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No. 104. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 5th November 1872, No. 3,615 :—

I REGRET to have the honour to report that the works under execution in the Madura Range of this division are not proceeding in such a satisfactory manner as could be desired. A glance at the Progress Reports is quite sufficient to establish this fact.

One List of disallowances.
" Supplemental Pay Abstract for the Shevagunga Range for September 1872, Rupees 55-8-0.

2. I have already, in my letter, [illegible],384, dated 25th October 1872, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, represe[illegible] that the Madura Range requires the services of an able, energetic, and exp[illegible]ced executive officer. But were such an officer in charge he would be the fir[illegible] point out that for a Range extending over 4,886 miles the executive agency[illegible]er his charge is not strong enough to ensure the work being properly carri[illegible]t. This Range comprises, moreover, 121 miles of foreshore, the salt works[illegible]which are continually demanding the attention of this Department in the subm[illegible]on of completion certificates for works executed in most inaccessible places.

3. In G. O., 3rd February 1872, [illegible]329, on a representation made by me on the subject of supervision of works i[illegible]e Ramnad Zemindari, the Government, although they were not disposed to act[illegible]on the recommendation made by me in the letter printed with that Governm[illegible] Order, were pleased to state that "arrangements will hereafter be made[illegible] the professional supervision of works in that Zemindari." As nothing furth[illegible]however, has transpired in this connexion, I would respectfully submit th[illegible]e Ramnad Zemindari be now formed, as far as public works are concerned[illegible]o a sub-division and be termed the Ramnad Sub-division of the Madura [illegible]nge," and that the establishment* of a [illegible]-division may be at once provided.

* G. O., No. 2,292, dated 30th September 1872.

4. I may here observe that, alth[illegible] road cess has for several years been levied from the Ramnad Zemindari it[illegible] in the present year that any expenditure has been incurred on roads in t[illegible]nindari, and, as it is now attempted to make up, in a measure, for the b[illegible]ness of past years in this respect, additional executive agency is imperat[illegible]eeded.

5. In my opinion there should b[illegible] Executive Engineer in the Madura Range with an Assistant Engineer i[illegible]harge of the Ramnad Sub-division. Mr. C. H. T. Norfor, at present engag[illegible]pon the survey of the Paupanassum Reservoir in the Tinnevelly District, wi[illegible] available, on the completion of that survey, for transfer to the charge of th[illegible]amnad Sub-division, and, should the Government authorize my doing so, I [illegible]nsfer him accordingly.

6. In conclusion, I have to bring[illegible] notice of Government that I have directed the Madura Range Officer to discontinue the establishment attached to the

late No. 3 or Shevagunga Range, and, ...anticipation of the sanction of Government, to entertain an establishment authorized† for a sub-division. I beg, therefore, that the Government will approve of this arrangement and sanction the Shevagunga Zemindari being made a sub-division of the Madura Range. Thus the Madura Range will then have three sub-divisions, namely, the Ramnad Sub-division, Shevagunga Sub-division, and the Paumben Sub-division.

† G. O., No. 2,292, dated 30th September 1872.

7. I take this opportunity to request that the Government will be pleased to authorize the Controller to pass the salary of the establishment of the late Shevagunga Range, at a monthly cost of Rupees 95-8-0, for the months of September and October 1872, from savings under the ...d "Establishment."

No. 105. ORDER THER... ...n January 1873, No. 54.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 10.

THE original arrangement of ...anges in the Madura District was—

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For which, as recommended by t... ...erintending Engineer, the following arrangement was substituted from 1... ...per by G. O., No. 1,586, of 1st July, namely:—

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The Shevagunga Range had been d... ...ed as a separate charge and worked as a sub-division for a long time pr... ...under G. O., No. 1,240, of 4th May 1871. It is now proposed by Lieute... ...onel Roberts that it shall be worked in two separate sub-divisions, one ...g of the Ramnad, the other of the Shevagunga Zemindari.

2. It has been already admitte... ...ph 3 of Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts' letter, No. 616, of 13th May 1872, ... are no Government irrigation works whatever in Shevagunga, and in ... 4 of his letter printed with G. O., No. 1,240, of 4th May 1871, there ...d to be only four small Government tanks in Ramnad. The whole of the ... therefore, will consist of road work, and may, in the opinion of His Excell... ...e Governor in Council, be carried on, under the Assistant Engineer lately ...d to the district, as a sub-divisional charge, head-quarters being at Ram... ...d the Paumben charge amalgamated with it if thought advisable.

3. The establishment of Talu... ...ers cannot be augmented to supply subordinate superintendence for wor... ... Zemindaries; but it will be considered in the Revenue Department how ...perintendence may be supplied by

the appointment of Overseers or Maistries on the petty establishment, or of extra Supervisors paid as in Kimedy. Such appointments might be utilized as openings for men who have obtained high certificates at the Civil Engineering College, but cannot be provided for on the regular establishment of the Public Works Department.

4. The payment of both the old Madura and old Shevagunga Range Establishments up to the 1st October, on the old scale of salaries, is allowable under G. O., No. 1,586, of 1st July, and, as a special case, will be passed for the month of October. But it was manifestly wrong, as pointed out by the Controller, to place the former Range on the new footing before discontinuing to entertain the latter.

(Tru... ...act.)

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

To the District Engineer, Madura, with two c...
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,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, MADURA.

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Dated January, 8th.

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G. O., 8th January 1873, No. 54.

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Ranges.—Passing orders on letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division relating to the arrangement of Ranges in the Madura District, and requesting the Controller may be authorized to pass the salary of the establishment of the late Shevagunga Range for September and October 1872. 8-70.

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