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Read the following letters :—

8. From Major J. W. HINDLE, Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 25th November 1875, No 1,402.

With reference to paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 2,675, dated 17th September 1875, asking me to submit proposals for incorporating portion of the Vizianagram Sub-division with the Jeypore Range, I have

to state that the Jeypore Range should commence at Maradam, include Salur, but works as far as Koraput, and extend northward to Parvatipore. As the works will require constant attention from the difficulty of obtaining coolies and magnitude of the blasting operations, I do not think that it would be wise to the Range Officer with any larger range.

I think Parvatipore would be the best spot for the head-quarters of the range, or for that of the Overseer. By this arrangement no special officer will be required for the Jeypore works.

I enclose for your information copy of a letter from the Collector giving his regarding the subject under notice.

I. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector, Vizagapatam, to Major J. W. HINDLE, Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, dated 15th November 1875, No 1,989

In answer to your request for my opinion in the matter, I have the honor to inform you that it is possible to add such a tract of country as may conveniently form a range to the charge of the Jeypore Range. The district which the Jeypore Range will cover is a very extensive one, but the Range cannot with advantage take charge of any works in Jeypore, excepting the straight road from the Pottinghi to Jeypore via Koraput, and the road from Koraput to Bonguma, in all (about

The working season on the ghaut and above the ghaut will be limited to the first six months of the calendar year; a few visits would suffice for supervision of such works as may be in progress, but if a good Overseer be employed there. Jeypore with the new ghaut complete will striking resemblance to a man who has a dress coat without other clothing, and it will be of little use once to bridge the streams in the Pottinghi and Jeypore road. The foot bridges now in use are not fit for the heavy traffic that the ghaut will, it is hoped, bring upon this line, even if they not often require renewal after a monsoon.

The taluqs in the plains which may best be entrusted to the Jeypore Range Officer are the Bobbili, and Parvatipore taluqs, and the Rayaghada taluq of Jeypore. That these are conveniently situated to be supervised from Salur (as suggested by Government, or Parvatipore), a glance at the map will show, and I am aware that you are of the same opinion as they are concerned.

The only doubtful point in my mind is whether Palconda and Gunupur shall be included in this Jeypore Range or not. The arguments in favor of their inclusion are that the Range Officer having charge of Bobbili and Parvatipore is well placed for observing the streams from the Nagavali, and has the head works of many of the Bobbili channels in his range. The stream is dependent on that river, and it may possibly be at some future time proposed to improve the irrigation therein. It is, however, a leased taluq, and the Government do not keep its works in order. The river water has been led by past generations to almost all the land which it can command, and it is very doubtful whether any alterations to its system of irrigation could be carried out with advantage.

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6. Gunupor is an appanage of Jeypore, but will not need any Engineer to superintend works. To bridge her great river means will long be wanting, and the jungle clearing will be done well enough by other agency.

7. I advise that Gunupor be left to the Agent, and that Palcondah be retained as part of the Vizianagram Range.

8. With reference to our conversation as to the cost of local funds of Department Public Works supervision, I will here remark that in my opinion the Local Fund Board get a fair share of professional assistance for the contribution which they pay. The expenditure is about Rupees 2,00,000 per annum, under the heads:—

	Average RS.
Military Buildings	12,000
Civil Buildings	40,000
Agricultural	15,000
Communications	128,000
Miscellaneous	5,000

Total ... 200,000 for the

past five years. About two-thirds of the above funds are locally provided, and 25 per cent. on that amount would be Rupees 33,333. Supposing the whole engineering staff of the district to cost Rupees 50,000 annually, which must be near the mark, inasmuch as two-thirds of the expenditure supervised is on their account, the Local Fund Board are fairly treated, provided always that the expenditure of their funds is as carefully watched as that of Imperial and Provincial Funds, which I see no reason to doubt is the case.

9. Under the arrangements in prospect for expending some amount of money at Rayaghada a Supervisor of approved capacity and energy will be needed at Parvatipore with good subordinates at Rayaghada, and on the Rayaghada and Palcondah roads, as well as on the works at Parvatipore, where a new Cutcherry and improvements to the hill jail will soon be undertaken.

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No 269. From K. F. NORDMANN, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Vizianagram, 29th December 1875, No. 1,597.

WITH reference to my predecessor's letter, No. 1,402, dated 25th ultimo, regarding the proposed re-arrangement of ranges in this district, I have the honor to inform you that I agree generally with the opinions of both Major Hindle and the Collector on the subject. Minor details can be arranged as the necessity for them arises.

2. But I would propose to have the head-quarters of the Range Officer at Salur, owing to its vicinity to the new ghaut which will be for some years the chief work in the range. If the Government approve of this proposition, I request sanction for the accompanying estimate* for a combined

* Rupees 3,110. Range and Overseer's office, on the standard plan, to be built at Salur. Until its completion, the range head-quarters might be temporarily kept at Parvatipore or Rambhadrapur (whichever the Range Officer preferred).

3. This change will require a re-distribution of office establishments, for which I submit below proposals, whereby no extra expense will be incurred, while a saving will be effected which enables me to provide a draughtsman for the Golcondah Range.

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For this I specially solicit the sanction of Government, as a draughtsman is very much required in that range, and, for want of one, plans and estimates are often inconveniently delayed:—

Present Scale.	Cost	Proposed Scale	Cost
<i>Jeypore Range.</i>			
1 Draughtsman and Estimator	70	1 Accountant	40
1 Writer and Accountant	30	1 Assistant Accountant	25
4 Lascars at Rupees 10-8-0 each	42	1 Draughtsman	40
		1 Gumastah	15
		3 Lascars at Rupees 7 each	21
Total ..	142	Total ..	141
<i>Vizianagram Sub-division.</i>			
1 Writer and Accountant	25		
2 Lascars at Rupees 7 each	14		
Total ..	39		
<i>Golcondah Range.</i>			
1 Accountant	40	1 Accountant	40
1 Assistant Accountant	20	1 Draughtsman	40
1 Clerk	15	1 Assistant Accountant	20
3 Lascars at Rupees 7 each	21	1 Gumastah	15
		3 Lascars at Rupees 7 each	21
Total ..	96	Total ..	136
Grand Total ..	277	Grand Total ..	277

No. 270. From K. F. NORDMANN, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vizianagram, 4th January 1876, No. 1,630.

I HAVE the honor to report for your information that I have found it necessary, pending the establishment of the new northern range, (sanctioned in G.O., No. 2,675, dated 17th September 1875;) to transfer the Sub-divisional Officer of the Vizianagram Range temporarily to the Jeypore Range, in order to assist me in the management of the Jeypore works, while I have charge of the district as well.

2. Owing to the distance of the Jeypore works from here, and the exceptional and difficult nature of those works, I find that I cannot do justice to both charges without assistance; especially as I have not in Jeypore a single subordinate on the permanent establishment, except a man on the petty establishment (Mr. Huxham) lately engaged for the works at Koraput. I therefore trust that the temporary arrangement I have made has the approval of Government.

3. When the new range is established, the extra Imperial Overseer of the district will be attached to it, as directed in G.O., No. 2,675, dated 17th September 1875.

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No. 271.

ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1876, No. 138.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 20.

From these letters it appears that the former and present District Engineers concur generally with the Collector as to the extent of the new range to be formed in conformity with G.O., No. 2,675, of 17th September; which will include the Salur, Bobbili, and Parvatipore taluqs, the new Pottinghy Ghaut, Turner's and Pachipenta Ghaut, and the permanent public buildings at Koraput. Mr. Nordmann prefers Salur to Parvatipore as head-quarters, and as the Collector seems to think either will do, the former will be the permanent head-quarters when accommodation shall have been provided, Parvatipore being temporary head-quarters meanwhile. The Sub-divisional Officer of the Vizianagram Range has, it is observed, already been placed in charge of the new range. Its office establishment shall be on the scale of an ordinary second-class establishment, to which scale the third-class establishment of the Golcondah Range will also be raised. There is no longer occasion to maintain an exceptional scale of establishment for the Jeypore Range.

2. The estimate for a range office reduced to Rupees 3,000 by deduction of Rupees 30 for the item of compensation for land and decrease of the centage for sundries from $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 5, is sanctioned.

3. The following statement shows the financial effect of these orders in respect to establishments:—

Present Scale			Scale now sanctioned		
		RS			RS.
Vizianagram Range ...	...	171	Vizianagram Range	...	171
Golcondah " ...	...	96	Golcondah " ...	...	136
Jeypore " ...	...	142	Jeypore " ...	...	136
Sub-division ...	...	39	Saving ...	...	5
Total ...	...	448	Total ...	...	448

(True Extract).

Thomson Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Vizagapatam.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department. ✓
" Financial Department.

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