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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th December 1868.*

No. 112. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Salem, 17th November 1868, No. 150:—

1. I have the honor to request the sanction of Government for an alteration in the executive Ranges in the Salem District.

1 Map.

2. The talooks are at present grouped together as follows:—

Salem.	Ahtur.	Ussur.
Darampuri.	Namkul.	Kistnagherri.
Ootancurrai.	Trichengode	Tripatore.

I propose that the new Ranges should be constituted thus:—

No. 1. *Salem Range*.—Salem, Ahtur, Namkul, and Trichengode.

No. 2. *Ussur Range*.—Ussur, Kistnagherri, and Darampuri.

No. 3. *Tripatore Range*.—Tripatore and Ootancurrai.

3. The most important irrigation works, and the roads with the heaviest traffic, are in the Ahtur and Namkul talooks; and yet, since the re-organization of the department, a Native Upper Subordinate has always had charge of these talooks. The reason being, apparently, that there is no station with a residence for a European Officer in the Range containing these talooks. I think it is but fair that the senior Officer in the district should have the largest charge, and the most important talooks. It is also desirable that his head-quarters should be at Salem, where all the most important civil buildings are. Both these objects will be attained by forming the Salem Range in the way I have suggested.

4. The Ahtur and Namkul talooks are easily got at from Salem. The roads to Cuddalore and Trichinopoly pass through the middle of the talooks, and the most important works are not far from the roads. It is easier to get to either talook from Salem, than to pass from one talook to the other, as they are separated from each other by a chain of hills. The Trichengode talook also is easily reached from Salem by road or rail.

5. I propose that the Tripatore talook should be taken from the Ussur Range, and the Darampuri talook (which is nearer Ussur, the fixed station,) be added to it. There will then be left the Tripatore and Ootancurrai talooks, which will form the third or smallest Range, and be a convenient charge for an Upper Subordinate.

6. The new Ussur Range will correspond with the Sub-Collector's charge; and the new Tripatore Range with the Head Assistant's.

7. I have communicated with the Collector on the subject of the proposed change, and he is favorable to it, but has remarked on the great area of the new Salem Range. Unless, however, the number of Ranges is to be increased, the district cannot be divided more conveniently; and considering that the fixed station, Salem, is more centrally and conveniently situated than that of either of the other Ranges, or of the present Salem Range, I do not think the Executive Officer will find the charge too great, or have any more trouble in making his inspections than at present. If Government approve of the proposed arrangement, I request that it may be carried out at the commencement of next official year.

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4th December 1868.

No. 113.

ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1868, No. 3,792.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 14.

1. His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the proposed re-distribution of Ranges in the Salem District, and approves of the change being carried into effect from the 1st April next.

2. The Government presume that the arrangements now sanctioned will involve no increase of charge on account of Office establishment.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
" Accountant General.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Supg. Engrs. Office, 5th Div.

Salem, 17th November/68.

From the Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

The Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

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Sir,

I have the honor to request

the sanction of Government for

an alteration in the executive

ranges in the Salem District.

The taluqs are at present

grouped together as follows:

Salem, Mithur, Issur,

Daradipuri, Namkul, Histiagber,

Botancurra, Trichongode, Tripatore.

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Ranges should be constituted thus:

1. Salem Range, Salem, Mithur,

Namkul and Trichongode.

2. Issur Range, Issur, Histiagber,

+ Daradipuri.

3. Tripatore Range, Tripatore,

Botancurra.

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I have the honor to be
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 Your most obedt servant
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 Superintg Engineer

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5th Division

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