook, should be merged in one of the other Ranges, and not divided between two. For some years past all Ranges, to the best of my belief, have been bounded by the talook limits; and the records of the 5th Range being handed over bodily to the 1st Range Office, there will be no difficulties in referring to past accounts and correspondence, such as would be experienced if a part of the Nanganeri Talook were added to the 2nd Range.

2. The area of the 1st Range is, (by the statement given in the Madras Almanac,) 755 square-miles, and that of the 2nd Range 610; but there is a good deal of Zemindary land in the 2nd Range, not included in the statement, and the two Ranges cover tracts of very nearly equal extent. The Nanganeri Talook joins the 2nd Range at one end of the Ambasamudrum Talook, the joint boundary being about twenty miles long; while it is contiguous to the Tinnevely and Tenkarai Talooks, round nearly half its boundary line. If the 5th and 2nd Ranges were united, the extreme length, measured across the map, is seventy-five miles; and if the 5th Range is joined to the 1st, the extreme distance is fifty miles, or just about the same, as the greatest distance, at present, within the limits of the 2nd Range. The 5th and 2nd Ranges together would make a long and narrow strip along the hills; the 5th and 1st together will make a compact Range, with no long distance to be traversed.

The area of the Nanganeri Talook being 652 square-miles, the total extent of the 1st Range will become 1,407 square-miles, and this is by no means a large figure in comparison with the size of Ranges in other districts; while also the channels from the Palavoor, the Sutamallai, and Murdoor Anicuts, will belong to the new Range, and the irrigation east of Streeviguntum comes within the scheme lately drawn up for another anicut at that place.

3. The senior Executive Officer in the district is always in charge of the 1st or Tinnevely Range, the strength of establishment being one Executive Engineer and one Assistant Engineer. The 1st Range is the most important, having the highest revenue, and comprising the head-quarters of the Civil Departments, and a Military Cantonment, with work of importance at times at Tuticorin. The duties in the 2nd Range will certainly be lessened when the upper anicuts on the Tambrapoorney are placed under other hands; but from the geographical situation of these southern talooks, and on the consideration that it is more suitable for the Executive Officer of higher grade to have the larger charge, I think it decidedly preferable that the Nanganeri Talook should be added to the 1st Range.

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4. I presume that an Officer will be specially deputed for the Tambrapoorney Irrigation Range, and the establishment of the 5th Range would, in a very short time, be available for the new Range, though it would be advisable that the Accountant of the 5th Range should hand over carefully all the records, and be of assistance to the 1st Range Officer for a month or so, in preparing the monthly reports and accounts of expenditure.

As regards Mooneappah Pillay, the Supervisor in charge of the 5th Range, I would recommend that he be transferred to the 4th Range of the Tinnevelly District, and that Vyapuri Pillay, the Supervisor in the latter Range, be appointed to the Streeviguntum Anicut Project. Supervisor Vyapuri Pillay has been for many years in the district; he is active and intelligent, and from his local knowledge, would be a valuable assistant to the Executive Officer in charge of the works.

5. In effecting the transfer, the Talook Overseer will remain as he is in immediate charge of the works, and no alterations will be necessary, except that the cheque book of the 5th Range will be abolished, and the cash balance in the talook treasury transferred to the credit of the 1st Range Officer.

No. 653. From Captain H. L. PRENDERGAST, R. E., Executive Engineer in charge of Superintending Engineer's Office, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 24th October 1868, No. 1,670.

1. In continuation of my letter, No. 1,638, dated the 22nd instant, I have the honor to add that I propose that the executive charge of the anicuts and channels from the Tambrapoorney should not be taken up at once by the Officer of the new Irrigation Range, but that this Officer's attention should be confined to the investigation of the improvements that may be made in the system of irrigation, and that, on his report being furnished, arrangements should be made for the execution of sanctioned improvements under his superintendence, together with the ordinary minor works of repair.

2. If an Assistant Engineer, with subordinates to assist in surveying and levelling, had been sanctioned as part of the establishment of the proposed new Range, the Officer in charge of the Range might have had charge of the current work; but I think he will find ample employment in making himself acquainted with the country, and preparing surveys and levels, towards drawing up a general report without being called on to attend to small repair works, breaches, &c., to which his attention might be called along the whole length of the river.

I would thus recommend that the Irrigation Officer should be on special duty until a scheme of operations be matured; and that, for the present, the Range Officers should carry on such ordinary repairs as are necessary for the maintenance of the existing works.

No. 654. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1868, No. 3,418.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 44.

1. The Government will be prepared to pass orders on these letters on receiving from the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division a Tabular Statement of the distribution of the Officers,

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Subordinates, and Office Establishments, according to the present and proposed number of Ranges in the Tinnevelly District, and showing the talooks attached to each.

2. A map should also be furnished exhibiting the future executive charges.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

8th Division

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Dated October, 5th

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G. O., 5th October 1868, No. 3,118

OCTOBER.

Nos. 652-654

Tambrapoorney Irrigation Range - Pass-
ing orders on letters from the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 8th Division relative
to the arrangements necessary for the forma-
tion of the —, Tanjore District

N^o. 1638 Superintendent Engineer's Office S^d Div.
Madras 22^d October 1868

Thorne,
Captain W. S. Trendergast
Executive Engineer in charge of the
Superintending Engineer's Office
8th Division

Colonel C. A. O. R.
Secretary to Government S^d Div.
Madras

Sir,
With reference to G. O. N^o. 3052,
of the 28th September 1868, I have the honor
to recommend that the 2^d Ranges of the
Tanjore District, be added to the 1st
Range; thus forming four Ranges Officers
and 3^d Class Ranges establishment for
the Tambrapoorney Irrigation Range.

It is I think absolutely necessary
that the 5th Range, consisting of the one
Nagore station, should be merged in
one of the other Ranges, and not divided
between two. For some years past, all
Ranges, to the best of my belief, have

been bounded by the taluq limits; and the records of the 3^d Range being handed over bodily to the 1st Range Officer, there will be no difficulties in referring to past accounts and Correspondence, such as will be experienced, if a part of the Nanganerit taluq were added to the 2^d Range. —

2. The area of the 1st Range is, by the statement given in the Madras Mirror 735 Square miles; and that of the 2^d Range 610; but there is a good deal of remaining land in the 2^d Range, not included in the statement; and the 2 Ranges contain tracts of very nearly equal extent. The Nanganerit taluq joins the 2^d Range at one end of the Ambasamadur taluq, the joint boundary being about 20 miles long; while it is contiguous to the Venkvelly and Tenkaraitaluq, round nearly half its boundary line. —

W. J.

If the 5th and 2^d Ranges were united the extreme length, measured across the Mas, is 75 miles; and if the 3^d Range is joined to the 1st, the extreme distance is 50 miles; or just about the same, as the greatest distance at present within the limits of the 2^d Range. The 5th and 2^d Ranges together would make a long and narrow strip along the hills; the 3^d and 1st together, will make a compact Range, with no long distance to be traversed.

The area of the Nanganerit taluq being 632 Square miles: the total extent of the 1st Range will become 1407 Square miles; and this is by no means a large figure, in comparison with the size of Ranges in other Districts: while also the Channels from the Palavoor, the Sittamallai, and Murdoor annicut will

will belong to the new Range, and the
irrigation East of Sterigintum comes
within the schemes lately drawn up for
another Annicut at that place.

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in the District is always in Charge of
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or so, in preparing the monthly reports
and accounts of expenditures. —

As regards Moonospath Pillur the
Supervisor in Charge of the 3^d Range,

I would recommend that he be transferred to the 1st Range of the Vinnerelly District; and that Vyapuri Pillay, the Supervisor in the latter Range, be appointed to the Perigintum Annicut project. As Vyapuri Pillay has been for many years in the District; he is active and intelligent, and from his local knowledge would be a valuable assistant to the Executive Officer in charge of the works.

5. In effecting the transfer, the Taluk Overseer will remain as he is, in immediate charge of the works, and no alterations will be necessary, except that the Cheques book of the 5th Range will be abolished, and the Cash balance in the Taluk Treasury transferred to

to the Credit of the 1st Range Officer.

I have &c

Ans. Bundergast Captain R.E.

Executive Engineer in charge
of the Superintending Engineer's
Office 8th Division.

No 1670

Superintending Engrs Office & Dr
(Mudura 21st October 1868)

From

Captain H. J. Pendergast M.E.
Executive Engineer
in charge of Supt Engrs Office & Dr

To
Colonel C. A. Orr. M.E.
Secretary to Government
P. W. O.

Sir,

In continuation of my
letter No 1638 dated the 22nd Inst.
I have the honor to add, that I
propose that the Executive charge
of the Munisito and channels from
the Sambra poorney, should not be
taken up at once by the Officer
of the new Irrigation Range; but
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of the improvements that may
be made in the system of irriga-
tion, and that on his report being
furnished, arrangements should
be made for the execution of sanctioned

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2. An Assistant Engineer with Subordinates to assist in Surveying and levelling, had been sanctioned as part of the establishment of the proposed new Range: the Officer in charge of the Range, might have had charge of the current work: but I think he will find ample employment, in making himself acquainted with the country, and preparing Surveys and levels, towards drawing up a general report without being called on to attend to small repair works, breaches &c., to which his attention might be called, along the whole length of the river.

I would thus recommend
that the Irrigation Officer should
be on Special duty, until a scheme
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for the present, the Range Offi-
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the maintenance of the existing
works.

I have &c

New Windsor - Captain R.E.
Executive Engineers in ch
Sup. of Eng'g Office & In

Public Works Department
 No 3415
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 under date the 30- Oct- '68

Read the following

The Engr. in charge of the M.E. No 1638 dated 22nd Oct/68/
 Supr Engr's Office 8th Div.
 M.E. No 1670 dated 24th - - - -

The Government
 will be prepared to pass
 orders on these letters on
 receiving from the Super-
 intending Engineer of the
 8th Div. a tabular statement
 of the distribution of the
 Officers, Subordinates, and
 Office Establishments, ac-
 cording to the present and
 proposed number of Ranges
 in the Tirunelveli District,
 and showing the Talooks
 attached to each.

A Map should
 also be furnished -
 exhibiting

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 in charge of the
 Engr's Office
 8th Division

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Recommend that the Engr.
 of the proposed Ranges
 should be ordered to
 make a survey of the
 land in the proposed
 Ranges and to report
 on the same.

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exhibiting the future
Executive charges.

For the purpose of the future
Executive charges.

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 10th inst.
and in reply to inform you
that the same has been
forwarded to the proper
authorities for their
consideration. I am, Sir,
very respectfully,
Yours obedient servant,
J. H. [Signature]

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3 Chief Eng. for [illegible]
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To The Superintending Engr.
8th Division

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