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Read the following papers :—

No. 298. From Major J. O. HASTED, R. E., District Engineer, Kistna District, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Bapatla, 12th February 1873, No. 30.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to G. O., No. 2,815, dated 2nd December 1872, to report on the subject of accommodation required for offices in this district.

2. The District Engineer's Office is located at Bezwarah, but there is no building available as a residence for the District Engineer, and consequently for some years past the Superintending Engineer has resided at Masulipatam, which arrangement was to some extent convenient, as Masulipatam is the Collector's head-quarters, the only port in the district, and the head-quarters of one Local Fund Circle. My own opinion is that Bezwarah should be the head-quarters of the district, and as it was intimated to me by the Inspector General of Irrigation that the Government of India did not object to building residences for officers to be hired by them, I would suggest that Government should sanction the erection of a residence for the District Engineer at Bezwarah; the cost, I estimate, to be Rupees 6,000.

3. The office buildings in the Workshop yard are rather deficient in accommodation and somewhat out of repair; but if the remains of the old lock bungalow (the property of Government and separated from the office by the width of the lock), at present consisting of one room and a bath-room, were given as the District Engineer's own office, and the building put in thorough repair, the accommodation would be all that is required. The cost of the repairs would probably amount to Rupees 600 or more, and they must in any case be undertaken.

4. As I have been compelled to follow the example of the late Superintending Engineer and hire a residence at Masulipatam, I would propose therefore, in the first place, that the office should be removed to Masulipatam, and the buildings at present occupied by it thoroughly repaired. If the furniture, etc., is removed while the canal is open, the move will be attended with little expense, and a suitable building can be rented in Masulipatam for 15 Rupees per mensem.

5. If Government approve of the suggestion to build a residence at Bezwarah, the District Engineer and Office would afterwards remove bodily to Bezwarah.

6. The Eastern Delta Range Office is at present at Masulipatam, and no Government building is available for an office; suitable accommodation for it, however, can be provided for Rupees 15 per mensem, as there are many unoccupied buildings. The first Sub-divisional Range Officer is stationed at Bezwarah and requires no office, as he has only one writer; he at present resides in a very dilapidated bungalow, which it is proposed to remove when the canal is widened, and there will then be no house available for him; a suitable one could be built for Rupees 4,000.

7. If the proposal to make Bezwarah the head-quarters of the district is not approved of, and it is decided that the District Engineer should reside at Masulipatam, I would propose that the Eastern Delta Range should be stationed at

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Bezwarah and the Sub-divisional Office at Masulipatam; a residence would then be required for the Range Officer at a probable cost of Rupees 5,000.

8. The Western Delta Range Officer at present resides at Chebrole in a small house which he rents, and which, I consider, not to be fit for an officer's head-quarters; the office is located in the heart of the village, in a small building once a Mahant's Court, as I was told: the building is altogether deficient in accommodation, and is so wretchedly low and ill-ventilated that it is quite unfit for occupation. I should recommend its being sold. Chebrole is neither a Post Office station nor the head-quarters of any Revenue official. I propose that the Range Officer should make Bezwarah his head-quarters, where he would require a residence and also an office, the former would cost Rupees 5,000, and the latter, which also might provide accommodation for the Nundigama Range Officer, would cost about Rupees 3,500. He would then be at the head of the delta and able to proceed quickly to any part of it by boat. The first Sub-divisional Officer (an Upper Subordinate) would in this case reside at Daggerralla, where the regulation of water to the different canals is effected, and the second Sub-divisional Officer (at present Lieutenant Rawson) at Bapatla, where he has good accommodation in the old traveller's bungalow.

9. The Nundigama Range Office is at present at Bezwarah, and is located in the old public bungalow; this building, which is situated on the bank of the canal, must shortly be removed, and a new building will be required. As stated above, I think one might be constructed to accommodate both the Western Delta and Nundigama Range Offices at Bezwarah at a cost of Rupees 3,500. I think Bezwarah the best situation for the head-quarters of this range, as it is near the junction of the Hyderabad and Great Northern Trunk Road, the most important works in the range.

10. The Palnad Range Office I propose to locate at Neckaricalloo, where there is an old public bungalow and soldiers' shed available. At present the head-quarters is at Nursarowpet, some nine miles from Neckaricalloo, simply, as I understand, for the convenience of some of the office-people; but there are no buildings there of any sort to be hired, and I do not see why the public buildings available should not be made use of.

11. I would sum up then the requirements of the district as follows:—

	Head-quarters	Residence required cost	Office required cost	
District Engineer	Bezwarah	Rs 6,000	Rs 600	Repairs. 15 Rs. per month.
Eastern Delta Range Office	Masulipatam			
1st Sub-Division Office	Bezwarah	4,000		
Western Delta Range Office	Do.	5,000	3,500	
Nundigama Range Office	Do.			
Palnad Range Office	Neckaricalloo			

12. Till these arrangements are carried out the District Engineer should reside at Masulipatam, and while the office is there the building at Bezwarah should be thoroughly repaired and the Range Offices should remain as at present. Should there be objection to the District Engineer's head-quarters being located at Bezwarah, the buildings would be available for the Range Offices there.

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13. The only place available in Bezwarah on which to build houses, is the space between the canal and river, some little distance below the head sluices; the ground is all Government property. Should Government object to building the houses required, I believe the native who owns the house at present occupied by the Sub-divisional Officer would be prepared to build one or two houses and rent them to officers. In this case some arrangements must be made with him regarding the ground.

TRANSFERRED to the Inspecting Engineer for buildings in continuation of other replies already transferred.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

6th March 1873.

Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

No. 299. From Colonel E. A. FOORD, R. E., Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 10th March 1873, No. 234.

In continuation of my letter of the 5th instant, No. 208, I have the honour to state that the sanction of Government is required for the payment of 15 Rupees a month for an office at Masulipatam for the District Engineer of Kistna, and the same sum for an office at Masulipatam for the Eastern Delta Range.

2. The District Engineer recommends that Bezwarah should be made the head-quarters of the district; that houses be built there for the District Engineer, first Sub-division Officer, and Western Delta Range Officer; that the District Engineer's Office there be repaired, and an office built there for the Western Delta and Nundigama Ranges.

3. If these suggestions are approved some months must elapse before the houses and offices can be built, and till then the above-mentioned moderate outlay for rent will be necessary.

No. 300. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1873, No. 1,393.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 44.

THE proposals of the Kistna District Engineer are sanctioned with the exception noted below. They involve a present outlay of Rupees 15 a month in rent for an office for the District Engineer at Masulipatam, of Rupees 600 for repairs to his future Office at Bezwarah, and the construction of a dwelling-house for him at the same place. Also of a house for the first Sub-divisional Officer of the Eastern Delta Range at Bezwarah, and of a joint office for him and the Nundigama Range Officer, and Rupees 15 rent is required for the Eastern Delta Range Office at Masulipatam. All these proposals coincide with those made by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, recorded with G. O., No. 1,011, of 2nd April.

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2. The proposals that the first Sub-divisional Officer of the Western Delta should live at Duggeralla, the second Sub-divisional Officer at Bapatla, and the Palnad Range Officer at Neckaricalloo, at both which latter places there is good accommodation available in old public bungalows and soldiers' sheds, are approved. Chebrole may be given up as head-quarters for a range or sub-division for the reasons assigned; but sufficient grounds have not been shown for moving the Range Office to Bezwarah, instead of to Duggeralla, or even to Gantoor, and further report on this latter point seems desirable, especially with reference to the change of the Collector's head-quarters now being discussed in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kistna.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Camp Bapatla
12th February 1873

Major R. Haslett P.E.

District Engineer.

Kistna District.

Colonel C. M. W. P.E.

Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department.

I have the honor, in reference to your letter dated 2nd December 1872, to report on the subject of accommodation required for the District Engineer in this district. The District Engineer's Office is located at Begowah, but there is no building available as a residence for the District Engineer, and consequently for some years past the District Engineer has resided at Masulipatam, which arrangement was to some extent convenient, as Masulipatam is the Collector's Head Quarters, the only post in the district, and the head

Quarter of one Local's Fund -
My opinion is that Bagmarah
should be Head Quarters of the
District, and as it is situated so near
by the Inspector General of Irrigation
that the Government of India did not
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Officers, to be lived by them. I would
suggest that Government should
sanction the creation of a residence
for the District Engineer at Bagmarah.
The cost I estimate to be Rs 10000.

3. The Office buildings in the
workshop yard are rather deficient
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7th If the proposal to make Beguwarah the Head Quarters of the District is not approved of, and it is decided that the District Officer should reside at Masulipatam, I would propose that the Eastern Delta Range should be stationed at Beguwarah and the Sub-Divisional Officer at Masulipatam. A residence

would then be required for the Range Officer, at a probable cost of Rs 5000.

8th The Western Delta Range Officer at present resides at Chidrole in a small house which he rents and which I consider not to be fit for an office. Head Quarters, the office is located in the heart of the village, in a small building once a Municipal Court and was told, the building is altogether deficient in accommodation, and is so wretchedly low and ill ventilated that it is quite unfit for occupation. I should recommend its being sold. Chidrole is neither a Post Office station, nor the Head Quarters of any Revenue Officer. I propose that ^{the} Range Officer should make Beguwarah his Head Quarters where he would require a residence and also an office, the former would cost Rs 5000 and the latter, which also might provide accommodation

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the ^{Delta} and able to proceed quickly
by boat to any part of it by boat.

Our Sub Divisional Officer (an efficient
and subordinate) would in this case

1. reside at Sugguralla, where there
is regulation of water to the different
canals is effected, and the Sub
Divisional Officer (at present at Sugguralla)
is at Papulla where he has good
accommodation in the old
Bungalows.

2. The Sandegama Range Office
is at present at Begunah and is
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11. I would sum up then the
requirements of the district as follows:

	Head Quarters	Sub Divisional Office	Office Bungalows
Palnad Range	1	1	1
Sandegama Range	1	1	1
Western Delta	1	1	1

Eastern Delta Range Office	Maasulipatnam	"	"	15 Rs per month
1st Sub Division Office	Begumrao	4000 Rs		
Western Delta Range Office	Begumrao	5000 Rs	3500	
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Palnad Range Office	Asikare Kallion			

17. If these arrangements are carried out the District Engineer should reside at Maasulipatnam - and while the office is there the building at Begumrao should be thoroughly repaired and the Range Offices should remain as at present. Should there be objection to the District Engineer's Office & Quarters being located at Begumrao the buildings would be available for the Range Offices there.

18. The only place available in Begumrao on which to build houses, is the space between the Canal and river some little distance below the head sluice.

the ground is all Government property. Should Government object to building the houses required, & if then the native who owns the house at present occupied by the sub divisional officer would be prepared to build one or two houses and rent them to officers. In this case some arrangement must be made with him regarding the ground -

I have the honor to be,
Dear Sir,
Your obedient servant
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District Engineer, Madras

Office of the Inspecting Engineer
for Civil & Military Buildings
Chapin 10 March 1893

Colonel Q A Ford RE
Inspector General
Civil Militia & Volunteers

Colonel G. W. Walker RE
Secretary to Government PMD

Enclosure 1
Letter from the
District Engineer
Kistna No 30
of 12th February 1913

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To The Honble to
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Dated 12th February 1873
Received 19th ~~March~~

Requests on the
subject of accommodation
received for officers are
of a large number in the
District of Columbia.

James M. Smith

Box: 6

Prof. Adams
6 March 1873

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Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant
E A Ford Colonel R.E.
Inspecting Engineer for And
Civil Buildings

No 1393 P. M. D.

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Read the following:-

From,

The D. Engineer
Mistina } (N. E. No. 308 / 12 Feb / 73)

" Inspecting Engineer
for Buildings } (" " 234 / 10 Mar / 73)

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and the Nundagama
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All these proposals
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recorded with G.O.

No 104 of 2. April.

The proposals
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W.M.

To the Minister of Agriculture
- Chief of the Immigration
- Controller of P. & O.
- Inspector General of Railways
- Revenue Dept.

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to the District Engineer
Hickman

Date

By

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19th August 1893

No. 292 (C. 200)

Office Accommodation.

Passing orders on the
subject of ^{the} Office Accommodation for
the District St.