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Head quarters of the  
Kistna Western D<sup>n</sup>  
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Orders fixing the  
end of its Eastern and  
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proposals for the utilisation of  
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13TH AUGUST 1895, No. 2000 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.  
Establishment.

READ—the following papers:—

From A. A. G. MALET, Esq., Executive Engineer, Kistna Western Division, to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated 26th June 1895, No. 137.

In their Proceedings No. 3070 W., dated 28th November 1893, forwarded with your No. 2134 K.S., dated 1st December 1893, the Government sanctioned the transfer of the head-quarters of this division as a temporary measure, pending the settlement as to the acquisition of the railway buildings at Seethanagaram.

2. In my No. 793, dated 21st March 1894, I addressed you with reference to a proposal made by the Chief Engineer for making Guntūr the permanent head-quarters of this division and for utilizing some of the buildings of the old Guntūr Jail as an office.

3. In this letter I pointed out the difficulty I had in procuring a house in Guntūr, and whilst advocating Seethanagaram as the permanent head-quarters instead of Guntūr, I requested an early settlement of the question or a transfer to another division.

4. You supported my proposal to make Seethanagaram the permanent head-quarters in your endorsement No. 3119 K.S., dated 27th March 1894. Further correspondence followed, notably Chief Engineer's memo. No. 1555 C., dated 7th April 1894, and finally with my No. 308, dated 11th September 1894, I submitted plans and estimates for constructing one Executive Engineer's and two Assistant Engineers' quarters at Seethanagaram.

5. With the experience of the past year, I have modified the views I formerly held as to the objections to Guntūr as permanent head-quarters, and I have the honour to submit the following proposals, which, as far as I can judge, are likely to be my final views on the subject, for your consideration.

6. I would recommend Guntūr to be made the permanent head-quarters for the division and for the eastern and western sub-division officers. My reasons for doing so are as follows:—

- (i) The buildings of the old Guntūr jail afford sufficient accommodation, subject to a few slight alterations of a minor nature, which need not be discussed now.
- (ii) The train service to and from Tadepalli is improved. There are more trains and their hours are more suitable.
- (iii) There is every probability of the Bezwada-Madras line being constructed soon with a branch running up through Chebrole to Guntūr. This will allow of ready access both to another point (Chebrole) on the canal system and to many parts of the delta.
- (iv) It is advisable that the Executive Engineer should have the same head-quarters as the Sub-Collector. With the large extension of irrigation now in progress, there are numerous points for discussion between these officers; and working together and thoroughly conversant with one another's views, they can do much more for the progress of the delta than working more or less separately. At Guntūr also the Division officer is more likely to meet and to be able to consult with the Collector than if his head-quarters are at Seethanagaram.

- (v) With the train service at Guntūr it is, I find, quite easy to obtain personal interviews with the Superintending Engineer, whenever they are necessary.
- (vi) Guntūr would be a better head-quarters for the office establishment and is much preferred by them to Seethanagaram, chiefly because there are good schools for their children at Guntūr and want of suitable accommodation at Seethanagaram. All necessities would have to be procured from Bezwada, and the bridge toll would be to them a serious item of expenditure.
- (vii) Guntūr is a pleasanter head-quarters from a social point of view. It lies comparatively high and there are good roads and other conveniences. At Seethanagaram the want of roads or means of taking exercise when at head-quarters would no doubt be a great draw-back.
7. The main reasons in favour of Seethanagaram are that it is on the canal and consequently it is much easier to get one's things on to or out of a boat, and in the event of an accident occurring on the works a quicker start could be made. It is also more convenient for purposes of regulation.
8. I have, however, found no serious difficulty in connection with the latter point, and I consider that the reasons in favour of Guntūr out-weigh those in favour of Seethanagaram.
9. I would, therefore, ask you to advocate Guntūr as the permanent head-quarters.
10. As far as the sub-division officers are concerned, I find that the advantage of having all the offices together out-weigh any other consideration. As a matter of fact, my eastern sub-division officer, since his head-quarters have been at Guntūr, has been on the average about 25 days in camp out of every month, and with the Chebrole branch railway line there will be every facility for the western sub-division officer getting out and into his sub-division.
11. With head-quarters at Guntūr, it will be necessary for Government to construct residences for all the officers. Building sites are very expensive as the price of land in Guntūr is now high, but a suitable piece of ground for residences can be taken up close to the office.
12. The house I am now living in is not a suitable one, and since I moved into it last November I have been spending the whole of the rent in putting it in better order. In fact I have had to rent two houses. There is no suitable accommodation for sub-division officers in Guntūr. If you see fit to support my views, I have the honour to request that early orders may be obtained.

No. 806 K.S.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in reference to this office No. 2040 K.S., dated 29th November 1894.

2. The Superintending Engineer is strongly in favour of the head-quarters of the Kistna Western division being permanently fixed at Guntūr, for the office accommodation there is excellent, and a good site can be obtained for the proposed houses for the Executive and the Assistant Engineers.

3. It is suggested that the plans and estimates forwarded with the above letter be returned to this office in order that complete proposals may be submitted.

4. The original proposals for quarters at Seethanagaram were based entirely on the advantage offered by its proximity to the canals and to Bezwada; but experience has proved that work can be carried on satisfactorily with Guntūr as head-quarters, and in other respects the latter is a much better place for the head-quarters of the division.

3rd July 1895.

(Signed) W. L. C. BADDELEY, Major, R.E.,  
Superintending Engineer, II Circle.

No. 54 E.W.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for information. I concur with the opinion expressed by the Executive Engineer and Superintending Engineer.

15th July 1895.

(Signed) F. W. ASHPITEL,  
for Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

*Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.*

On the occasion of my recent visit to Bezwada (on the way to which place I halted for a day at Guntūr), I took occasion to discuss this question thoroughly with the Superintending and Executive Engineers, and am satisfied that the advantages of Guntūr as the head-quarters of the division over both Duggirala and Seethanagaram are overwhelming, even under present conditions, and will be still greater when the Madras-Bezwada Railway, with its branch from Chebrole to Guntūr, is completed.

2. I therefore support the view of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation that the head-quarters should be permanently fixed at Guntūr.

OOTACAMUND,  
7th August 1895.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,  
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 13th August 1895, No. 2000 W., Public Works.

The head-quarters of the Kistna Western division and of its eastern and western sub-divisions will be permanently fixed at Guntūr, in accordance with the unanimous recommendation of the officers concerned.

2. The plans and estimates referred to in paragraph 3 of the Superintending Engineer's endorsement will be returned to that officer for revision in accordance with these orders, and he will also submit, after consultation with the local officers of other departments, proposals for the utilization of the existing buildings at Duggirala.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, II Circle,  
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.  
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.  
" Revenue Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.  
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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 13th.

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G.O., 13th Aug. 1895, No. 2000 W.

AUGUST.

Head-quarters of the Kistna  
Western Division

Orders fixing the — and of its eastern  
and western sub-divisions permanently at  
Guntur, and directing the submission of  
proposals for the utilization of the existing  
buildings at Duggirala.

Letter from Asst. Dy. Magt. Engineer  
Engineer, Kistna Western Div. to the  
Supt. Engineer, Second Circle, dt 26<sup>th</sup>  
June 1895, No. 137 S.

In their Proceedings No. 3070 dt  
28.11.1893, forwarded with your No.  
2133 K.S., the Government sanctioned  
1.12.1893, the transfer of the Head Quarters  
of this Division, as a temporary  
measure, pending the settlement as  
to the acquisition of the railway buildings  
at Seethanagarau.

In my No. 793 S, 21.3.1894, I addressed you  
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house in Guntur, and whilst advoca-  
ting Seethanagarau as the permanent  
head quarters instead of Guntur,  
I requested an early settlement of  
the question or a transfer to another  
Division.

4. You supported my proposal  
to

to make Sethanagarau the per-  
manent head-quarters in your  
endorsement No 319 N.S. dt 27.3.1894. *With C. No: 4667  
on N.S. table*  
Further correspondence followed  
notably Chief Engineer's Memorandum  
No 1555 C dt 7.4.1894 and finally with  
my No 308 S dt 11.9.1894, I submitted *C. No: 19388  
on N.S. table*  
plans and estimates for constructing  
1 Executive Engineer's and 2 Asst: Engineer's  
quarters at Sethanagarau.

5. With the experience of the past year,  
I have modified the views I formerly  
held as to the objections to Guntur  
as permanent head quarters, and I  
have the honor to submit the following  
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No 806 KS  
3.7.95

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in reference to this Office No. 2040 KS. S. C. No. 9388 of 1894 on 11.11.1894.

2. The Supg Engineer is strongly in favour of the head quarters of the Krishna Western D<sup>n</sup> being permanently fixed at Guntur, for the office accommodation there is excellent, and a good site can be obtained for the proposed houses for the Executive and the Asst. Engineers.

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W. B. Badger  
Major R. B. J.  
Supg Engineer, Krishna

CHIEF ENGINEER  
FOR IRRIGATION.  
5 JUL 95  
No. 125K

P. W. CURRENT No. 6181

From  
The Supy Engineer  
Second Circle  
  
To The Chief Engineer  
For Irrigation

I forwarded to the Chief  
Engineer P. W. D for information  
I concur with the opinion  
expressed by the Executive  
Engineer and Supy Engineer

Dated 3 July 1895

No 806 MS  
2d in 83 & 3070 W

Head Quarters for the  
Exec: Engineer & Eastern  
& Western Sub D<sup>y</sup> Offices  
of NW D<sup>a</sup> —

Forwards with remarks  
remarks copy of Exec:  
Engineer's letter recom-  
mending that Gunter  
to be made the permanent  
— for reasons given

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For Chief Eng. for Design

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Letter from the Executive Engineer, Kistna Western  
Division, No 137 Dated 26 June 1895.  
Endorsement by the S. E. II Circle No 806 MS d/3-July 1895.  
Endorsement by the C. E. for Div. No 574 SW d/22

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proof per 12/8

Note by the Chief Engineer  
P. W. Sept: —

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Order Command }  
Aug. 7. 1895 }  
No. 2000 W. d/13 August 1895

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24 AUG. 95

S. E. L. Clarke with X at Duggirala.  
C. E. S. : closure  
E. S. W. A  
New depth

enclosures sent with no 772 772-87  
X will be filled in

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The Head Quarters of the  
Kistwa Western Division and of  
its Eastern and Western Sub divisions

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