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6th January 1875.*

No. 36. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 19th November 1874, No 2,062-A —

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the sanction of Government, the following
Two Tracings proposal for the re-organization of the
ranges in this district

2. On the 16th of October last, I had the pleasure to address you demi-officially on the subject, but as I have received no reply to my suggestions, and as I am about to proceed on leave, and as there is nothing on record as to the nature of my proposals and the reasons for the same, I think it advisable to state them explicitly here

3 The accompanying two sketches show respectively the ranges of the Tanjore District as at present defined, and as I propose to re-organize them.

4. Colonel Rundall, R. E., has, as you are aware, on more than one occasion called the attention of Government to the manner in which the Tanjore District is under-officered,* but as it would appear that there are no officers available to meet these requirements, it appears to me essentially necessary that the number of ranges should be reduced, so that at least each range shall have at its head either an Engineer or a Departmental officer.

5. To place in charge of the largest range of the Tanjore District a Supervisor like Mr Hamnett, who is not only quite unequal to the duties but physically unfit for departmental work, and who has been sent away in disgrace from his last district, is, I submit, neither fair to me as Superintending Engineer of this district, nor to the very considerable interests of the public entrusted to his care.

6. Mr. Hamnett is now on leave, and Sub-Conductor Littlewood, who is acting for him, cannot be spared from his executive duties, commencing in January next, in No 1 Range, without considerable risk to Government interests.

7. The re-arrangement that I propose is sufficiently explained on the trace itself. By this arrangement each range will be co-terminus with the Revenue divisions of the district, except in the case of No. II Range, which will embrace the taluqs forming both the Head Assistant's and the Assistant's charges

8. Mr Hamnett, if he is still to remain in the district, would revert to the more congenial duties of a sub-division officer, and Mr Stephens, the sub-division officer now at Nannelum, would be removed to Myaveram

9. I trust that the Government will be pleased to sanction the arrangement now proposed. On receiving authority to make the change, I shall forward the necessary details in connection therewith.

No. 37. ORDER THERLON, 6th January 1875, No 19

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 2

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to alter the arrangement of the ranges of the

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Tanjore District, which was made in G. O., Nos. 1,586 of 1st July and 1,824 of 2nd August 1872.

2. He observes that one of the subordinates who is in charge of a range is stated to be unequal to the charge and physically unfit for departmental work. The Superintending Engineer will call on Mr. Hamnett to produce a certificate of competence for departmental work, and report further before permitting him to return to duty in his district.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.F.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Tanjore.

Exd. S T Austin.

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N^o 2062 A. Superintending Engineer's Office 5th Div.
Tanjore dated 19th November/74.
From Despatched 2nd December -

Lieut Col R. A. Roberts & Co
Superintending Engineer 5th Div.
Tanjore
Call by W. Walker & Co
Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit
for the sanction of Government
the following proposal for the
re-organization of the Range
in this District.

2. On the 15th of October
last I had the pleasure to address
you demi-officially on the subject,
but as I have received no
reply to my suggestions, & as
I am about to proceed on leave
& as there is nothing on record
as to the nature of my proposals
& the reasons for the same, I
think it advisable to state them
explicitly

explicitly here.—

3 The accompanying two sketches show respectfully the Range of the Tanjore District as at present defined, & as I propose to re-organize them.—

4. Colonel Rindall R.E. has, as you are aware, on more than one occasion called the attention of Government to the manner in which the Tanjore District is under-officered; but as it would appear that there are no Officers available to meet these requirements, ^{See also G.O. No. 1011, 27th April 1873.} it appears to me essentially necessary that the number of Ranges should be reduced so that at least each Range shall have at its head either an Engineer or a Departmental Officer.—

5. To place in charge of the largest Range of the Tanjore District a Supervisor like Mr. Hammett, who is not only quite unequal

to the duties but physically unfit for departmental work, & who has been sent away in disgrace from his last District, is, I submit, neither fair to me as Superintending Engineer of this District, nor to the very considerable interests of the Public entrusted to his care.

6. Mr. Hammett is now on leave, & Sub Conductor Littlewood who is acting for him cannot be spared from his executive duties commencing in January next, in No. 1 Range, without considerable risk to Government interests.—

7 The Re-arrangement that I propose is sufficiently explained on the Trace itself. By this arrangement each Range will be co-terminous with the Revenue Divisions of the District, except in the case of No. II. Range which will embrace the Talooks forming both the Head Assistant's and

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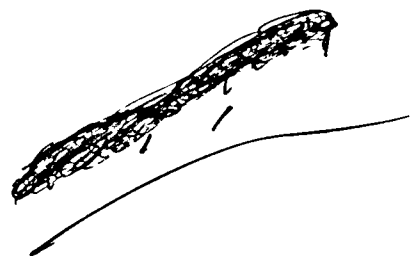
9. I trust that the Government will be pleased to sanction the arrangement now proposed. On receiving authority to make the change, I shall forward the necessary details in connection therewith.—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servt.

Richd. Robert Leitch Coll. B.E.
Superintending Engineer 5th Div.
Lanjore.



on the recommendation

P. W. D.

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Under date the

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Read the following:—

From

The Supt^r Eng^r Tanjore (H. L. no 2062 A. 819-100/74)

P. W. D. 1874/Depart.
From the Supt^r Eng^r Tanjore
No. 7581

To
The Secy to Govt
P. W. D.

Dated 19th Nov 74
Despt 2nd Dec 74
Recd 4th —

No 2062 A.
Env. 2...

Submitting propo-
sal for the re-orga-
nization of the Ranges
in the Tanjore District.

Elb no. 13 6-1-75.

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6/12-12-74

His Excellency the
Governor in Council is
not convinced of the
expediency of altering
the arrangement of the
Ranges of the Tanjore
District which was made
in G.O. no 1586 of 12th July
and 1824 of 2nd August 1872
on the recommendations

Major Oakes
of ~~superintending~~
an Officer
~~Engineer and the Acting~~
~~Chief Engineer for Irrigation~~
~~who was~~ ^{most}
~~who were~~ intimately ac-
quainted with the District.
The present proposal does
not commend itself
for adoption, as being
based solely upon the
demerits of a certain
subordinate; who is
stated to be unequal
to the charge of a par-
ticular Range and
physically unfit for
Departmental work.
The Superintending

Engineer more appro-
-priate procedure in
such a case will be
to call on Mr. Hammett
to produce a certificate
of competence for
Departmental work
before permitting him
to return to duty in
his District.

G. M. W.

To the Superintending Engineer
Sept 7/1/75.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Engineer.
Tanjore

Per

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Per 2

6 Jan. 1879

Nos. 16-37.

Ranges Declining
sanction to the proposed
re arrangement of the
Ranges of the Tanjore
District and requesting Mr.
Stammitt to produce
a certificate of com-
petence for departmental
work before being per-
mitted to return to
duty.