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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 10th October 1872.

No. 150. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Courtallum, 2nd September 1872, No. 2,505 :—

In reference to G. O., 1st August 1872, No. 1,821, directing that the Tinnevelly District shall be divided into three ranges, in lieu of two as at present constituted, I have the honour to report as follows.

2. As the decision of Government, communicated in the G. O. above quoted, is based on the consideration that "no alteration of Local Fund Circles is feasible," I take the liberty to point out that although the Sub-Collector's head-quarters are at present, as heretofore, at Shermadevi, it has long been under contemplation to remove the same to Tuticorin, and now that the railway is under construction it is more than probable, as I am informed, that the transfer in question will not be much longer delayed.

3. The accomplishment of this transfer will *per se* necessitate a change in the Local Fund Circles, so that any alterations of ranges now made, to suit the present Local Fund Circle limits, will again have to be revised.

4. I would also bring to your notice that the division of a district into Local Fund Circles has been found by experience to be attended with a certain amount of inconvenience, and there can be no doubt but that a single Board for the district with Sub-Committees working in different portions of it, that is in several localities, would be preferable.

5. I have already brought to the notice of Government the fact of there being no suitable accommodation for a Range Officer at Shermadevi, and as I feel confident that no Sanitary Officer would permit convicts to be lodged in the only building available, I submit that it is very hard that so responsible an Agent of the Government, as a Range Officer, should be compelled to reside in the place in question.

6. I would also remind you that the present Southern (or Irrigation) Range of the Tinnevelly District was specially and only quite recently constituted, so as to embrace the whole area of irrigation of the Tambrapoorny river, and that the splitting up of that range as now proposed will materially interfere with the system which now obtains, and which was considered to be, and undoubtedly is, a most advantageous arrangement.

7. It is to be borne in mind, moreover, that the doubling up of ranges has the positive advantage of enabling the Sub-division Officer to give more time to his professional duties than he could as Range Officer, as he is freed from the laborious compilation of accounts and periodical returns required by the Controller.

8. Under these circumstances I am in hopes that the Government will be pleased to re-consider their determination to alter the existing constitution of ranges, the more especially as the present system is found to work well; and I consider it therefore only my duty to bring this matter prominently to the notice of Government.

9. Should, however, the Government not be pleased to accede to the above recommendation, I would at least urge that at all events the revision of the ranges

be deferred until the introduction of the new system of District Engineers, which is to be inaugurated on the 1st October next.

10. My reason for making this request is that I have at present no qualified officer to spare for the charge of the new 3rd Range. Assistant Engineer Mr. Grant is now engaged on the very important duty of rebuilding the fallen arches of the Soolochenum bridge. While Lieutenant Shepherd, R. E., and Mr. Hughes cannot possibly, at this juncture, leave the Striviguntum anicut works; and it would not be proper to place an upper subordinate in charge of the new Shermadevi Range with an Assistant Engineer in charge of a sub-division thereof.

No. 151. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1872, No. 2,375.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15. His Excellency the Governor in Council does not see cause to alter the arrangement of ranges of the Tinnevelly District made in Government Order No. 1,821 of 1st August.

2. The objection that it would not be proper to place an upper subordinate in charge of a range with an Assistant Engineer in charge of a sub-division thereof, will be easily met by placing an Assistant Engineer in charge of the range and the upper subordinate in charge of the sub-division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Superintg Engineer's Office 8th Div.

No 2,505 Coottallum 2nd September 1872.

From, Lieutenant Colonel R. A. Roberts R.E.,
Superintending Engineer 8th Div.

To, Colonel G. H. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Madras.

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Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt
Richd Roberts Lieut Colo RE.
Superintg Engineer 8th Dn

Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following:-

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From

The Secy: Engr: 8th Dn. } No. No. 2505 of 2 September 1872

His Excellency the

Governor in Council

declines to alter the

arrangement of Ranges

of the Tinnevelly Dis-

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of 1st August —

The objection that it

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Public Works Department
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No. 2505

No. 11.27

To Com.

The Superintending
Engineer S. C. Division

To

The Secretary to
Government Gen.

Dated 4th September 1872
Read 10th

Captain Cleveland
and points out that
the Tinnevelly District
should not be made
into 3 other Ranges.

No 2375 - 10th October 72

Assistant Engineer
in charge of a Sub
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hereafter be met by
placing an Assistant
Engineer, in charge of
the Range, and the
Upper Subordinates in
charge of the Sub Division
Mr. Rundall will be
then charge of the 2nd.
Range till the District
charge falls to him on
the Reorganization,
when Lieutenant Shepherd
must be ready to re
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13th Sept.

This should be
addressed to
the Secretary of
the Lighthouse Board
Washington D.C.

J. G. Stanard
Supt 16/10/72

No. 1627

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

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To Superintending Engr
& Q. Officer

Dated

Rec'd. Encl.

No. & Date of Letter 2375.

Nos. 150 & 151

Re. Cuddapah Canals.

Reducing Establishment
arrangement of Canals
Mrs Burnell &c Trade
in G.O. No 821 of 1872.