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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 544. Read the following letter from Major J. BEATY, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Dowlishveram, 29th January 1876, No. 3,203:—

With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 3,252, of 13th November 1875, in which it was proposed to remove Mr. Vanstavern from Damagudiem and replace him by a steady subordinate, I have the honor to request further instructions, as I do not see how I can arrange this satisfactorily in the present state of the establishment.

2. Mr. Vanstavern is now alone at Damagudiem; he has not even an Overseer to assist him, or to whom, if the Range Officer be ordered elsewhere, he could hand over charge. Since Overseer P. Rammiah was pronounced unfit for further service, the establishment of Overseers in the lower district is one below its full strength, and the expenditure in progress in the delta is so great that not a man can be spared. The only two upper subordinates, Supervisors Kotiah and Harris, are in charge of important sub-divisions. And I have in prospect the vacancy that will be caused in the charge of a range by Mr. Martin's departure on furlough to Europe in April.

3. If it be decided to move Mr. Vanstavern from Damagudiem, the Ellore Range is a most suitable charge for him, but I very much doubt whether it is expedient to move him. It is true that his expenditure at present is very small, but he has under his care works and Government property which have cost some 28 lakhs of Rupees, and these will certainly be liable to serious damage through mismanagement or neglect if the person in charge is not a man of experience in such works, and thoroughly efficient and trustworthy.

4. It has also to be considered that during the dry months, when alone work can be carried out there, the Upper Godavery taluqs are completely cut off from the rest of the district. From December to June communication with the Upper Godavery is most difficult, owing to the low state of the river and the want of a road through the hills and jungles that lie between the two places; and if at that time the District Engineer visits Damagudiem, unless his office travels with him, he will be separated from it for some weeks. If he takes the office with him, the clerks will probably all be laid up with fever. It is therefore most necessary that the person in charge of the Damagudiem Range should be an Officer or upper subordinate who can be thoroughly relied on in regard to carrying out work, and to use his own discretion in any emergency.

5. Now, Mr. Vanstavern is undoubtedly the fittest person for that charge. He has had some fourteen years' service there, and bears the peculiar climate of those parts remarkably well. It is probable, indeed, that if he be moved many changes will be needed before another person is found who will be able to remain there for any length of time, and frequent changes in such a charge are most undesirable. I consider Mr. Vanstavern's case an exceptional one, and that it is not expedient to move him unless the state of his health should necessitate a change.

6. And he should not be left there alone. An assistant of some description should be given him, if only to provide for the possible contingency of the Range Officer requiring leave or falling sick. Under the Central Provinces Government the

Executive Engineer was allowed a Supervisor (Mr. Ramsden), who was removed only at the time the Upper Godavery works were transferred to Madras. I therefore ask permission to appoint, as special Overseer, to that range the best qualified Delta Superintendent or Sub-overseer who will volunteer for the post. It is necessary that the special Overseer should be a steady, experienced, and efficient subordinate, and as such a man would not willingly risk his health in that isolated place without some inducement, I would propose offering a pay of Rupees 100 and double horse allowance.

7. Should my proposal to leave Mr. Vanstavern for the present at Dumagudiem be sanctioned, there will remain the difficulty of providing for the charge of No. 4 or Ellore Range when Mr. Martin takes his leave in April. The two young officers lately sent to the district cannot be put in charge of sub-divisions for some time, or at least until they have passed in Telugu, and it would be very inconvenient to make any change in regard to the present sub-divisional charges, so that I trust an Officer or steady upper subordinate may be given me for the Ellore Range.

8. It will be observed, then, that whether Mr. Vanstavern be moved or not, owing to Mr. Martin's taking furlough provision has now to be made for the charge of one range. There have been several changes in the sub-divisional charges of the Eastern and Western Deltas within the last two years, and I hope further change will not be needed for some time as these changes greatly interfere with the progress of work. If a Range Officer cannot be sent from some other district, I propose giving this charge to the senior Overseer, Mr. Mahony, who is highly reported of by Lieutenant Derward as efficient, steady, and trustworthy.

No. 545.

ORDER THEREON, 29th February 1876, No. 557.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 40.

This application cannot be entertained. Its main point has been anticipated by the action of Government recorded in G.O.,

No. 3,596, of 21st December; the result of which if successful will be the addition to the Godavery District Establishment of another upper subordinate.

2. The subject of Godavery establishment generally has been disposed of in many Government Orders, of which No. 560, of 26th February 1875, and No. 2,080, of 22nd July 1875, are the latest. And in fulfilment of the promise made in the last, the number of Assistant Engineers in the district has been increased by three, of whom one was already qualified for sub-divisional charge, and the other two likely to qualify in the course of the current year.

3. There are in fact two officers, extra to the fixed range and sub-divisional establishments of the district, available for filling up such vacancies as may occur by other officers taking furlough. In no other way can such vacancies be filled up; and the District Engineer will arrange accordingly.

4. It is remarked, in conclusion, that the dates of appointment to ranges and sub-divisions shown in the District Engineer's statement do not fairly represent the local experience of the Officers and upper subordinates enumerated in it; most of

whom have been much longer attached to the district than to the particular charge in which the District Engineer now thinks fit to employ them.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No 3203 District Engineers Office, Gody.
Camp Dowlaishweram 29 January 1876

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Major J. Beatty R.E.
District Engineer Godavery

To,

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Your Most obedient Servant
P. Beatty Major R.E.
District Engineer Godavery Dt.

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 and Elmore Camps.

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Statement showing how the officers and Upper Subordinates in the District are now employed

Ranges and Charges.	Names of Officers.	Dates of appointment to the Range or Subdivision.
No 1 or Eastern Delta.	Captain A. R. E. Brockman R.	August 1873.
Head Works Subdivision.	Mr. A. J. Chancellor.	June 1875
Northern Do.	Supervisor N. Kotiah.	August 1875
Southern Do.	Do. R. Harris.	March 1875
Drainage Surveys of Eastern Delta.	Mr. H. S. Taylor.	December 1875
No 2 or Central Delta.	Mr. J. W. Ellis.	June 1872.
No 3 or Western Delta.	Lieutenant A. R. F. Dowd R.	January 1875
Eastern Subdivision.	Mr. DeWinton.	January 1876
Western Do.	Lieutenant L. Langley R.	March 1875.
Drainage surveys Western Delta.	Mr. C. H. B. Burlton.	January 1876
No 4 or Ellore Range.	Mr. J. W. Martin.	September 1874
No 5 or Rajahmundry Range.	Mr. J. C. Lammie.	July 1875
No 6 or Damagudem Range.	Mr. J. Vanstaern.	June 1875.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 29th Feb'y 1876
Read the following:—

From
The District Engineer } (M.E. No 3213 of 29th Jan'y 76)
Godavery.

His Grace the
Governor in Council
deprecates the constant
repetition of demands
from the Godavery
District for increase
of establishment; with
which the District
Engineer ought to know
that compliance is
impossible, if he
will not believe it to
be unnecessary. The
pretext for the present
demand is a most
frivolous one; based
as it is on a mere
suggestion that the
District

Statement showing
how the Officers
and other persons
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to the particular
Range in which
the District Engineer
now now thinks
best to employ them.
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