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6. It is due to Mr. Lawford to say that he has exercised himself with great diligence to endeavour to supervise his unwieldy range, but the fact is that it is out of the power of any one man to do his duty properly in such an extended sphere with so little aid.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th July 1871.

No. 395. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1871, No. 1,940.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 49.

THE Government regret they cannot at present entertain any application for increasing the number of Executive Ranges.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Extract from a letter from the Collector of Salem to the Acting Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras dated 5th August 1869 No 177.

Para: 11. As I often mentioned, the present staff of D. P. W. in the District is inadequate to the work required to be done. The Executive Engineer at Salem has a Range which would perhaps be considered too much for even two officers. He has four taluks with an area of 3166 miles and a revenue of ten lacs and seventy thousand. There are 654 tanks, 270 anicuts and 241 minor channels and the 3 Cauvery channels in the Range. Whilst work is going on in every direction it is impossible for the Range Officer to inspect the

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True Extract
C.T. Longley
Collector

Salem,
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Adjutant General's Office,
Camp Allen, 26th May 1871.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter of this date from Lieutenant Colonel W. H. H. Benham, 3rd Cavalry, Superintending Engineer, 5th Military District, Galveston, Texas, relative to the Galveston Harbor Improvement, and to request that you will cause the necessary steps to be taken to carry into effect the recommendations contained in the letter.

I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
E. D. Townsend
Adjutant General.

To
Brevet Major General J. J. Reynolds,
Commanding Department of Texas,
Galveston, Texas.

Enclosure:
1 Extract from letter of Lieut. Col. Benham, dated May 24th 1871.

Endorsement:
Respectfully referred to Lieut. Col. Benham, 3rd Cavalry, Superintending Engineer, 5th Military District, Galveston, Texas.
By command of Major General Reynolds.
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Enclosure
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3. Considering the importance of the Cavery Channels in the Tanjore Salt & and the numerous Irrigations dependent on them, I consider that two Executive Officers for the Salt range are absolutely required, and I trust that you will strongly urge upon Government the necessity of their attaching another Officer to the Range with as little delay as possible.

I am the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

/signed/ C. S. Langley

Collector.

/True Copy/

Arbuthnot Colonel R.E.

Superintg. Engineer, S.A.Dy.

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Superintending Engineer, 5th Div.

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Dated 6th
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Salem Range.

Bringing to notice the urgent necessity for an additional officer to the Salem Range in the Salem District, and recommending that this Range be divided into two & that Sub Engr Mr Blacker be placed in charge of one of them.
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The Government regret they cannot sanction certain any application for increasing the number of Executive Ranges (& would rather the wish of Government to reduce the present number if possible.)

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Sd/ Engr in Chief

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