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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th October 1864.*

No. 261. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public
Department:—

Requesting the Principal Inspector General, Medical
Department, to submit his views on the question of erect-
ing a building for the joint purpose of a General Dispen-
sary and Civil Hospital at Ootacamund, Coimbatore } (Here enter 7th October 1864, No. 1,135.)
District.

No. 262. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1864, No. 2,967.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with reference to paragraph 4
of G. O. No. 2,792, dated 26th September 1864.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division,

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th September 1864.*

No. 557. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to
Government, Department Public Works, dated Coimbatore, 31st August 1864,
No. 103 :—

SIR,

I have the honor to report as follows on the subjects of various unanswered references
whereof list was communicated with Government Order No. 1,057 of 13th April 1864.

1. *Government Order No. 1,490 of 26th June 1862.*

By Government Order No. 954 of 18th April 1863 (Military Department) Rupees 520 were
sanctioned for converting a Smithy into a Garrison Workshop at Wellington ; which was accord-
ingly done within that month.

In Malabar, the District Engineer reported that there were no buildings available for
conversion into Workshops at the Military Station of Cannanore, or at the outposts of Calicut and
Malliapuram. He proposed therefore to wait for the Standard Plan of Workshop promised from
Bengal ; of which no more has been heard.

* It is requested that copy of this order may be supplied.
G. W. W.

2. *Government Order No. 667 of 8th May
1856, to Government Order* No. 2,370 of 3rd
October 1862.*

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3. *Government Order No. 1,470 of 15th June 1859.*

Do. do. No. 2,135 of 18th November 1861.

Plans and estimates aggregating Rupees 55,870, which were forwarded to the Principal
Inspector General of the Medical Department, were returned by him disapproved in letter
No. 2,655 of 29th October, copy of which is forwarded. No further communication having
apparently resulted of the visit of the Inspector General, announced by Doctor Cole, and that
gentleman having reported to Government that Hospital accommodation for Europeans was
not required, the subject is presumed to rest with the Medical Department and not with this,
which awaits further instructions.

4. *Government Order No. 2,025 of 22nd October 1861.*

Do. do. No. 2,504 of 31st December.

The works sanctioned in the latter order have long been completed ; and the Executive
Engineer submitted complete plans for the larger works, such as bazaar drainage, water
supply and lake improvement, at Ooty, to the late Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to
which objections were made on the score of expense. They have been seen and approved by
the Superintending Engineer, and are understood to have been forwarded to the Collector for
his approval prior to their final submission to Government.

5. *Government Order No. 1,855 of 5th August 1862.*

Do. do. No. 463 of 23rd February 1863.

The construction of the groin alluded to was finally disapproved by the Superintending
Engineer in June 1863, no previous steps having been taken in the matter, though the damage
done to the pier was repaired. Similar damage to another pier having occurred in October
1863, an estimate of Rupees 910, framed when the water was low enough to allow of its extent
being seen, was sanctioned under date the 18th March 1864. But Lieutenant Trail having left
the range, and Mr. Lowry, Lieutenant Thompson, and Mr. McDonough, who successively took
charge of it, having neglected to undertake the work till too late, an expenditure of
Rupees 624-6-5 only was incurred before the freshes stopped all further work, leaving the pier in
rather a critical state. No further damage appears however to have occurred, but on report from
Mr. Sub-Engineer O'Shaughnessy that while en route to Wynad via the Neilgherries, he had
witnessed the water of the river as high as the road-way of the bridge, the Range Officer was
called on to submit a section of the stream and elevation of the bridge, with estimate for provid-
ing two additional land archers or spans, the Superintending Engineer having for some time

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previous suspected the water-way of the original bridge to be very insufficient. The papers in question will be submitted as soon as received from the Range Office.

6. Government Order No. 2,246 of 19th September 1862.

The District Engineer of Malabar was called on by the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to furnish the traffic returns of the Wynad roads, herein called for; but there does not appear to have existed in that range sufficient administrative ability even to carry out such orders. Maintenance allowances having subsequently been granted, the necessity for the returns is not now apparent.

7. Government Order No. 2,538 of 24th October 1862.

The Executive Engineer has been requested to report further on the plantations under his charge on the Neilgherries; on receipt of which information the reference will be disposed of.

8. Government Order No. 2,929 of 6th December 1862.

For the immediate purposes of this Department it will be cheaper to use the steam saw mill at the Lawrence Asylum site. This Department could not look after any machinery away from works on hand. If it be objectionable to saw timber in the forests on account of the damage from splitting afterwards, as has been stated, at least the water supply at Kulhutti on the Seegoor Ghat would be a more efficient motive power than that afforded by the Ooty lake supposing the locality not too unhealthy for establishment of a mill. The use of the saw by the Forest Department would make their timber more generally available and sought after.

9. Government Order No. 322 of 6th February.

Plan and estimate for a wharf at Cochin sent to the Superintendent of Marine with letter from Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, No. 273 of 29th April 1863. Since which date nothing has been heard of them.

From R. COLE, Esq., Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, R.E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, Ootacamund, dated Fort Saint George, 29th October 1862, No. 2,655.

SIR,

* No. 217, October 13th 1862.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter* and its accompaniments regarding the erection of a Civil Hospital at Ootacamund, and to state that the Inspector General of Hospitals has already proceeded to the Neilgherries, for the purpose of enquiring and reporting on this very subject, with reference to a communication from Assistant Surgeon Stewart regarding it, and to Dr. Forbes I shall refer your letter under acknowledgment, and I have to request that you will be so good as to communicate with that Officer on the whole subject.

2. In your second paragraph you express an opinion that there is not, and that there is not likely to be hereafter, any need for Hospital accommodation for Europeans; this I have stated

† No. 1,557, 24th September 1861.

as my own opinion, in my letter† to Government referred to by you. It was on this score that I objected to the purchase of Framjee and Co.'s premises (pronounced by Colonel Horsley "extensive and costly"), a Hospital for pauper Natives alone being required. But in paragraph 4 you express a regret that my condemnatory report caused the abandonment of the project. Now, I said nothing disparaging of those premises as a property eligible for purchase but simply that, without further outlay, they were unsuited for a Hospital, and that the cost was too great, and the building unnecessarily large; therefore I recommend the original orders of Government‡ should be abided by. But I did not

anticipate the possibility of a new Hospital on a well considered scale, costing 60,000 Rupees, which you now state it will, so that, in the matter of cost, it seems that to buy Bombay Castle considering the value of the ground and the property situated thereon would be cheaper than to build. It must be borne in mind how

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ever that extra expense will have to be incurred in stores, partitions in the great upper apartment, &c. to render it suitable for a Hospital. But I am of opinion that a building on the plan you now forward and Bombay Castle are both too large and costly for the requirements of Ootacamund for the purposes specified.

But by the Proceedings of Government 9th June 1862, No. 682, it would appear that the purchase of Bombay Castle is contemplated to locate a number of public offices in; this you do not allude to in your letter under reply. I have expressed my disapproval that a Civil Hospital should form one of the public establishments to be accommodated.

* Letter No. 129, June 27th 1862, Proceedings of Government 12th July 1862, No. 274.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) J. OUCHTERLONY, Lieut. Colonel, R. E.,
Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1864, No. 2,792.
No. 558.

1. In the letter above recorded, the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, reports on the subject of certain unanswered references, and requests permission to remove some of them from the lists periodically laid before Government.

G. O. No. 1,490, 26th June 1862.

2. The Order marginally noted should be retained in the list. The standard plan for Regimental Workshops, which is now under the consideration of the Government of India, will be furnished to the Superintending Engineer, as soon as it is received.

3. Lieutenant-Colonel Walker will be requested to expedite his replies to the undermentioned calls:—

- No. 2,025, 22nd October 1861.
- " 2,504, 31st December „
- " 1,855, 5th August 1862.
- " 463, 23rd February 1863.
- " 2,538, 24th October 1862.

4. Paragraph 3 of Colonel Walker's letter will be referred to the Public Department, with a view to it being determined whether, under the circumstances stated, the plan and estimate for a General Dispensary and Civil Hospital at Ootacamund, required in Proceedings No. 875, dated 6th June 1859, should be submitted.

5. Before granting permission for the omission, from the Superintending Engineer's list of G. O. No. 2,246, dated 19th September 1862, directing the submission of traffic returns of the Wynad roads, the Government wish to be furnished with the numbers and dates of the orders sanctioning the maintenance allowances, adverted to in paragraph 6 of the foregoing letter.

6. The fresh plan and estimate for the construction of a jetty in the port of Cochin, which were stated in the Superintending Engineer's letter No. 112, dated 7th September 1864, to have been called for, should be forwarded with the least practicable delay.

7. Orders will be passed hereafter, with reference to paragraph 8 of the foregoing letter.
(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with G. O. No. 2,370 of 1862,
Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Order in the Public Department: 7th October 1864 N^o 1135

The Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, will, with reference to para 4 of the foregoing proceedings and to the correspondence that has passed on the subject, submit his views on the question of erecting a building for the joint purpose of a General Dispensary and Civil Hospital at Aolacamund.

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W. Walker
Secy. Secretary to Government.

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