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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th September 1872.*

No. 392. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Courtallum, 2nd September 1872, No. 2,510 —

In reference to G. O., 1st July 1872, No. 1,586, and the distribution of Range Establishments forwarded therewith, and to G. O., 5th July, No. 1,630, stating that the existing Range Establishments will be considerably and permanently diminished on the introduction of the District Engineer system on the 1st October next, as also to G. O., 1st August 1872, No. 1,821, dividing the Tinnevely District into three ranges, and notifying the scale of Office Establishment thereof, I think it only my duty to remark that if the existing Range Establishments be diminished in the manner contemplated for the two districts forming this division, it will be simply impossible for Range Officers to carry on the very heavy duties now imposed upon them.

2. The doubling up of several ranges and the submission of only one set of accounts to the Controller permits, without doubt, a reduction of Office Establishment, but it has to be borne in mind that establishments which in 1865 were considered sufficient for the conduct of duties then imposed upon Range Officers, are totally inadequate at the present day, because the accounts and returns demanded have increased to so great an extent. And it is manifest that a reduction of establishment which could have been effected in 1865, by doubling up ranges, is no longer feasible.

3. It is to be remembered too that by doubling up ranges the extent of country to be visited and the number of works inspected and their attendant accounts to be prepared is in no measure diminished, and if, as it is found in this division, where the doubling up of ranges is carried out to the fullest extent possible, the existing establishment is insufficient for the duties entailed upon it, it is difficult to understand how these duties can be efficiently performed if, as stated, these establishments are to be considerably and permanently reduced.

4. The present strength of the establishment of the 8th Division is as follows —

							Rs.
Madura	...	...	...	...	..	..	403
Tinnevely	..	..	..	..	..	..	635

The proposed establishment, according to G. O., 1st July 1872, No. 1,586, is

							Rs.
For Madura	..	..	..	...	...	..	384
Tinnevely	..	..	..	...	...	..	506

In G. O., 12th August 1872, No. 1,908, the establishment is given as below,

							Rs.
Madura	..	..	..	...	...	...	384
Tinnevely	..	..	..	...	...	...	555

Showing a decrease, as finally determined upon,

							Rs.
For Madura	...	...	...	...	...	..	19
Tinnevely	..	..	..	..	..	..	80

5. I have no hesitation whatever in stating that, with the establishments as now laid down, it will be quite impossible for Range Officers to conduct their current duties efficiently, unless some special arrangement is made for the petty establishments required by Sub-division Officers.

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6 If this point, however, be conceded, the establishments as now sanctioned will suffice. The petty establishment to which I refer as being necessary for each Sub division Officer is—

1 Writer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. 25
3 Lascars, at 7 Rupees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Total ..									46

and of these there will be required for

Madura 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. 46
Tinnevely 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	184
									230

7. It will be thus seen that with the arrangement proposed in G. O, 1st July 1872, No. 1,586, and the petty establishment above detailed, the total cost of establishment for the division amounts to Rupees 1,120, or Rupees 82 in excess of the present establishment.

8. A saving, however, could well be effected by forming the present Northern Range into a 1st class Range with an establishment of Rupees 171, instead of a special range at Rupees 213, as proposed in G. O., 1st July 1872, No. 1,586. The increase over the present establishment sanctioned for the division would thus be reduced to only Rupees 40.

9. I feel satisfied that it is vain to hope that below the figures recommended in this letter, the duties of Range Officers can be efficiently conducted; and, as already stated, I think it my duty therefore to bring the matter to the prominent notice of Government.

No. 393 ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1872, No. 2,292.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 28.

THE Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division is informed that the Establishment to be allowed to Sub-

divisional Officers when the re-organization of the Public Works Department is carried into effect on the 1st December (two months later than originally intended) consists of

1 Writer on	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. 25
2 Lascars on	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Total ..									39

His next Quarterly Statement of Officers and Subordinates should show very clearly the distribution of their charges.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
Exd. S. T Austin

No 2510 : Superintg. Engineer's Office 8th Div.
Dowdallum 2nd September 1872

From

Vient Colonel R. A. Roberts R.E.

Superintg. Engineer 8th Div.

To

Colonel J. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government D.P.W.

Sir

In reference to G.O. 1st July 1872
No 1586, and the distribution of Range
Establishments forwarded therewith,
and to G.O. 5 July, No 1630, stating
that the existing Range Establishments
will be considerably and permanently
diminished on the introduction of
the District Engineer system on the
1st October next, as also to G.O. 1st August
1872, No 1821, dividing the Tinnevely
District into 3 Ranges, and notifying
the scale of Office Establishment thereof,
I think it only my duty to remark

that if the existing Range Establishments be diminished in the manner contemplated for the two Districts forming this Division, it will be simply impossible for Range Officers to carry on the very heavy duties now imposed upon them.

2. The doubling up of several ranges and the submission of only one set of accounts to the Controller permits, without doubt, a reduction of Office Establishment, but it has to be borne in mind that establishments which in 1865 were considered sufficient for the conduct of duties then imposed upon Range Officers, are totally inadequate at the present day, because the accounts and returns demanded have increased to so great an extent. And it is manifest that a reduction of establishment which could have been effected in 1865, by doubling up ranges, is no longer feasible.

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3. It is to be remembered too, that by doubling up ranges the extent of country to be visited and the number of works inspected and their attendant accounts to be prepared is in no measure diminished and if, as it is found in this Division, & where the doubling up of ranges is carried out to the fullest extent possible, that the existing establishment is insufficient for the duties entailed upon it, it is difficult to understand how these duties can be efficiently performed if, as stated, these establishments are to be considerably and permanently reduced.

4. The present strength of the establishment of the 8th Division is as follows:

Madura — Rs 103.

Trincomelly — — 635

The proposed establishment

according to G.O. 1st July 1872, No 1586, 1st
for Madura — Rs 384

Trinnevelly — — 506

In G.O. 12th August 1872, No 1408,
the establishment is given as below.

Madura — Rs 384

Trinnevelly — — 555

showing a decrease, as finally determined
upon for Madura — Rs 19

Trinnevelly — — 80

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necessary for each Sub Divisional Officer is

1 Writer — Rs 25

3 Caskars at 7 Rs 21

Total Rs 46

and of these three will be required for

Madura. — 1 — Rs 46

Trinnevelly — 1 — Rs 184

Total Rs 230

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I have the honor to be,

Sr

Your Most Obedt servant

Wm. J. Roberts Esq. M. A. R. E.
Superintg. Engineer. S. D.

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Public Works 1872 Department
No 2510 for September
28.11.28

From,

The Superintending
Engineer 8th Division

To
The Secretary to
Government Works

Dated 2nd } September 1872
at 10th }

N^o 2292-30 Sept/72
Brings to notice

the insufficiency of
the proposed scale
of the Charge Estab-
lishment for the
Madura and Tinnevely
Districts, and applies
for petty Establishments
for the sub Divisions
officers with certain
remarks. A. J. J.

N^o 2292

Sept 10 1872

N^o 2292.
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 30th September 1872.
Read the following

From the Sup^r Engr
8th Div

(Here enter N^o 2510 of 2nd Sept
1872)

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1 - Written on Re: 2
 2 - Lascars " 1
 Total 3

This next Quarterly
 Statement of Officer
 and subordinates who
 show very clearly the
 distribution of their
 charges

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Oct 4/28
 Govt. of Madras.
 PUBLIC WORKS.

To
 The Superintending Engineer
 & District

Date Recd. Encl.

30 Sept. 22.92

Nos. 392 - 393

Rehabilitation. The
 Engr of the & S. informed
 the Rehabilitation the
 allowed to the Divisional
 Officers on the Resignation.
 with the Dept. Section
 Dec. next and directed
 to submit the next Quarterly
 Statement with the distribu-
 tion of the charges of the
 Officers & Subordinates.