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Read the following papers :—

No. 298. From Major J. O. HASTED, R. E., District Engineer, Kistna District, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department; dated Camp at Bapatla, 12th February 1873, No. 30.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to G. O., No. 2,815, dated 2nd December 1872, to report on the subject of accommodation required for offices in this district.

2. The District Engineer's Office is located at Bezwarah, but there is no building available as a residence for the District Engineer, and consequently for some years past the Superintending Engineer has resided at Masulipatam, which arrangement was to some extent convenient, as Masulipatam is the Collector's head-quarters, the only port in the district, and the head-quarters of one Local Fund Circle. My own opinion is that Bezwarah should be the head-quarters of the district, and as it was intimated to me by the Inspector General of Irrigation that the Government of India did not object to building residences for officers to be hired by them, I would suggest that Government should sanction the erection of a residence for the District Engineer at Bezwarah; the cost, I estimate, to be Rupees 6,000.

3. The office buildings in the Workshop yard are rather deficient in accommodation and somewhat out of repair; but if the remains of the old lock bungalow (the property of Government and separated from the office by the width of the lock), at present consisting of one room and a bath-room, were given as the District Engineer's own office, and the building put in thorough repair, the accommodation would be all that is required. The cost of the repairs would probably amount to Rupees 600 or more, and they must in any case be undertaken.

4. As I have been compelled to follow the example of the late Superintending Engineer and hire a residence at Masulipatam, I would propose therefore, in the first place, that the office should be removed to Masulipatam, and the buildings at present occupied by it thoroughly repaired. If the furniture, etc., is removed while the canal is open, the move will be attended with little expense, and a suitable building can be rented in Masulipatam for 15 Rupees per mensem.

5. If Government approve of the suggestion to build a residence at Bezwarah, the District Engineer and Office would afterwards remove bodily to Bezwarah.

6. The Eastern Delta Range Office is at present at Masulipatam, and no Government building is available for an office; suitable accommodation for it, however, can be provided for Rupees 15 per mensem, as there are many unoccupied buildings. The first Sub-divisional Range Officer is stationed at Bezwarah and requires no office, as he has only one writer; he at present resides in a very dilapidated bungalow, which it is proposed to remove when the canal is widened, and there will then be no house available for him; a suitable one could be built for Rupees 4,000.

7. If the proposal to make Bezwarah the head-quarters of the district is not approved of, and it is decided that the District Engineer should reside at Masulipatam, I would propose that the Eastern Delta Range should be stationed at

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Bezwarah and the Sub-divisional Office at Masulipatam; a residence would then be required for the Range Officer at a probable cost of Rupees 5,000.

8. The Western Delta Range Officer at present resides at Chebrole in a small house which he rents, and which, I consider, not to be fit for an officer's head-quarters; the office is located in the heart of the village, in a small building once a Munsif's Court, as I was told; the building is altogether deficient in accommodation, and is so wretchedly low and ill-ventilated that it is quite unfit for occupation. I should recommend its being sold. Chebrole is neither a Post Office station nor the head-quarters of any Revenue official. I propose that the Range Officer should make Bezwarah his head-quarters, where he would require a residence and also an office, the former would cost Rupees 5,000, and the latter, which also might provide accommodation for the Nundigama Range Officer, would cost about Rupees 3,500. He would then be at the head of the delta and able to proceed quickly to any part of it by boat. The first Sub-divisional Officer (an Upper Subordinate) would in this case reside at Duggeralla, where the regulation of water to the different canals is effected, and the second Sub-divisional Officer (at present Lieutenant Rawson) at Bapatla, where he has good accommodation in the old traveller's bungalow.

9. The Nundigama Range Office is at present at Bezwarah, and is located in the old public bungalow; this building, which is situated on the bank of the canal, must shortly be removed, and a new building will be required. As stated above, I think one might be constructed to accommodate both the Western Delta and Nundigama Range Offices at Bezwarah at a cost of Rupees 3,500. I think Bezwarah the best situation for the head-quarters of this range, as it is near the junction of the Hyderabad and Great Northern Trunk Road, the most important works in the range.

10. The Palnad Range Officer I propose to locate at Neckaricalloo, where there is an old public bungalow and soldiers' shed available. At present the head-quarters is at Narsarowpet, some nine miles from Neckaricalloo, simply, as I understand, for the convenience of some of the office-people; but there are no buildings there of any sort to be hired, and I do not see why the public buildings available should not be made use of.

11. I would sum up then the requirements of the district as follows:—

	Head-quarters.	Residence required cost.	Office required cost.	
District Engineer	Bezwarah	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 600	Repairs.
Eastern Delta Range Office	Masulipatam			15 Rs. per month.
1st Sub-Division Office	Bezwarah	4,000		
Western Delta Range Office	Do.	5,000	3,500	
Nundigama Range Office	Do.			
Palnad Range Office	Neckaricalloo			

12. Till these arrangements are carried out the District Engineer should reside at Masulipatam, and while the office is there the building at Bezwarah should be thoroughly repaired and the Range Offices should remain as at present. Should there be objection to the District Engineer's head-quarters being located at Bezwarah, the buildings would be available for the Range Offices there.

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The only place available in Bezwarah on which to build houses, is the between the canal and river, some little distance below the head sluices; the is all Government property. Should Government object to building the required, I believe the native who owns the house at present occupied by the Divisional Officer would be prepared to build one or two houses and rent them. In this case some arrangements must be made with him regarding the

TRANSFERRED to the Inspecting Engineer for buildings in continuation of replies already transferred.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

19th May 1873.

Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

9. From Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 10th March 1873, No. 234.

In continuation of my letter of the 5th instant, No. 208, I have the honour to state that the sanction of Government is required for the payment of 15 Rupees per month for an office at Masulipatam for the District Engineer of Kistna, and the same sum for an office at Masulipatam for the Western Delta Range.

The District Engineer recommends that Bezwarah should be made the head-quarters of the district; that houses be built there for the District Engineer, first Sub-division Officer, and Western Delta Range Officer; that the District Engineer's quarters be repaired, and an office built there for the Western Delta and Nundigama Range Offices.

If these suggestions are approved some months must elapse before the houses and offices can be built, and till then the above-mentioned moderate outlay will be necessary.

ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1873, No. 1,393.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 44.

THE proposals of the Kistna District Engineer are sanctioned with the exception noted below. They are a present outlay of Rupees 15 a month in rent for an office for the District Engineer at Masulipatam, of Rupees 600 for repairs to his future Office at Bezwarah, the construction of a dwelling-house for him at the same place. Also of a joint office for him and the Nundigama Range Officer, and Rupees 15 rent per month for the Eastern Delta Range Office at Masulipatam. All these proposals are in accordance with those made by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, recorded with No. 1,011, of 2nd April.

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2. The proposals that the first Sub-divisional Officer of the Western Delta should live at Duggeralla, the second Sub-divisional Officer at Kapatla, and the Palnad Range Officer at Neckaricallee, at both which latter places there is good accommodation available in old public bungalows and soldiers' sheds, are approved. Chebrole may be given up as head-quarters for a range or sub-division for the reasons assigned; but sufficient grounds have not been shown for moving the Range Office to Bezwarah, instead of to Duggeralla, or even to Guntoor, and further report on this latter point seems desirable, especially with reference to the change of the Collector's head-quarters now being discussed in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

W. Walker Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kistna.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Inspecting Engineer for Civil and Military Buildings.
„ Revenue Department. *W*

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