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No. 21.

Read the following paper :—

No. 124.

Note on the proposed re-arrangement of Ranges in the Tanjore District.

ACCORDING to the arrangements proposed in G. O., No. 1,586, dated 1st July, the district of Tanjore is to be divided into five instead of six ranges. This is effected by adding No. 6 to No. 3. No. 6 now has a third-class office, No. 5 being the only other third-class range; under the new arrangements three first class and two third-class ranges are proposed, by this arrangement Nos. 1, 2, and 3 will have first instead of second-class offices, while No. 4, which now has a second-class office, will be reduced to a third-class office.

No. 4 is a most important range, the revenue derived from it is Rupees 7,18,099 and its area is 780 square miles, and hence it should not be classed as a third-class range.

2. The office work has been much increased of late years, and, in my opinion, the Tanjore Ranges are all of such importance that none of them should be classed as third-class ranges.

3. Their area and the land revenue derived from them is as follows :—

Ranges.				Area in Square Miles.	Land Revenue.
					Rs.
No. 1	...	...	...	634	5,78,061
No. 2	...	...	...	341	7,58,825
No. 3	...	...	...	444	8,21,558
No. 4	...	...	...	780	7,18,099
No. 5	...	...	...	1,243	5,76,146
No. 6	...	...	...	293	6,70,008

4. If No. 6 is added to No. 3 the new No. 3 Range will be 737 square miles in area and will yield a land revenue of 14,91,566, and should, therefore, be regarded as a first-class range, and Nos. 2, 4 and 5 may be classed as second-class ranges, but No. 1 should be placed in the first class; for though the revenue derived from No. 1 is but little in excess of that derived from No. 5, and its area is but little more than half of that of No. 5, No. 1 must be regarded as the first range in the Tanjore District, inasmuch as the large and most important regulating works and those which influence the whole of the delta lie in No. 1, while the rivers being there less divided than they become in the more eastern ranges, the volume of water carried by each river is greater than that carried by the streams in the other ranges, and hence there is more difficulty in controlling the rivers in No. 1 than in controlling those in the other ranges, while a breach in No. 1 does infinitely more mischief than a breach in any other range, as the water from a breach in the former passes over a larger area of country than that from a breach in other ranges would do, while the volume released is so enormous that there is greater difficulty in closing breaches in the rivers in No. 1 than in those in other ranges.

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5. The revenue derived from No. 5 Range is upwards of 5½ lakhs, while its area (1,243 square miles) is nearly double that of any other range; these in themselves are sufficient to give the range a place in the second class. The range is capable of great improvement; it has hitherto been more neglected than the more important or deltaic ranges, but it is proposed now to develop its resources, and an Engineer Officer has been placed in charge of it, and he will find full occu-

* 1st and 3rd Ranges.
† 2nd, 4th and 5th Ranges.

	RS.
Two at Rupees 171	= 342
Three at „ 136	= 408
	750

pation for a second-class office. I would, therefore, propose that in the re-arrangement of the Tanjore District two* first class and three† second-class establishments should be provided, the cost would be Rupees 750 against Rupees 736 as it is at present.

OOTACAMUND,
15th July 1872.

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Captain, R. E.,
Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1872, No. 1,824.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 2.

THE Governor in Council admits the propriety of the changes of Tanjore Range Establishments advocated by the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation in this letter, and as it was through inadvertence that the 4th Range Establishment was reduced from the second to the third class, His Excellency in Council resolves to adopt the arrangement proposed by Captain Oakes substituting two first-class ranges at Rupees 171, and three second class at Rupees 136, for three first class at Rupees 171 and two third class at Rupees 96.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

(True Copy)

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
„ Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Revenue Department

*Under Secy to Govt. R.E. Dept.
for
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.*

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

6TH DIVISION.

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G. O., 2nd August 1872, No. 1,824.

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