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No. 33. Read the following letter from Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 18th November 1873, No. 1-A :—

With reference to your memorandum, No. 367, of the 30th September last, regarding the proposed Recreation-Ground and Race-Course at Wellington, I have the honour to submit a plan and section of the same, which I trust will give you all the required information.

2. The portion between B, C, D, and F will be finished and sown with grass by the end of the present month. and the Committee expect to complete the remainder exclusive of bridges by the 1st of January 1874.

3. In the matter of bridges, I am of opinion that a Teak Bridge of twenty feet span laid on stonewalls with good floor and apron, giving a roadway of forty feet in width between the rails, would suffice for each of the streams. The waterway would be at least 20' × 8' = 160 square feet, which from my observations would suffice. The superstructure of each of these bridges would cost about Rupees 2,000. The Committee would pay for the walls and floor, &c.

4. The Committee, I believe, do not agree with me for many reasons, amongst which are the difficulty in obtaining Rupees 4,000, and the consideration that should the bridges ever be washed away all the materials are gone for ever, in addition to which it would be impossible to get rid of the sound of a horse's stroke.

5. The Committee, I believe, have a plan of an Irish Bridge with a six-foot opening to carry off all ordinary water, the outer blocks of stone to be clamped with iron, with cut covering stone on them, and on these an extra covering stone to prevent the turf being washed away by a flood. They also are of opinion that these bridges would be within their means should they receive the proposed help from Government; and should a heavy flood come it could do nothing but disarrange a few stones, which a couple of hundred Rupees would easily repair.

Submitted to Government with the Chief Engineer's recommendation that such grant-in-aid as His Excellency the Governor in Council may be disposed to make towards the Recreation-Ground at Wellington be placed at the disposal of the Committee for expenditure at their discretion, the District Engineer being authorized to assist them in carrying out the details of the Irish Bridges which they propose to construct.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
2nd December 1873.

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

Transferred to the Financial Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
2nd December 1873.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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4th December 1873.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, 4th December 1873, No. 1760.

Ordered that a grant of Rupees 2,000 be made for the Wellington Recreation-Ground improvements, and that the Commissioner of the Nilgiris be instructed to place the amount at the disposal of the local Committee.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, with two plans.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Public Works Department.

Ed. J. Wright,

Govt. of India Works.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE NILGIRIS

&c. &c. &c.

Dated December, 4th.

Read.

G.O., 4th December 1873, No. 1760.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 33-34.

Wellington Recreation Grounds.—A grant of Rupees 2,500 for improvements to the grounds sanctioned, and the Commissioner of the Nilgiris instructed to place the amount at the disposal of the local Committee.

No. 1 A.

Public Works Department.

From The District Engineer
Neilgherries.

To Colonel E. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
P. W.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. 367 of the 30th September last regarding the proposed Recreation Ground and Race Course at Wellington I have the honor to submit a plan and section of the same, which I trust will give you all the required information.

The portion between B. C. D. and F. will be finished and sown with grass by the end of the present month, and the Committee expect to complete the remainder exclusive of bridges by the 1st of January 1874.

In the matter of bridges I am of opinion that a teak bridge of 20 feet span laid on stone walls with a good

floor and apron giving a roadway of
40 feet in width between the rails
would suffice for each of the Streams.
The waterway would be, at least 20'×8' = 160 Sq.ft.
which from my observation would suffice.
The superstructure of each of these bridges would
cost about Rs 2000. The Committee would pay
for the walls and floor &c.

The Committee think have do not agree
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are the, difficulty in obtaining Rs 4000,
and the consideration that should the bridge
be washed away all the materials &
Stone for ever, in addition to which it would
be impossible, to get rid of the sound of
a horses stroke.

The Committee think have a plan
of an Iron Bridge, with a 6 foot opening
to carry off all ordinary water, the outer
blocks of stone to be clamped with iron,
with cut covering Stone on them, and on
these an extra covering stone to prevent
the turf being washed away by a flood.
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would be within their means should they
receive the proposed help from
Government, and should a heavy
flood come it could do nothing but
disarrange a few stones, which a
couple of hundred rupees would
easily repair.

I have the honor
to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Jas Morant Capt N.E.
District Engineer

Cottacamund
District Engineers Office
18th November 1873

Submitted to Govt. with the
Chief Engineer's recommen-
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in aid as H.E. the Governor
in Council may be disposed
to make towards the Lawn
Recreation Ground at Wellington be
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the Committee for expen-
diture at their discretion,
the District Engineer being
authorised to assist them
in carrying out the details
of the Iron Bridges which

they propose to construct.

G. Walker Ld. R.E.
Chief Engineer

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Rail (1873) Department.

From
The Asst Engineer
Rly Dist
Wro D.P.W.
Re 1A.

Dated 18th November 1873.
Received 3rd December

No. 2236

Sub. a plan and section giving the information required regarding the proposed Recreation ground & Race course at Wellington.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

Financial

To

The Commissioner of the Nilgiris

Dated 4th Decr.

Rect. Rpd.

G. O. 4th Decr. 1873. No. 1760.

Nos. 33-34.

Wellington recreation ground.

A grant of Rs: 2000 for improvements to the grounds sanctioned & the Commissioner of the Nilgiris instructed to place the amount at the disposal of the local Committee.