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No 6 Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Madura, 29th June 1872, No 1,444 —

From the Executive Engineer, Southern Range, Tinnevelly, to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Palamcottah, 20th June 1872, No 214.

With reference to your memorandum No. 1,130 of the 15th June (received by me this day), I have the honour to state that I am of opinion that Shermadavi is unsuited for the head-quarters of No 1 Sub-division first, because it is in one corner of the range, secondly, on account of the nasty situation of the bungalow which must form the dwelling place of the officer in charge of the sub-division. It is true that Shermadavi is the head-quarters of the Sub-Collector, and for him that village is centrically situated, as the Nangunery Taluq forms part of the sub-division. Ambasamudrum would form about the most central point for the Public Works Officer, but there is neither house nor any other accommodation there. At Courtallum houses can be obtained, and it is less out of the way for general inspection purposes than Shermadavi It is true that it is feverish for perhaps two months in the year, but during this time the Sub-division Officer would move off into tents

2. The accommodation at Shermadavi consists of a small bungalow with an office in an old Muntapum I cannot ascertain by whom the bungalow was built, the only possible reason for building it in a situation where on one side it has paddy-fields and on the other the place of public resort of the Shermadavi people, is that it is near the office I have no hesitation in saying that I would not on any account live in such a place myself

3 The bungalow is at present rented to Overseer Sears at Rupees 4 per month

4. On the grounds given above I beg to recommend that the head-quarters of the sub-division be changed to Courtallum, and as Mr Wiffen provides a room in his house for an office that he be allowed Rupees 5 per month as office-rent.

Submitted for the information and orders of Government, with reference to memorandum No. 87, dated 11th June 1872

2. It would appear that the building was constructed in 1864 by Assistant Engineer Mr O'Ratigan, on the estimate of Rupees 420 sanctioned in G. O, No 2,004, dated 12th July 1864.

3. It will be observed that the Government are now receiving rent at 11½ per cent. per annum on the abandoned Range Office

(Signed) R. A ROBERTS, Lieut-Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

No 7. Order thereon, 1st August 1872, No. 1,821.

ESTABLISHMENT, No 1.

The Governor in Council does not approve of the head-quarters of No 1 Sub-division of the Southern Range of Tinnevelly being moved from Shermadavi to Courtallum under any circumstances

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1st August 1872

But especially as His Excellency in Council has re-considered the decision contained in G. O. No 1,586 of 1st July, as to the permanency of the existing ranges, finding that no alteration of Local Fund Circles is feasible.

2 It has now been determined to constitute a 3rd Range conterminous with the Sub-Collector's charge and the Shermadavi Circle, and comprising the taluqs of Tenkausi, Ambasamudrum, and Nangunery. The 2nd Range will then include the Otapidarum Taluq (of which it already comprises nearly all but the Zemindary) in addition to those of Tenkarai and Tinnevelly. The first will have the other three northern taluqs.

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3 The Office Establishments to be allowed will stand as follows —

No. 1 or Northern Range, First Class, Rupees 171.
" 2 Tinnevelly, Special, " 213.
" 3 Shermadavi, First Class, " 171.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R E.,
Secretary to Government

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts
" Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation

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No. 214. Palamcottah
20th June 1872.

From
The Executive Engineer.
Southern Range
Tinnevelly.

To
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3 The Bungalow is at present rented to Overseer Sears at

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4 On the grounds given above I beg to recommend, that the Head Quarters of the Sub Division be changed to Courtallum and one Mr Wilson provided an Room in his house for an Office that he be allowed Rupees 5 per month as an Office Rent.

Have &c.

Signed J W Rundall.
Executive Engineer
Tinnevelly

(True Copy)

No 1444

Submitted for the information and Orders of Government with reference to Memo No 89 dated 11th June 1872.

2 It would appear that the building was Constructed in 1864 by Assistant Engineer Mr O Radigan on the Estimate of Rupees 420 — on the Estimate sanctioned in G.O. No 2004 dated 12th July 1864. —

3 It will be observed that the Government are now receiving rent at 11½ per Cent per annum on the abandoned Ranger Office —

Supdt Engrs Office 8th Div
Madura 20th June 1872

Lieut Colonel RE
Superintending Engineer
8th Division.

To The Secretary to Govt
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