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It is observed that two ranges, those of Bellary and Nellore, four special appointments in the Irrigation Districts of Godavery, Kistna, Tanjore, and Nellore, and the probationary or extra range appointment of the Salem District, are vacant for want of officers; the Bellary Range being temporarily held by a Sub-Engineer who stands posted to a Sub-divisional charge at Bangalore, where his services are much required, the Nellore Range by a Supervisor, and the others absolutely vacant. At the same time a Sub-divisional Range charge in Kurnool is vacant owing to the absence of an Upper Subordinate on sick leave in England.

2. It is also noted that of the total number of Assistant Engineers under the new organization there are seven short of the complement. Lieutenant Dobson, R.E., will be available on the 1st April next to fill up one vacancy, but Lieutenant Henry, R. E., whose services had been reckoned on from 1st December last has remained with the Sappers as their Adjutant. It is very desirable that the two vacant ranges be at once filled up, and the four special appointments in the Irrigation Districts, especially that in Nellore, where the extension of the East Coast Canal is to be taken in hand next April. And as no accession of strength can be looked for from any other quarter pending supply of Civil Engineers from the new College at Cooper's Hill, a reference will be made in the Military Department to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief to permit of the temporary suspension of the Standing Order which requires that all young Royal Engineer Officers shall do duty with Sappers and Miners for the first year of their service in India, in the case of the five young officers just arrived or arriving in the country. The circumstances under which the demand is made being exceptional, namely, the re-organization of the department on the District Engineer system, which has reduced the number of Senior Officers available for executive duties, its recurrence is quite improbable; and compliance with it will not invalidate the grounds on which the Standing Order is based, namely, the propriety of affording the officers in question the opportunity of serving with Native Troops, and studying the Native languages.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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