Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 2905 W

DATED 16 Nov 98

19/11/98.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Head Quarters of the Executive Divisions of the Kistna Dt.

Resolving to transfer the head Quarters of the Kistna Western Dn: permanently to Bezwada, and considering with reference that the head Quarters of the Kistna ~~Western~~ Northern Dn should be retained at Bezwada & that the present head Quarters of the Eastern & Western Sub Divisions of the former Division should remain at Duggirala & Chebrole, respectively,

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G.O., No. 2905 W., 16th November 1898.

NOVEMBER.

Head-Quarters of the Executive Divisions of the Kistna District

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following papers:—

From J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, II Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (through the Chief Engineer for Irrigation), dated Camp Addanki, 11th April 1898, No. 1051 K.

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3. The Division officer, Western division, will occupy the Government quarters now occupied by Captain Ellis, and his office will be located in the kutcha building now used as the Kistna Northern division office, until the new office sanctioned in G.O., No. 3004 W., dated 23rd October 1896, is completed. I propose submitting a revised plan and estimate for this office. It will be exactly of the same design as the fine office constructed at a cost of Rs. 16,220 at Duggirala, which I propose to dismantle as it is no longer required, utilizing the materials for the new office at Bezwada. The materials which can be utilized are teakwood panel, venetian doors and windows, all the teakwood roofing timbers, the tiles, and the cutstone flooring and teakwood verandah pillars.

No. 57 E.W.

Forwarded.

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Ootacamund,
19th April 1898.

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Telegram from the Executive Engineer, Kistna Western division, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Ootacamund, dated Tenali, 9th April 1898.

Superintending Engineer writes demi-official he has proposed to move Division head-quarters to Bezwada from May 1st. Please do not settle date till my remarks considered.

Telegram from the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated 21st April 1898.
Petition from M.R.Ry. S. Venkatasubbiah, Duggirala, dated 19th April 1898.

From J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, II Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (through the Chief Engineer for Irrigation), dated Bezwada, 17th June 1898, No. 1855 K.

I have the honour to request the favour of early orders on my No. 1051 K., dated 11th April 1898, regarding the transfers of the head-quarters of the Kistna Western and Kistna Northern divisions to Bezwada and Guntúr, respectively.

No. 58 E.W.

Transferred to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for favour of disposal with reference to this office No. 57 E.W., dated 19th April 1898.

Ootacamund,
24th June 1898.

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

From W. C. LEWIS, Esq., Executive Engineer, Kistna Western division, to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated 15th July 1898, No. 174 S.

With reference to the memorandum from Deputy Chief Engineer, copy of which is forwarded herewith, I have the honour to state that I consider that Bezwada would be the most convenient head-quarters for this division when the Bezwada-Madras Railway is opened.

2. The memorandum which I forwarded with the copy of my telegram on April 9th (of which I should be much obliged if you would forward a copy) referred, as you know, only to the immediate necessity for the change and the inconvenience of the date proposed by you.

3. I would point out that in G.O., No. 2000 W., dated 13th August 1895, fixing the head-quarters of this division at Guntúr, it was assumed that Guntúr would be connected with the Bezwada-Madras Railway by a branch *viâ* Chebrole. As this proposal is now abandoned, the situation is altered.

4. Also the re-occupation of the Guntúr Jail by the Jail department has deprived this office of the accommodation available there.

No. 2216 K.W.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to memo., No. 3123 C., dated 11th July 1898.

21st July 1898.

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
Superintending Engineer, II Circle.

From W. C. LEWIS, Esq., Executive Engineer, Kistna Western division, to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated 11th April 1898, No. 18 S.

I have the honour, with reference to your note saying you have asked for sanction to move the head-quarters of this division to Bezwada from May 1st, to submit the following reasons why the date should be postponed for your consideration.

First—This is the working season and the canals are closed; during these months, Guntúr is far more accessible to the delta than Bezwada, as it is the point from which all the roads radiate, while there is no direct road from Bezwada down into the delta and the Bezwada-Madras Railway will not be opened for some months yet; and consequently the Executive Engineer's head-quarters will be 2 days much further away from the centre of the delta. This will not apply when the Bezwada-Madras Railway is opened.

Second—My office has already practically lost one week in the move out of the Jail premises, and another move to Bezwada will certainly throw back work another fortnight at the busiest season of the year.

Third—The re-occupation of the Jail is professedly only temporary, and the Public Works office cannot expect to be allowed to remain in the new Taluk cutcherry indefinitely and consequently there must be another move, either back to the Jail or if that is not to be given up soon, as is very likely, to some other building in the town; and it would be better to postpone the move till the final location of the office in Guntúr is decided.

Fourth—The proposed notice to be given for the transfer of a large office to arrange for transfers of families and furniture to a number of Government servants of all grades including myself is quite inadequate.

I would suggest, if the Government accept your proposal for the transfer, that the 1st July should be fixed as the date from which the transfer should commence as the rush of measurements and bills for the working season will be over by then. I append a copy of a telegram I have sent to the Chief Engineer, as there seems considerable risk that the orders may be passed before these remarks have been considered.

No. 2310 K.W.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, in continuation of this office No. 2216 K.W., dated 21st July 1898.

1st August 1898.

(Signed) J. S. WILSON,
for Superintending Engineer, II Circle.

From W. C. LEWIS, Esq., Officiating Superintending Engineer, II Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 24th August 1898, No. 2626 K.W.

[Your No. 3611 C. of 16th August 1898.]

I have the honour to report, with reference to your first query, that the head-quarters of the Western sub-division of Kistna Western division have never been moved to Guntúr, but are at Chebrole; and I propose that they should remain there as it is a convenient situation.

As for the Eastern sub-division, I found that the Sub-division officer, when I took charge, was not residing in Guntúr, but only paid occasional visits and kept his family at Vaddeswaram and consequently seldom saw his clerks, and the advantage of his office being at Guntúr was quite inappreciable. Mr. G. R. Venkatarama Iyer, the present Sub-divisional officer, asked me to allow him to use the old Division office at Duggirala which is in a drier part of the compound than the bungalows as his residence, and with Mr. Hannan's approval he is now occupying it and has his office there. I consider it most important that the Sub-division officers should be in close touch with their canals so as to lose no time in receiving intelligence and issuing orders about water distribution, and the present arrangement of Sub-division head-quarters I consider satisfactory.

2. With reference to the reasons for changing the head-quarters, I would state that I have been now working the Western division with my head-quarters at Guntúr for two years, and I am satisfied that there is a great loss of power by the arrangement. In the first place, there is a day lost in all references. Then there is considerable trouble in getting to and from the canals, and it is impossible to get in and out to inspect works so quickly and readily as when one has one's boat at one's door. At Bezwada, there will be, in addition to the canals, the Bezwada-Madras Railway running right through the delta direct from Bezwada. Bezwada is also a much better place for superintending the river conservancy works which want a good deal of looking after. At Bezwada, the exact state of the river is always in evidence and orders about water regulation can be given promptly. The greater part of the supply of materials and all workshop work being done in Bezwada, these can be seen to, easily, during halts at head-quarters.

3. As a matter of fact, I myself feel very strongly the disadvantage of a Delta officer being out of touch with his canals, and had Duggirala been a less hopelessly swampy place, I should have recommended the removal of head-quarters back there again, as I found by experience that Chettipet and Ralli were so very convenient in the Gódávari Western and Central divisions for head-quarters on account of the complete touch with the main lines of canals; but Duggirala is a hopeless place to expect European officers and their wives and their families to live in.

Bezwada being in telephone communication with Sithanagram lock is far better than Guntúr in that respect. I may mention that Mr. Atkinson, lately Collector of this district, also held that Bezwada was the proper place for head-quarters.

4. I myself should prefer also to keep the Kistna Northern division head-quarters in Bezwada, as here the Executive Engineer is on the railway lines leading to both his sub-divisions. If either division is located in Guntúr, considerable expenditure on buildings must be faced as accommodation for a married officer must be provided; whereas at Bezwada there is every reason to expect that one of the three Executive Engineers will be a bachelor, or with his family absent, and would be glad enough to live in a smaller bungalow and pay less rent, and it would not be necessary to build such a large bungalow.

From W. C. LEWIS, Esq., Officiating Superintending Engineer, II Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 27th September 1898, No. 3003 K.W.

In reference to your No. 4104 C., dated 19th September 1898, I have the honour point out that for several years a provision has been made in the budget for Rs. 14,000 for an Executive Engineer's residence at Guntúr. At present, there are, as Executive

Engineer's quarters at Bezwada, two buildings costing Rs. 14,000 each, in round numbers, as well as an Assistant Engineer's house costing Rs. 8,600.

2. I consider it would not be necessary to build another house costing Rs. 14,000 as—

First—There is always the great probability that one of the officers at least in charge of the divisions will be glad to live in a smaller house and pay less rent.

Second—That in a few years it is almost certain that one of the divisions will be held by a native, or Provincial Engineer, who would be glad to have a small house.

3. I would therefore propose to build another house of the Assistant Engineer's type, or a little better, say, costing Rs. 10,000. This would set free Rs. 4,000 from the Guntúr provision for office accommodation. The Western division office at Guntúr is now practically houseless. It cannot be allowed to remain long in the new cutcherry and the old cutcherry is quite unsuitable. The District Jail is at present resumed by the Jail department, and even if the Jail department gives it up again temporarily, the accommodation is quite unsuitable for a Division office, the accommodation being in three separate buildings in separate enclosures, and an expenditure of three or four thousand rupees would be necessary to make the accommodation suitable as a permanency.

4. We may, therefore, take it that we shall have seven thousand rupees available towards accommodating the office at Bezwada without incurring additional expenditure.

5. There is an estimate sanctioned for Rs. 9,550 for accommodating the Kistna Northern division office at Bezwada. As that division is now much reduced owing to the removal of the Head-works sub-division, it will not want such a large building and that accommodation would provide for the Kistna Western division, and the Rs. 7,000 would provide sufficient accommodation for the Kistna Northern division office.

6. I think we may safely say, therefore, that the removal of the Kistna Western division to Bezwada would not entail any additional expenditure in buildings for the Executive Engineer's residence and office.

ORDER—No. 2905 W., dated 16th November 1898.

In G.O., No. 3070 W., dated 28th November 1893, the transfer of the head-quarters of the Kistna Western division from Duggirala to Guntúr was sanctioned as a temporary measure, pending settlement of the question as to the acquisition of the railway buildings at Seethanagram, where it was then intended to ultimately locate the head-quarters.

2. In June 1895, the advantages of Guntúr as the head-quarters of the division over both Duggírala and Seethanagram having been represented by the Executive Engineer, it was resolved by Government, in accordance with the unanimous recommendations of the officers concerned, to permanently fix the head-quarters, not only of the division, but also of its Eastern and Western sub-divisions, at that station.

3. The Superintending Engineer, II Circle, in his letter No. 1051 K.W., dated 11th April 1898, recommended the transfer of the head-quarters of the Kistna Western division to Bezwada, and that of the Kistna Northern division to Guntúr. As the grounds advanced for these proposals were not fully stated, the matter was again referred to the Superintending Engineer for further report.

4. The further explanation called for has been furnished by Mr. Lewis, who was then in charge of the II Circle, in his letter No. 2626 K.W., dated 24th August 1898; and after a careful consideration of the whole matter, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to transfer the head-quarters of the Kistna Western division permanently to Bezwada. It is understood that the transfer will not involve any additional expense to Government beyond that already contemplated.

5. With regard to the proposal to transfer the head-quarters of the Kistna Northern division from Bezwada to Guntúr, His Excellency in Council considers that the head-quarters of this division should be retained at Bezwada, which is connected both by railway and canal with both the sub-divisions of the division.

6. The present head-quarters of the Eastern and Western sub-divisions of the Kistna Western division will remain at Duggirala and Chebrole, respectively, which are very suitable stations for them.

7. Among the papers read above is a memorial from S. Venkatasubbiah on behalf of the ryots of Tenali taluk, Kistna district, praying for the re-transfer of the head-quarters of the Kistna Western division from Guntúr to Duggirala. This re-transfer cannot be sanctioned as Duggirala is an unhealthy station, which is admitted in the memorial. The requirements of the ryots will however be met, as the head-quarters of the Eastern sub-division have since been removed to Duggirala.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. B. deWINTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, II Circle.
,, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, the Revenue Department.
,, M.R.Ry. S. Venkatasubbiah (paragraph 7 only).

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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SUBJECT.

Head-quarters Stations of the Kistna Western Dn. - Forwarding with remarks ~~the~~ ~~the~~ letter from the S.E. II Circle regarding the removal of the —— from Guntur to Bezwada & that of the Northern Dn. to Guntur.

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2nd Circle, Dated 4th April 9
Camp Addanki.

From

J. Hannan Esquire,
Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department
Thro: the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
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J. H. [illegible]
Superintending Engineer
Circle

CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION.
13 APR 1898
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Ootacamund
19th April/98

W. Hughes
Chief Engineer for Irrign.

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Kistna Western Dn.

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Dated 9th April 1898.

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Requesting that orders on the subject of moving the head-quarters of his Dn. to Bezwada be deferred till his remarks are considered.

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The Supdg: Engineer
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SUBJECT.

Requesting that certain corrections may be made in his letter No: 1051/K.

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The ~~telegram~~ letter was received in J office & is being sent to W office

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SUBJECT.

Transfers a petition dated 19th April 1898 from S. Venkata Subbiah of Duggirala, praying that the P. W. D. Kistna Western Division Office may be transferred from Guntur to Duggirala.

By order

H. A. Sim

Pl. Private Secretary

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To

His Excellency The Right Honorable
The Governor of Fort St. George,
in Council.

The humble representation of S. Venkata Subbiah on behalf of many ryots of Tenali Taluq, Kistna District

Most Respectfully Showeth:

That petitioner begs to request that your Excellency in council will be pleased to take the following facts in-to consideration and to order the office of the Kistna Western Division D P W to be retransferred from Guntur to Duggirala.

2 That the inconveniences and difficulties of several forms experienced by many of the ryots of Tenali Taluq during the last 4 years owing to the removal of the Western Division and the Eastern Sub Division offices from Duggirala to Guntur are innumerable.

3 That for many reasons it is desirable and advisable that the big officers of the Division must always be on canals or at places close to Canals and within the Division.

4 That the Commamur canal and the two side channels branched out at Duggirala and the Bank canal branched out 4 miles above Duggirala from the Main Canal that there is convenience to travel from Duggirala to the middle portion of the Bank canal through the Local Fund road.

5 That the Irrigation villages of the Division begin about 11th mile of the long main canal ie from a mile above Duggirala.

6 That there is at present railway communication from Duggirala to Sitanagaram where the Western Division main canal has its Head sluice.

7 That it was after proper, consideration of many things together that several big wellknown Engineers such as Colonel Hasted

and Colonel Mullens made Duggirala the Head quarters of the Western Division and Eastern Sub Division offices.

8 That at a large expense of about sixty thousand rupees three big bangolows for the Division office and for the quarters of the Executive and Asst Engineers, were, one after another constructed with stables etc and that the Store building was also completed recently.

9 That about the time of completion of the Kistna bridge Mr Arundel the then Collector suggested the removal of the Western Division office from Duggirala to Sitanagaram which was taken up by Govt for the temporary residences of the labourers and artificers employed on bridge work.

10 That Mr Arundel seeing from the circumstances then existing the improbability of the B M railway work being soon undertaken and thinking that some

bangalows already constructed might be obtained by Public works from railway deptt by a nominal transfer of book adjustment without any additional expense on the part of Govt made this suggestion with administrative views chiefly with a view of frequently meeting with facility, the Western Division officer for consulting about the works of upland Talugs.

11 That P W Department having been moved by Mr Arundel the proposal was strengthened by Mr Malet who was then in charge of the Western Division and indirectly by some of the officials of its office who preferred town life for personal reasons (such as education of the children) and who were seeking an opportunity for having their desire accomplished.

12 That the point of bad climate (so called) of Duggirala having been made foremost Mr Malet persisted

and after all suceeded in getting orders for the removal of the Division office from Duggirala.

13 That as the railway Departt declined to transfer the bangalows as desired by D.P W and as there were buildings available in the compound of the Jail mean-while vacated at Guntur which was then within the local limits of the Western Division it happened for want of buildings at Sitanagaram that the Division office was transferred to Guntur as a temporary arrangement.

14 That as it appears Mr Malet's health was affected by the climate of Duggirala or rather by that of the whole wet Taluqs he had occasion to travel throughout.

15 That as each man has a constitution peculiar to himself this climate might not suit mr Malet's one and that asserting any thing more against the climate itself would be exaggerating or rather

misrepresenting a thing as no general presumption could be made from a single instance in the face of other facts

16 That Duggirala is in fact a healthy place and is generally considered so and that petitioner submits that it is more healthy than Tenali Repalli Ponnur, and Gudivada of the District where there are revenue (Tahsildars) offices and that it is not on the whole, inferior to Guntur or Sitanagaram, for the suffering in dry season at those hot places is hardly less than that in wet season at Duggirala while the enjoyment in dry season at the latter is admittedly greater than that in wet season at the former.

17 That as death registers are being kept under orders of the Govt in all the towns and villages a comparative examination of the records of the last 10 years of all the above mentioned places

including Guntur and Sitanagaram would show that the lowest average rate (percentage) of deaths stands on Duggirala.

18 That during the period of 30 years preceding Mr Malets time there was not a single officer (European or native) nor a single other servant that ever complained of the climate of Duggirala

19 That on the other hand the village was specially regarded as a very healthy place by many European Officers such as Mr Norris and Mr Wybrow besides by all the native officers.

20 That the cases of sick leaves in the Division Office while at Duggirala were not proportionately more frequent than in any other (Govt) Office at any other place in the District.

21 That Duggirala which contains a Post Office and a Police station besides

the railway station has two metal roads, and a Scavengering Establishment maintained from the Local Fund and tends to a tolerable degree to afford convenience for the happy residence of officers.

22 That if at all there is any thin bad in wet season it is unlike othe villages of wet Talugs attributable to the general reason of Kistna water and Irrigation for which the importan Divisions and offices exist, and by which they are maintained.

23 That it is quite becoming for a gentleman who as D P W officer holds the executive charge of an Irrigation Division to accustom himself, with a forbearing Sprit to its climate for the sake of poor ryots.

24 That the completion of the B.M. railway line and the recent formation of the Northern (a seperate) Division

to which the upland Talugs including the town of Guntur now belong, almost frustrated the reasons and the object for and with which the original proposal was made by Mr Arundel the first mover of the question.

25 That the changed state of circumstances has rendered the present situation of the Western Division office at Guntur, out of the Division most ridiculous.

26 That there is a large store of articles at Duggirala being incharge of the Lock Suptt as the proper custodian the storekeeper accompained the Division office and its accountant.

27 That all the bangalows sadly left deserted at Duggirala are safe and sound in a beautiful garden.

28 That under all the above circumstances no new buildings need be built at any other place for the office

and the officer of the Western Division as strict rules of political economy may be observed in the absence of urgent necessity.

29 And that in conclusion petitioner humbly begs to request that your Excellency in Council ascertaining if necessary the truth of the statements made in paras 16, 17, 18, 19. and 20 will be pleased to issue orders to the effect that Kistna Western Division office may be retransferred from Guntur to Duggirala

Petitioner shall as in duty boun ever pray.

Duggirala
19 April 1898.

S. V. Subbiah

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 5661

From the Chief Engr for Irrgn

Order

No. 58 E.W.

Dated 24-6-98

Received } 7.7.98

Registered }

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SUBJECT.

Head Qrs of the Kistna Western and Kistna Northern Dns — Letter from the S.E. II regarding the transfer of the — to Bezwada and Guntur respectively — Forwarded for disposal in continuation of this office No 57 E W of 19-4-98 —

P. T. O

Superintending Engineer

II Circle

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

No. 1855 K / 17.6.98

Superintending Engineer's Office
II Circle; Bezwada
Dated 17th June 1898.

From
The Superintending Engineer
II Circle

To
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept.

Through
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation

Sir,

I have the honor to request the favour of early orders on my No. 1051 K dated 11th April 1898 regarding the transfers of the head Quarters of the Kistna Western & Kistna Northern Divisions to Bezwada & Guntur respectively.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obdt. Servt.

Superintending Engineer
II Circle

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CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION.
20 JUN. 1898
No 135 K.S.

No 58 Ew.

Transferred to the Chief Engineer P. W. Dept for favour of disposal with reference to this office No 57 Ew dated 19th April 1898

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24th June 1898 }

Sir

W. Hughes

Chief Engineer for Irrign

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 6210

From

Order

The Suptg Engineer
II Circle

No. 2216 Hd

Dated 21 July /98

Received }
Registered } 25.7.98

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SUBJECT.

Head quarters of the Kistna Western Divn — Forwards Copy of K.W.Dn. Officers letter Stating that Bezwada would be the most Convenient — when the B.N. Railway is Opened

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BACK PAPERS. FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.	No.	Date.

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Copy of letter from W. C. Lewis Esq., Executive Engineer, Kistna Western Division, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, No. 174 S, dated 15th July 98.

With reference to the memo from Deputy Chief Engineer, copy of which is forwarded herewith, I have the honor to state that I consider that Bezwada would be the most convenient Head Quarters for this Division when the Bezwada-Madras Railway is opened.

2. The memo which I forwarded with the copy of my telegram on April 9th (of which I should be much obliged if you would forward a copy) referred as you know only to the immediate necessity for the change and the inconvenience of the date proposed by you.

3. I would point out that in G.O. No. 2000 W, dated 13th August 95 fixing the Head Quarters of this Division at Guntur, it

it was assumed that Guntur would be connected with the B.-M. Railway by a branch via Tenali. As this proposal is now abandoned, the situation is altered.

4. Also the reoccupation of the Guntur Jail by the Jail Department has deprived this office of the accommodation available there.

No. 2216 Kwd) 21.7.98.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department with reference to memo No. 3123 C. 11-7-98 ×

× Sent to C.E. 12.7.98

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Superintending Engineer,
II Circle

J.H.

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 6468
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From
The Superintending Engineer
II Circle

No. 2310 Kw.

Dated 1. 8. 98.
Received }
Registered } 4. 8. 98

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Order

E.E.'s note shd be forwarded to S.E. II, & he shd be asked to explain.
(1) where he proposes to locate the subdn. offices.
(2) his full reasons for the desired change of H.Q., which were fixed at Guntur only 2 years ago after mature deliberation?

J.H.S.
11/8

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Issued orders. Please see S.E. now placed [illegible]

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9.8.98.
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SUBJECT.

Change of Head quarters of Kistna Western Dn. office — Forwards for orders Kw. Dn. Ex. Engr's letter with proposals as to the date on which the proposal may be effected.

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BACK PAPERS.		FURTHER PAPERS.	
No.	Date.	No.	Date.
3123C	11-7-98		
2000W	13-8-98		
3070W	28-11-98		

Copy of letter from W. C. Lewis Esquire, Executive Engineer Kistna Western Division to the Superintending Engineer II circle, dated 11th April 1898 No. 185.

I have the honor with reference to your note saying you have asked for sanction to move the Head Quarters of this Division to Bezwada from May 1st; to submit the following reasons why the date should be postponed, for your consideration.

1st. This is the working season and the canals are closed; during these months, Guntur is far more accessible to the delta than Bezwada as it is the point from which all the roads radiate while there is no direct road from Bezwada down into the delta and the Bezwada-Madras Railway will not be opened for some months yet; and consequently the Executive Engineer's Head Quarters will be 2 days much further away from the Centre of the delta. This will not apply when the B. M. Railway is opened.

2nd. My office has already practically

lost one week in the move out of the jail premises and another move to Bezwada will certainly throw back work another fortnight at the busiest season of the year.

3rd. The reoccupation of the jail is professedly only temporary and the P.W. office cannot expect to be allowed to remain in the new Taluq-cutcherry indefinitely and consequently there must be another move, either back to the jail or if that is not to be given up soon, as is very likely, to some other building in the town; and it would be better to postpone the move till the final location of the office in Guntur is decided.

4th. The proposed notice to be given for the transfer of a large office to arrange for transfers of families and furniture to a number of Government servants of all grades including myself is quite inadequate.

I would suggest if the Government accept your proposal for the transfer, that the 1st July should be fixed as the date from which the transfer should commence as the rush of measurements and bills for the working

season will be over by then. I append a copy of a telegram I have sent to the Chief Engineer as there seems considerable risk that the orders may be passed before these remarks have been considered.

No. 2310 K.W. of 1-8-98

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer Public Works Department in continuation of this office No. 2216 K.W dated 21-7-98.

× Cno 6210/98 is linked herewith.

1/8/98 Executive Engr.
for Supdg: Engineer II circle.

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as there seems considerable risk that the
orders may be passed before these remarks
have been received.

No. 2811 ... 8-98

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer
Public Works Department in continuation
of this office no. 2216 W.D. dated 25-7-98

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 7099

From

The Superintending Engineer
II Circle

No. 2626 K.W.

Dated 24.8.98.

Received } 26.8.98

Registered }

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Order

Us. Send up with the orders recommending Bezwada as H.Q. of all 3 Dns, & location of 2 western subdns at Chebrole & Duggirala respectively as apparently the S.E. recommends the latter & it is certainly a suitable place

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For orders ~~to-day~~. Bezwada clearly seems the best head-quarters for all 3 Kistna Divns. AHK 30-8-98

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SUBJECT.

Certain conveniently situated places for Head quarters of different offices in Kistna Delta — Enumerates — with remarks of his own

BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.
3611C	16-8-98
3123C	11-7-98
3070W	28-11-93
2000W	13-8-95

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

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No 2626KW
24·8·98

Superintending Engrs Office
2nd Circle Dated 24th August
1898

From

W. C. Lewis Esquire

Offg. Superintending Engineer
II Circle

To

The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

Your No. 3611C, of 16.8.98

I have the honour to report with reference to your first query that the Head Quarters of the Western Sub-Division of Kistna Western Division have never been moved to Guntur but are at Chebrole and I propose that they should remain there as it is a convenient situation.

As for the Eastern Sub-Division I found that the Sub-Division Officer when I took charge, was not residing in Guntur but, only paid occasional

visits

visits and kept his family at Vadde-swaram & consequently seldom saw his clerks and the advantage of his office being at Guntur was quite inappreciable. Mr. G. K. Venkatarama Iyer the present Sub-Divisional officer asked him me to allow him to use the old Division office at Duggirala which is in a drier part of the compound than the bungalows at his residence and with Mr. Hannan's approval he is now occupying it and has his office there. I consider it most important that the Sub-Division officers should be in close touch with their canals so as to lose no time in receiving intelligence & issuing orders about water distribution and the present arrangement of Sub-Division Head Quarters, I consider, Satisfactory.

2. With reference to the reasons for

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for changing the Head Quarters, I would state that I have been now working the Western Division with my Head Quarters at Guntur for two years and I am Satisfied that there is a great loss of power by the arrangement. In the first place, there is a day lost in all references. Then there is considerable trouble in getting to and from the canals and it is impossible to get in and out to inspect works so quickly and readily as when one has one's boat at one's door. At Bezwada, there will be, in addition to the canals the Bezwada-Madras Railway running rightly through the Delta direct from Bezwada.

Bezwada is also a much better place for Superintending the River Conservancy works which want a good deal of looking after. At Bezwada, the exact state of the river is is always in evidence and orders about water regulation can be given promptly. The greater part of the supply of materials and all workshop work being done in Bezwada, these can be seen to, easily, during halts at Head Quarters.

3. As a matter of fact, I myself feel very strongly the disadvantage of a Delta officer being out of touch with his canals & had Duggirala been a less hopelessly swampy place, I should have recommended the removal of Head Quarters back there again, as I found by experience that Chettipet and Kalli were so very convenient in the Godavari Western and Central Division for Head Quarters on account of the complete touch with the main lines of canals, but Duggirala is a hopeless place to expect

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European officers & their wives & their families to live in.

Bezwada being in telephone communication with Sithanagaram Lock is far better than Guntur in that respect. I may mention that Mr. Atkinson lately Collector of this District also held that Bezwada was the proper place for Head Quarter

4. I myself should prefer also to keep the Kistna Northern Division Head Quarters in Bezwada as here the Executive Engineer is on the railway lines leading to both his Sub-Divisions. If either Divisio is located in Guntur considerab expenditure on buildings must be faced as accommodation for a married officer must be provided whereas at Bezwada there is every reason to expect that one of the three Executive Engineers will

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be a bachelor or with his family absent and would be glad enough to live in a smaller bungalow & pay less rent and it would not be necessary to build such a large bungalow.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. Servt.
Wm. H. Ellis
for Superintending Engineer
II Circle.

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Public Works (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 8135

From
The Superintending Engineer
II Circle

No. 3003 K.W.

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Dated 27. 9. 98.
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Registered 30. 9. 98.
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SUBJECT.

Transfer of Head quarters of Kistna Westn Divn from Guntur to Bezwada — Informs that will not entail any additional expenditure to Govt as buildings are available at Bezwada.

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BACK PAPERS.

No.	Date.
4104C	19.9.98
3611C	16.8.98
3123C	11.7.98
2000W	13.8.95
2555W	13.10.94 (SC)
3070W	28.11.93 (SC)

FURTHER PAPERS.

No.	Date.

No. 3003 K.W. Superintending Engineer's offi
2nd Circle. Dated 27th September
1898.

From

W. C. Lewis Esquire.

Offg: Superintending Engine
II Circle

To

The Chief Engineer.
Public Works Departme

Sir.

In reference to your No. 4104 C, 19-9-98

I have the honor to point out that for several years a provision has been mad in the budget for Rs 14,000/. for an Executive Engineer's residence at Guntur. At present, there are as Executive Engineer's Quarters at Bezwada two buildings costing Rs 14000 each in round numbers as well as an Assistant Engineer's House costing Rs 8,600.

NO. The item is placed in Class B of the Budget, & the amount entered against it is Rs 14,000.

2. I consider it would not be necessa to build another house costing Rs 14000 as, 1st, there is always the great probabilit that one of the officers at least in charge of the Divisions will be glad to live in a smaller house and pay less rent.

certain that one of the Divisions will be held by a native or Provincial Engineer who would be glad to have a small house.

3. I would therefore propose to build another house of the Assistant Engineers type or a little better, say, costing Rs 10000. This would set free Rs 4000 from the Guntur provision for office accommodation. The Western Division office at Guntur is now practically houseless. It cannot be allowed to remain long in the new cutcherry and the old cutcherry is quite unsuitable. The District Jail is at present resumed by the Jail Department and even if the Jail Department gives it up again temporarily, the accommodation is quite unsuitable for a Division office, the accommodation being in three separate buildings in separate enclosures and an Expenditure of three or four thousand rupees would be necessary to make the accommodation suitable as a permanency.

There is no actual provision of funds.
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4. We may, therefore, take it that we

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The amount entered against "Alterations & addns to the Dl Office in the Jail Compound" Guntur in class B of the Budget is Rs. 3700.
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we shall have seven thousand rupe available towards accommodating the Office at Bezwada without incurring additional Expenditure.

5. There is an estimate sanctioned fo Rs 9,550/. for accommodating the Kistna Northern Division Office at Bezwada. As that Division is now much reduced owing to the removal of the head works sub-Division, it will not wan such a large building and that acco-modation would provide for the Kis-tna Western Division and the Rs7000/. would provide sufficient accommoda-tion for the Kistna Northern Division offi

Of the Rs. 8800 provided in the Budget for this work (Rs. 8757) has in G.O. No 2448 W. 21.9.98 been withdrawn.
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6. I think, we may safely say, therefore, that the removal of the Kistna Western Division to Bezwada would not entail any additional expenditure in buildings for the Executi Engineer's residence & office.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Serv
W. Lewis
Offg: Supg: Engineer
II Cr

C 26/9/98

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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

C. Nos. 3999; 3642; 3486; 3643; 5661; 6210; 6468; ~~and~~ 7099, & 8135 of 1898.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E.~~

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

Head Quarters of the Executive Divisions ~~in~~ of the Kistna Dt.

FOR ORDERS.

The Head Quarters of the Executive Divisions of the Kistna District are at present as shown below:-

Kistna Eastern..........	Bezwada.
Kistna Northern.........	-Do-
Kistna Western..........	Guntur.

2. In October 1893, Mr. Malet who was then in charge of the Kistna Western Division represented that Duggirala, the head quarters of his division, was unhealthy and applied for the transfer of the head quarters to Guntur as a temporary measure, pending settlement of the question as to the acquisition of the railway buildings at Seethanagram. This application was recommended by the Superintending Engineer II Circle and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and sanctioned in G.O. No. 3070 W dated 28th November 1893.

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3. In his letter No. 137 dated 26th June 1895, Mr. Malet explained the advantages of Guntur as the head-quarters of the division over both Duggirala and Seethanagram and requested that the head quarters of the division and of its Eastern and Western Subdivisions might be permanently fixed at Guntur. This request having been supported by the Superintending Engineer II Circle, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and the Chief Engineer P.W.D., it was sanctioned in G.O.No. 2000 W dated 13th August 1895.

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4. The Superintending Engineer II Circle, in his letter No. 1051 K.W. dated 11th April 1898, recommended the transfer of the head quarters of the Kistna Western Division to Bezwada on the following grounds:-

(a) Guntur, the present head quarters of the Division, is outside the limits of the division.

(b) The Jail buildings in which the office was located have been resumed by the Jail Department.

This is only temporary, I think.
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(c) The new taluk cutcherry, which has just been completed and has been temporarily occupied by the Division office, has to be handed over to the Revenue Department.

5. The Superintending Engineer also recommended the transfer of the head quarters of the Kistna Northern Division to Guntur, as the Muniyeru Project was approaching completion and as most of the work would be on the western side.

+ in Eastern side of river

6. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation, in forwarding the above letter from the Superintending Engineer II Circle, remarked that the Superintending Engineer had not sufficiently considered his proposals and that these proposals were defective in as much as nothing had been said about the head quarters of the subdivisions of the Kistna Western division.

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7. Copy of the endorsement from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation was forwarded to the Superintending Engineer with Memo No. 3611 C dated 16th August 1898 and he was asked to explain

(a) where he proposed to locate the subdivisional offices of the Kistna Western Division,

(b) his full reasons for the change of the head quarters of the Kistna Western Division which ~~was~~ were fixed at Guntur only 3 years ago, after mature deliberation.

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8. With his letter No. 2626 K.W. d/ 24th August 1898, Mr. Lewis who is in charge

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rge of the II Circle submits the planation called for. In regard to item a) he proposes that the Head Quarters f the Western Subdivision of the istna Western Division, which have never been moved to Guntur and are at Chebrole should continue to remain at the latter station which is conveniently situated. As regards the Eastern subdivision, he states that when he took charge, the subdivision-al officer was not residing in Guntur, but only paying occasional visits and that the present subdivisional officer is now holding his office at Duggirala with the approval of Mr. Hannan. Mr. Lewis considers that it is most important that the subdivision officers should be in close touch with their canals so as to lose no time in receiving intelligence and issuing -- orders about water distribution and that the present arrangement of Sub-Division head quarters is satisfactory.

9. Mr. Lewis assigns the following reasons for the proposed transfer of the head quarters of the Kistna Western Division from Guntur to Bezwada:-

(a) There is a great loss of power by the head quarters being at Guntur. In the first place, there is a day lost in all references. Then there is considerable trouble in getting to and from the canals and it is impossible to get in and to inspect works so quick readily as when one has hi boat at his door.

(b) At Bezwada there will be in addition to the canals the -- Bezwada Madras Railway running right through the Delta direct from Bezwada.

(c) Bezwada is also a much better place for superintending the River Conservancy works which want a good deal of looking -- after.

(d) At Bezwada the exact state of the river is always in evidence and orders about water regulation can be promptly given.

(e) The greater part of the supply of materials and all workshop work being done at Bezwada, -- these can be seen to easily-- during halts at head quarters.

(f) Bezwada is in telephone communication with Seethanagram Lock and is thus far better than Guntur in that respect.

(g) Mr. Atkinson, the late Collector of the district held that --- Bezwada was the proper place for head quarters.

Mr. Morris, the present Collector, is of the same opinion

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10. Mr. Lewis also states "As a -- matter of fact I myself feel very strongly the disadvantage of a Delta

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officer being out of touch his canals, and had Duggirala a less hopelessly swampy place, he should have recommended the removal the head quarters back there again; but Duggirala is a hopeless place to expect European officers with their wives and families to live in."

11. As regards the proposal made by Mr. Hannan to transfer the head quarters of the Kistna Northern Division from Bezwada to Guntur, Mr. Lewis states that he would prefer to retain the head quarters at Bezwada, as here the Executive Engineer is on the Railway lines leading to both his subdivisions, and that if either the Kistna Northern or the Western Division is located at Guntur, a considerable expenditure will have to be incurred in providing accommodation.

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12. For the reasons given in paras 3 and 8 supra, I recommend that the Head Quarters of the Kistna Western Division be transferred to Bezwada. In regard to the proposal made by Mr. Hannan to transfer the Head Quarters of the Kistna Northern Division from Bezwada to Guntur, I agree with Mr. Lewis that the present Head Quarters, viz, Bezwada, which is connected both by Railway lines and canals leading to both the subdivisions of the Division, should be retained. The proposed transfer to Guntur will entail considerable expenditure in the provision of accommodation for the Executive Engineer and his office.--- Under the arrangements now recommended the Head Quarters of all the three Executive Divisions of the Kistna District will be at Bezwada.

Appd. A.S.H. 1.11.98

It will be seen from Lr. No 3003 KW dated 27 Sept. 98, that the trans will not involve any additional expensi beyond that already conte

13. I also recommend that the -- present Head Quarters of the Western and Eastern Subdivisions of -- the Kistna Western Division, viz, Chebrole and Duggirala respectively, which are very suitable stations, should be retained.

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14. G.No.3999 is a memorial from S.Venkatasubbiah on behalf of the ryots of Tenali Taluk, Kistna District, praying for the retransfer of the Head Quarters of the Kistna Western Division from Guntur to Duggirala. This retransfer cannot be sanctioned, as Duggirala is an unhealthy station which is admitted in the memorial. The requirements of the ryots will however be met as the Head Quarters of the Eastern Subdivision of the Kistna Western Division have since been removed to Duggirala.

Agree. A.S.H. 1.11.98

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Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

C.No. 3643 of 1898 dated 4th april from the Supdg. Engr., II Circle
C.No. 3642 " " " 19th april from the Chief Engr. for Irrigation
Dupte ~~Again G.O., dated~~
C.No. 3486 " " 9th april from the Ex: Engr: Kistna Western Divn
Dupte ~~Again G.O., dated~~ ~~189~~ , ~~No.~~
C.No. 3999 " " 21st april from the Supdg. Engr., II Circle 5
Current No. 5661 " " 19th april from ~~the~~ M. Venkata Subbiah, Duggirala ~~189~~ , ~~No.~~
of 1898, dated 24th June, from the Chief Engr. for Irrigation
" " 6210 " 1898, " 21st July , " " Supdg. Engr., II Circle
" " 6468 " 1898, " 1st August , " " —— do ——
" " 7099 " 1898 " 24th August " " —— do ——
" " 8135 " 1898 " 27th Septr " " —— do ——

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No: 2905 W, 16.11.98

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In G.O. No. 3070 W, dated 28th Novr, 1893, the transfer of the head-quarters of the Kistna Western Division from Duggirala to Guntur was sanctioned as a temporary measure, pending settlement of the question as to the acquisition of the railway buildings at Seethanagram, where it was then intended to ultimately locate the head-quarters.

2. In June, 1895, the advantages of Guntur as the head-quarters of the division over both Duggirala and Seethanagram having been represented by the Executive Engineer, it was resolved by Govt:, in accordance with the unanimous recommendations of the officers concerned, to

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favour of counter-initials — 11/11

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manently fix the head-quarters, only of the Division, but also e Eastern and Western sub- visions, at that station.

2. ~~In his~~ The Supdg. Engr., II Circle, his letter No. 1051 KW, dated t April, 1898, recommended he transfer of the head-quarters f the Kistna Western Division to ezwada, and that of the Kistna Northern Division to Guntur. As the grounds advanced for these proposals were not fully stated, ~~the proposals~~ and ~~were moreover considered irregular in the defective~~, the matter was again erred to the Supdg. Engineer for urther report.

. The further explanation called for has been furnished by Mr. Lewis, who was then in charge of the II Circle, in his letter No. 2626 KW dated 24th August 1898. His Excy. the Govr. in Council, ~~accordingly~~ and after a careful consideration of the whole matter ~~now~~ resolves to transfer the head-quarters of the Kistna Western Division per:manently to Bezwada. It is understood that the transfer will not involve any additional expense to Govt. beyond that already contemplated.

5. With regard to the proposal to transfer the head-quarters of the Kistna Northern Division from Bezwada to Guntur, H.E. in Council consider that the head-quarters of the division should be retained at Bezwada, which is connected both by Railway ~~lines~~ and canals ~~leading to~~ with both the subdivisions of the Division.

6. The present headquarters of the Eastern and Western sub-divisions of the Kistna Western Division will remain at Chebro and Duggirala and Chebrole, respectively, which are very suitable stations for them.

7. Among the papers read above is a memorial from S. Venkatasubbiah on behalf of the ryots of Tenali Taluk, Kistna district, praying for the retransfer of the head-qu

istna Western Division from
untur to Duggirala. This retransfer
annot be sanctioned as ~~the~~
uggirala is an unhealthy
tation, which is admitted
the Memorial. The require-
ments of the ryots will however
e met, as the head quarters
of the Eastern sub-division
have since been removed
to Duggirala.

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