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28th December 1876. No. 3,558.*

No. 613. Read the following letter from Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 9th December 1876, No. 323 W :—

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of Government, the following particulars in connection with the number of Public Works Divisions in the Nellore and Malabar Districts, and to solicit orders thereon.

2. In the Nellore District there are at present four divisions rendering accounts to this office, viz., Northern, Central, Southern and East Coast Canal, the Penner Anicut having been abolished on the 30th September 1876.

3. In G.O., No. 1,398, dated 5th June 1876, the District Engineer, Nellore, was informed that the Government recognized only three general duty divisions. In a previous order (G.O., No. 1,302, dated 24th May 1876,) the District Engineer, Nellore, was required to see that Lieutenant Henderson's attention was not distracted from the executive charge of the two sections of the East Coast Canal between the Kondalaim and Chippelaim, leaving the completion of the surveys north of the Chippelaim to Lieutenant Rawson. It is therefore not clear from the Government orders above quoted whether it is the intention of Government to close the East Coast Canal Division as a separate charge and have only three divisions in the district, or whether the present four divisions are to continue.

4. In the Malabar District there are at present six divisions rendering accounts to this office: Calicut, Cannanore, Kurembanadu, Palghaut, West Coast Canal and Yernadu.

5. In G.O., No. 1,908, dated 12th August 1872, the West Coast Canal was classed as a third-class division with an office establishment of Rupees 96 a-month. In the re-arrangement of divisions sanctioned in G.O., No. 3,643, dated 31st December 1875, a special establishment of Rupees 98 was allowed for the West Coast Canal by transferring to the Malabar District one of the special establishments sanctioned for the Godavery—*vide* G.O., No. 2,636, dated 28th October 1873, paragraph 2. This re-arrangement was ordered to have effect from the 1st February 1876. In a subsequent order (G.O., No. 1,825, dated 20th July 1876,) it is stated that since Mr. Harris' assumption of the charge of the Malabar District in March 1875 the West Coast Canal may be said to have ceased to exist as a separate charge. In the same order a reduction in the scale of its establishment was ordered from Rupees 98 to Rupees 36, as the work was likely to be kept in abeyance for want of funds, pending completion of the East Coast Canal.

6. Under the above circumstances I shall feel obliged by your informing me whether it is the intention of Government to retain the West Coast Canal as a separate division.

7. Considering that the same officer, Mr. Grimes, is in charge of the Palghaut as well as the West Coast Canal Divisions, I think it would be advisable to amalgamate the latter with the former. The average monthly outlay on the West Coast Canal amounts to only Rupees 1,000, and the only works in progress are the maintenance of the Cruz Milagre dam and the canal from Ponany to Cochin with a few other petty repairs.

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23th December 1876. No. 3,553.*

No. 614.

ORDER THEREON, 28th December 1876, No. 3,553.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 39-AA.

It was not the intention of Government to close the East Coast Canal Range as a special range in contra-distinction to the three general duty ranges of the Nellore District.

2. It was their intention that the West Coast Canal should be considered a subdivision of the Palghaut Range; under an extra officer when available, and the duties required the appointment of one. His establishment should therefore be maintained.

(True Extract.)

G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

FROM L. CONWAY-GORDON,

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS,

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

NO. 338.W

FORT ST. GEORGE, 9TH DEC. 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REPORT FOR THE INFORMATION OF GOVERNMENT THE FOLLOWING PARTICULARS IN CONNECTION WITH THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS IN THE NELLORE AND PALAAR DISTRICTS AND TO SOLICIT ORDERS THEREON.

2. IN THE NELLORE DISTRICT THERE ARE AT PRESENT 4 DIVISIONS RENDERING ACCOUNTS TO THIS OFFICE VIZ; NORTHERN, CENTRAL, SOUTHERN AND EAST COAST CANAL, THE PENNER AMICUT HAVING BEEN ABOLISHED ON THE 30TH. SEPT. 1876.

3. IN GOVT. ORDER NO. 1393, DATED 5TH. JUNE 1876, THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, NELLORE, WAS INFORMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED ONLY THREE GENERAL DUTY DIVISIONS. IN A PREVIOUS ORDER (GOVT. ORDER NO. 1302, DATED 24TH. MAY 1876) THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, NELLORE, WAS REQUESTED TO SEE THAT LIEUT. HENDERSON'S ATTENTION WAS NOT DISTRACTED FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHARGE OF THE TWO SECTIONS OF THE EAST COAST CANAL BETWEEN

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THE MONTALAIN AND CHITELAIN, LEAVING THE COMPLETION OF THE SURVEYS NORTH OF THE CHITELAIN TO LIEUT. RAWSON. IT IS THEREFORE NOT CLEAR FROM THE GOVT. ORDER ABOVE QUOTED WHETHER IT IS THE INTENTION OF GOVERNMENT TO CLOSE THE EAST COAST CANAL DIVISION AS A SEPARATE CHARGE AND LEAVE ONLY THREE DIVISIONS IN THE DISTRICT, OR WHETHER THE PRESENT FOUR DIVISIONS ARE TO CONTINUE.

4. IN THE MALABAR DISTRICT, THERE ARE AT PRESENT SIX DIVISIONS RECEIVING ACCOUNTS TO THIS OFFICE; CALICUT, CANCHANG, KUTUMBANAM, PALGHAT, WEST COAST CANAL AND YERIVALLU.

5. IN GOVT. ORDER NO. 1908, DATED 12TH. AUGUST 1878, THE WEST COAST CANAL WAS CLASSIFIED AS A OFF. CLASS DIVISION WITH AN OFFICE ESTABLISHED AT RS. 66 A MONTH. IN THE RE-ARRANGEMENT OF DIVISIONS SANCTIONED IN GOVT. ORDER NO. 3643, DATED 31ST. DEC. 1878, A SPECIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF RS. 98 WAS ALLOWED FOR THE WEST COAST CANAL BY TRANSFERRING TO THE MALABAR DISTRICT ONE OF THE SPECIAL ESTABLISHMENTS SANCTIONED FOR THE GODAVERY-VIEE GOVT. ORDER NO. 2600, DATED 28TH. OCT. 1873, PARA 2. THIS RE-ARRANGEMENT WAS ORDERED TO HAVE EFFECT FROM THE 1ST DECEMBER, 1878. IN A SUBSEQUENT ORDER (GOVT. ORDER NO. 1823, DATED 20TH. JULY 1877) IT IS STATED THAT SINCE MR. FARRIS' ASSUMPTION OF THE CHARGE OF THE MALABAR DISTRICT IN MARCH 1875, THE WEST COAST CANAL MAY BE SAID TO HAVE CEASED TO EXIST AS A SEPARATE CHARGE. IN THE SAME ORDER A FLEUCTION IN THE SCALE OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT

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6. UNDER THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES, I SHALL FEEL OBLIGED BY YOUR INFORMING ME WHETHER IT IS THE INTENTION OF GOVERNMENT TO RETAIN THE WEST COAST CANAL AS A SEPARATE DIVISION.

7. CONSIDERING THAT THE SAME OFFICER, MR. CRIMES, IS IN CHARGE OF THE PALGHAT AS WELL AS THE WEST COAST CANAL DIVISIONS, I THINK IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO AMALGAMATE THEM LATTER WITH THE FORMER. THE AVERAGE MONTHLY OUTLAY ON THE WEST COAST CANAL AMOUNTS TO ONLY RS. 1,000, AND THE ONLY WORKS IN PROGRESS ARE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CRUZ MILAGRE DAM AND THE CANAL FROM PONANY TO COCHIN WITH A FEW OTHER SLIGHT REPAIRS.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBEDIENT SERVANT.

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EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

12-8-72 No 1908.
 .. 28-10-73 .. 2636
 .. 31-12-75 .. 3643.
 .. 24-5-76 .. 1302
 .. 5-6-76 .. 1393.
 .. 20-7-76 .. 1825
 .. 5-12-76 .. 3290.

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FROM THE EXAMINER,
 P.W. ACCOUNTS,
 TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
 P.W. DEPARTMENT.

NO. 328.W.

DATED 9th DEC. 1876.
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SOLICITS ORDERS ANENT
 CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS DIVISIONS IN
 THE NELLORE AND MALABAR DISTRICTS.

Cer. 21-12-76.

No 3558. Public Works Department.

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UNDER date the 28th Dec 1876.

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