

(1) Number of Pages..... 4
 (2) Date of repair..... 22-3-1966
 (3) Initials of the Referencer..... *He*

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Rw DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	47	Press
B.P. No.		Mis.
Dated	10 Sepor	1873 196

Not to be folded or roughly handled

2nd September 1873.

No. 39. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 28th July 1873, No. 1,783 :—

IN reference to G. O., 21st February 1873, No. 582, informing me that I have in the Madura Range two Assistant Engineers and one Supervisor, I have the honour to observe that on Captain Coningham's quitting the district on the 22nd March 1873, I was compelled to place Assistant Engineer Mr. Hawksworth in charge of the Dindigul Range, and as no officer has been sent to replace Captain Coningham, the supervision of the vast number of works in the extensive Zemindaries of Ramnad and Shevagunga falls very heavily upon the Supervisor in charge of that Sub-division.

2. Since the Court of Wards have taken charge of the Ramnad Zemindary, a Special Assistant Collector has been appointed to the charge of that Zemindary with a considerable establishment, the whole of whose pay is debited to the Zemindary funds; and, although every estimate for the multitudinous repairs required in that neglected region has to pass through this office, and although a completion certificate is expected from this department for every work executed on such estimate, no additional assistance whatever has been given to relieve this office of the great amount of additional labour thus thrown on it.

3. I have repeatedly urged upon the Government the necessity of constituting a Zemindary Range, but unfortunately without any effect hitherto. The Government would never for a moment allow in their own districts such large sums of money to be spent in the manner as is now the case in the Ramnad Zemindary, and on the principle of doing as you would be done by, it is only right and proper that an effectual professional control should be set upon the expenditure in question.

4. Ramnad has an area of 2,000 square miles, and is divided into eight taluqs with a Tahsildar attached to each, while only one Overseer has been appointed for the whole Zemindary, although there are most important irrigation works lying in a neglected state almost beyond description.

5. In my letter printed with the Government Order above quoted, I have recommended that a Zemindary Range should be constituted with a first-class establishment; and I am of opinion that the Ramnad Zemindary is well constituted to bear one-half of the cost of the same.

6. Taking the cost of the Range Establishment as follows, namely :—

	RS.
One Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade	450 per mensem.
Tentage at Rupees 4 per diem	120 „
Range Establishment	171 „
Batta for do, including contingencies	19 „

The total cost amounts to 760

7. The Ramnad Zemindary may well pay a moiety of this charge, namely, Rupees 380. In this manner by sending an Assistant Engineer to this district, the Government would be a direct gainer of Rupees 190 per mensem, as Rupees

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd September 1873.*

380 of his pay would be actually disbursed out of Zemindary Funds, while the Government would have the satisfaction of knowing that his services could be utilized in no better manner.

No. 40.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1873, No. 2,185.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 1.

THE subject of this letter, namely, the appointment of an officer, qualified for a Public Works charge equivalent to that of a range, for supervision of the Communications and Irrigation works of the Ramnad Zemindary, will be referred in the Revenue Department for consideration of the Court of Wards. It is not necessary that an officer of higher rank than that of Supervisor of the 1st grade should be employed, with an office establishment equivalent to that of a third-class range; the whole cost of which arrangement, under Rupees 300 a month, might be divided between Local and Zemindary Funds.

(True Extract.)

W. Walker

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department. ✓
.. District Engineer, Madura
.. Financial Department.

*Referred to the Court
of Wards for consideration in conn-
with the President Local Fund
Boards, Madura District.*

Exd. E. C. Shunker

20 Spare Copies. will be supplied from Madras office

*To B. of Madras
24/10/73*

10 Sept. 73

Recd 1873
No. 2
Govt. of Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 2nd.

Recd. *8* *1873* Encl.

G. O., 2nd September 1873, No. 2,183.

SEPTEMBER

Nos. 39-40

49

Mrs

10 Sep 73 47

Establishment for the Zemindary Range,
Madura.—The subject of the appointment
of an Assistant Engineer and first-class
Range Establishment for the Zemindary
Range, referred to the Revenue Department
for consideration of the Court of Wards.

with Order

WCA 340/74

public works