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Read the following papers :—

No. 13. From Major H. SMALLEY, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Ganjam, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Berhampore, 29th December 1875, No. 45.

With reference to G.O. No. 3,094, dated the 1st November 1875, I have the honor to forward a list of all the lower subordinates lately transferred to the permanent Public Works Establishment of this district under operation of G.O., No. 2,619, of the 13th September 1875.

2. Both the Range Officers in this district consider that first-grade Sub-Overseers should be allowed an office establishment on the same scale as that allowed Taluq Overseers, viz., one writer and two lascars, and that second-grade Sub-Overseers should be allowed one lascar to assist them in measuring and setting out works.

3. I myself think it would be well to amalgamate in all respects Sub-Overseers, first grade, with Overseers, third grade, confining Sub-Overseers to two grades on Rupees 30 and 20 respectively with one lascar attached to each. I do not think they should be in charge of cash, but they might perhaps be allowed to grant certificates of work done and materials collected. With regard to numbers, I think there should be one Road Overseer, third grade, to every 100 miles of road including both new works and repairs with one Sub-Overseer attached for employment on the new works or special repairs. The second and third grade to be equally divided.

4. In this district there are in the Chetterpore Circle 353 miles of road in existence, 12 miles in progress, and 40 in contemplation at present and more hereafter.

In the Chicacole Circle (exclusive of the Kimedy Sub-division) there are 180 miles of road in existence, 10 in progress, and 3 in contemplation.

I would, therefore, have for the Chetterpore Circle four Sub-Overseers, first grade, or, as I propose to call them, Road Overseers, third grade, and two Sub-Overseers, second grade, and two Sub-Overseers, third grade, and for the Chicacole Circle two Road Overseers, third grade, one Sub-Overseer, second grade, and one Sub-Overseer, third grade.

5. I think it would be well to equalize the extent of the Chetterpore and Chicacole Circles and Ranges more nearly by taking away from the former and giving to the latter all south of the Mahendra Tanaya River or 11 miles of the Trunk Road and 12 miles of the Mandasa Road.

6. With regard to the Kimedy Sub-division, there are 123 miles of Local Fund Roads and 112 miles of Estate Roads in it, 6 miles of Local Fund Roads and 10 of Estate Roads in progress, and 4 miles of Local Fund Roads and 7 of Estate Roads in contemplation.

Assuming the Overseers appointed as the establishment for this sub-division in G.O., No. 1,009, dated 18th April 1874, as Estate Overseers proper, I think there are still wanted for the Local Fund Roads in the estate one Road Overseer, third grade, and one Sub-Overseer, second or third grade, it being borne in mind that the Local Fund Board, Chicacole Circle, have hitherto distinctly refused to contribute anything towards providing an establishment for supervising the Local Fund Roads

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in the estate, having taken over the roads on the condition that they should be supervised by Estate Agency.

No. 14. From Major H. SMALLEY, R.E. Officiating District Engineer, Ganjam, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Berhampore, 19th February 1876, No. 63.

I HAVE the honor to forward an application drawn up in the prescribed form for an increased establishment for No. 2 or Chicacole Range with Kimedy Sub-division.

One List.

2. The Range Officer has applied for an establishment on the scale of a special range, such as the Godavery and Kistna Delta Ranges, with a Storekeeper on Rupees 25 per mensem in addition, but I have not thought it likely such an application would for an instant be favorably entertained and have contented myself with applying for the raising of the range office from second to first class and for the entertainment of a third-class Draughtsman in the sub-division.

3. The reasons for this application are given in the accompanying extract of a letter* from the Executive Engineer in charge of the range. Whether Mr. Leggatt is correct in stating that the Kimedy Sub-division is larger and contains more works than any other sub-division in the Presidency I cannot say, but it certainly is a large and important tract of country. It was formerly a range and an Assistant Engineer's charge. The formation of it as a sub-division of the Chicacole Range office has thrown an immense deal of work upon the latter, which cannot adequately be met by merely the raising the Range Office from a third to a second class office, the numerical strength in each case remaining the same, the only change being that there is a Draughtsman instead of a third Accountant. What are wanted are more hands in the range office to get through the current work, and it is highly desirable that there should be Draughtsman and Estimate-maker in the sub-division to prepare plans and estimates on the spot and relieve the Sub-divisional Officer of the labor of preparing them all himself as at present and allowing him more leisure to look after works in execution and the requirements of the estate.

* Embodied in the application.

4. The increase of establishment now asked for, being wholly and solely on account of the Kimedy Estate, should undoubtedly be borne by the Estate.

No. 14-A. From Major H. SMALLEY, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Ganjam, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Berhampore, 22nd February 1876, No. 64.

I HAVE the honor to address you on the subject of the supervision of works in the Kimedy Estate.

I enclose an extract of a letter received from the Executive Engineer in charge of Chicacole Range on the subject, and I agree generally with his conclusion that a European Assistant Engineer is required in such a peculiarly-circumstanced sub-division as Kimedy.

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2. Supervisor G. Venkata Row Puntulu has been in charge of the Kimedy Estate works since August 1873, of which time he was till the 30th June 1874 in independent charge of the works under the Principal Assistant Collector of the district, and from the 1st July 1874 he has been Sub-divisional Officer under the Range Officer, Chicacole. Taking the latter period only in account, more than eighteen months, it cannot be said that there has been exhibited any marked improvement either in the progress of work or in the style of work over that before prevailing on account of which the estate was constituted a Public Works Department Sub-division.

3. Venkata Row has, therefore, had a fair trial, and has failed. The reasons of his failure are given in the Executive Engineer's letter. Writing subsequently, Mr. Leggatt thinks he has hardly put the case strongly enough, and says that Venkata Row is afraid of the people about him and is simply a cipher where he is. None of his orders are attended to, and to those issued by the Range Officer on his visit to the sub-division not the slighest attention is paid because the maistries, gumastas, and others do not care in the least for the Supervisor.

4. I have known Venkata Row since 1870. He was in charge of the Kistna Anicut and Workshop, and gave, in my opinion, uniform satisfaction in his discharge of his duties in connection with them, an opinion which I feel sure would be endorsed by all the officers who were in the Kistna District between 1870 and 1873. Major Hasted gave him an excellent character when he left that district for Kimedy in 1873, and expressed his willingness to take him back at any time if he were allowed to return. He has also excellent characters from many other officers.

It is not thought he is incompetent, nor that he is wanting in zeal and energy, but that he is in the wrong place in Kimedy and unable to cope with the difficulties he experiences there.

5. Now the question is whether any other Supervisor of equal standing with Venkata Row would do better in Kimedy than he. I am not prepared to say that a better man could not be obtained, that is, a man of more determination than Venkata Row, but I do not think that is all that is wanted. I think a man of higher rank in the department is wanted and of more experience. I believe it was admitted by all local residents that a great mistake was made in abolishing the former European Assistant Engineer in charge of Kimedy Estate works and substituting a Supervisor in his room. Efficiency was certainly sacrificed to economy; every professional man knows that good supervision pays for itself over and over again. I consider that a return to the state in which the works in Kimedy were before administered is again desirable.

6. There is ample scope in the Kimedy Estate for a man of some standing of ambition and ability, and I believe there is plenty of money to carry out projects for improving the estate before it is handed over to the minor Zemindar some nine years hence. Amongst those projects might be mentioned—

Irrigation from the Vamshadara somewhere near Battili.

Irrigation from the Mahendra Tanaya, extending and improving that on the right bank and providing for the left bank where there is none at present.

Reservoirs on several hill-streams.

Ghaut Roads to the Kimedy Maliahs.

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7. The cost of an Assistant Engineer with fitting establishment would be somewhat as follows, viz:—

	Pay.			Travelling Allowance.			Total per Mensem.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Assistant Engineer, 3rd grade	250	0	0	120	0	0	.....		
Establishment.									
*1 Accountant	40	0	0	.....			.....		
1 Draughtsman, 3rd grade	30	0	0	.....			.....		
3 Lascars, at 7 Rupees each	21	0	0	.....			.....		
1 Overseer, 1st grade	100	0	0	30	0	0	.....		
1 Do. 2nd ,, ...	80	0	0	30	0	0	.....		
1 Do. 3rd ,, ...	60	0	0	30	0	0	.....		
3 Establishments for Overseers	81	0	0	13	8	0	.....		
3 Sub-Overseers, 3rd grade	60	0	0	22	8	0	.....		
	722	0	0	246	0	0	968	0	0
Add on account of difference between first and third class Range Office Establishment including batta	.....			.....			97	8	0
Petty Establishment	.....			.....			50	0	0
Total ...	.....			.....			1,115	8	0
Total per annum ...	.....			.....			13,386	0	0

* To be increased from Rupees 35, as at present, to Rupees 40 as the incumbent was previously drawing.

The present establishment as per G.O., No. 941, dated 26th August 1874, is

	Pay.			Travelling Allowance.			Total per Mensem.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
1 Supervisor, 1st class	200	0	0	60	0	0	.....		
2 Overseers, 1st grade	200	0	0	90	0	0	.....		
1 Sub-divisional Establishment	39	0	0	7	8	0	.....		
2 Establishments for Overseers	54	0	0	9	0	0	.....		
	493	0	0	166	8	0	659	8	0
Add on account of difference between second and third class Range Office Establishment including travelling batta	.....			.....			52	0	0
Petty Establishment	.....			.....			50	0	0
Total ...	...			.....			761	8	0
Per annum ...	.....			.....			9,188	0	0
In round figures ...	.....			.....			9,200	0	0

exclusive of Rupees 1,080 for Conservancy and Survey Establishments.

The estimated expenditure in Kimedy for estate works as per budget for 1875-76 is Rupees 79,337, and for Local Fund works Rupees 17,854 executed by the same establishment. I see no reason why with an Assistant Engineer the annual expenditure on estate works alone should not be increased to at least a lakh, in which case the cost of establishment as proposed, including Rupees 1,560 for Conservancy Establishment as proposed in forwarding the Budget for 1876-77, would not much exceed 12 per cent. on the expenditure including that on Local Fund works in the estate.

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Extract from letter, No. 316, dated 20th December 1875, from the Executive Engineer, Chicacole Range, to the District Engineer, Ganjam.

3. I take this opportunity of further impressing upon you the necessity there is for application being made to Government for the services of a European Assistant Engineer of experience for the sub-division.

4. Kimedy has been for years past in charge, and at the mercy, of dishonest upper subordinates and has become a hotbed of corruption.

5. Supervisor G. Venkata Row, though willing, is unable to get work done satisfactorily. Numerous orders I have issued from time to time since I have had charge of the range have not been attended to; he is surrounded by a clique of subordinates in the way of maistries and gumastas whose only aim appears to be to make as much money for themselves as fast as they possibly can, in scamping work, and by other dishonest means. Venkata Row is too timid, and, I am satisfied, is not the man for the sub-division. A determined officer of experience and one who will weed out of the sub-division every dishonest individual without fear is what is required.

6. The Collector and Principal Assistant Collector are of the same opinion as myself, that, unless a European Officer is sent to Kimedy, it is hopeless to expect any improvement in the estate, and it would be of immense importance to it if this is done without further loss of time.

(Signed) G. R. LEGGATT, C.E.,
Executive Engineer.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) H. SMALLEY, Major, R.E.,
Offg. District Engineer, Ganjam.

No. 14-B. From T. D. HARRIS, Esq., District Engineer, Ganjam, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Berhampore, 3rd August 1876, No. 43.

I HAVE the honor to request, with reference to my predecessor's Nos. 45 and 63, dated 29th December 1875 and 19th February 1876, respectively, that you will be good enough to sanction the raising of the Chicacole Range Office Establishment from second to first class for the reasons given therein, in which I fully concur; and owing to the irrigation works in the Parlakimedy Estate, with which I am fully acquainted, a Draughtsman is much needed in order to relieve the Supervisor from office duties for executive work, and to allow of the entertainment of one additional Sub-Overseer, first grade, and one, second grade, to superintend the roads in the Kimedy Estate.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1876, No. 2,346.

IRRIGATION, No. 1.

IN the above correspondence it is proposed—

1*st*.—To appoint a European Assistant Engineer to the charge of the Kimedy Sub-division in lieu of the Supervisor appointed in G.O., No. 1,009, of 18th April 1874.

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2*nd*.—To add a Draughtsman and Lascar to the Sub-divisional Office Establishment and raise the pay of the Accountant.

3*rd*.—To appoint an Overseer in addition to the two sanctioned in the Government Order above referred to, and three Sub-Overseers, third grade.

4*th*.—To raise the Chicacole Divisional Office Establishment from the second to the first class.

Besides certain general proposals regarding Sub-Overseers contained in the first letter above recorded, which will be disposed of when orders are passed on the strength of the Lower Subordinate Department generally.

2. It is stated by the Executive Engineer in charge of the Chicacole Range that the Collector and Principal Assistant Collector are in favor of a European Officer being posted to Kimedy. The subject will accordingly be referred to the Court of Wards for favorable consideration, with an intimation that the status of the officer should not be restricted to the third grade of Assistant Engineer if any experience is to be expected of him. The suggested increases of subordinate and office establishments appear moderate.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

To the Revenue Department.
„ District Engineer, Ganjam.

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