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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 104. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 5th November 1872, No. 3,615 :—

I REGRET to have the honour to report that the works under execution in the Madura Range of this division are not proceeding in such a satisfactory manner as could be desired. A glance at the Progress Reports is quite sufficient to establish this fact.

One List of disallowances.
" Supplemental Pay Abstract for the Shevagunga Range for September 1872, Rupees 55-8-0.

2. I have already, in my letter, No. 3,384, dated 25th October 1872, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, represented that the Madura Range requires the services of an able, energetic, and experienced executive officer. But were such an officer in charge he would be the first to point out that for a Range extending over 4,886 miles the executive agency under his charge is not strong enough to ensure the work being properly carried out. This Range comprises, moreover, 121 miles of foreshore, the salt works on which are continually demanding the attention of this Department in the submission of completion certificates for works executed in most inaccessible places.

3. In G. O., 3rd February 1872, No. 329, on a representation made by me on the subject of supervision of works in the Ramnad Zemindari, the Government, although they were not disposed to act upon the recommendation made by me in the letter printed with that Government Order, were pleased to state that "arrangements will hereafter be made for the professional supervision of works in that Zemindari." As nothing further, however, has transpired in this connexion, I would respectfully submit that the Ramnad Zemindari be now formed, as far as public works are concerned, into a sub-division and be termed the "Ramnad Sub-division of the Madura Range," and that the establishment* of a sub-division may be at once provided.

* G. O., No. 2,292, dated 30th September 1872.

4. I may here observe that, although a road cess has for several years been levied from the Ramnad Zemindari, it is only in the present year that any expenditure has been incurred on roads in that Zemindari, and, as it is now attempted to make up, in a measure, for the backwardness of past years in this respect, additional executive agency is imperatively needed.

5. In my opinion there should be an Executive Engineer in the Madura Range with an Assistant Engineer in charge of the Ramnad Sub-division. Mr. C. H. T. Norfor, at present engaged upon the survey of the Paupanassum Reservoir in the Tinnevelly District, will be available, on the completion of that survey, for transfer to the charge of the Ramnad Sub-division, and, should the Government authorize my doing so, I will transfer him accordingly.

6. In conclusion, I have to bring to the notice of Government that I have directed the Madura Range Officer to discontinue the establishment attached to the

late No. 3 or Shevagunga Range, and, in anticipation of the sanction of Government, to entertain an establishment authorized† for a sub-division. I beg, therefore, that the Government will approve of this arrangement and sanction the Shevagunga Zemindari being made a sub-division of the Madura Range. Thus the Madura Range will then have three sub-divisions, namely, the Ramnad Sub-division, Shevagunga Sub-division, and the Paumben Sub-division.

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7. I take this opportunity to request that the Government will be pleased to authorize the Controller to pass the salary of the establishment of the late Shevagunga Range, at a monthly cost of Rupees 95-8-0, for the months of September and October 1872, from savings under the head "Establishment."

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1873, No. 54.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 10.

THE original arrangement of Ranges in the Madura District was—

	Rs.
Madura, 1st Class	171
Dindigul, 2nd ,, ...	136
Shevagunga, 3rd Class	96
Paumben, Special	138

For which, as recommended by the Superintending Engineer, the following arrangement was substituted from 1st October by G. O., No. 1,586, of 1st July, namely:—

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The Shevagunga Range had been discontinued as a separate charge and worked as a sub-division for a long time previously, under G. O., No. 1,240, of 4th May 1871. It is now proposed by Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts that it shall be worked in two separate sub-divisions, one consisting of the Ramnad, the other of the Shevagunga Zemindari.

2. It has been already admitted in paragraph 3 of Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts' letter, No. 616, of 13th May 1872, that there are no Government irrigation works whatever in Shevagunga, and in paragraph 4 of his letter printed with G. O., No. 1,240, of 4th May 1871, there are stated to be only four small Government tanks in Ramnad. The whole of the work, therefore, will consist of road work, and may, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, be carried on, under the Assistant Engineer lately posted to the district, as a sub-divisional charge, head-quarters being at Ramnad and the Paumben charge amalgamated with it if thought advisable.

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(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura, with two enclosures.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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