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20th October 1864.*

No. 352. 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, 23rd September 1864,
No. 121:—

SIR,

1. I take the opportunity of His Excellency the Governor's visit to Wynad to bring to
notice again several matters which affect the working of this Department in that Taluq.

2. *First.*—The want of a local Treasury, and of medical assistance at Goodaloor, and of
postal communication between that place and Manantoddy. The former I at present remedy,
supplying the Sub-Engineer in charge of South Wynad with money through the Ootacamund
Treasury, less than half the distance off. But there is a risk in sending large sums monthly
along so lonely a track, under the charge of Lascars only (for I do not suppose Police escort
is always available). The second want will, I believe, be brought forcibly to notice by a report
of the Zillah Surgeon at Calicut, who has lately been inquiring into the cause of the late
excessive sickness and mortality at Goodaloor. The third existed to such an extent last year as
seriously to interfere with the transaction of business between the Wynad Range Officer and his
Subordinate in charge of Karkoor Ghát, and was one of my chief reasons for wishing South
Wynad to be made an executive range. Two days' tappal of my own, which went astray
between Manantoddy and Goodaloor last December, did not eventually reach me till a month
after date, if all the packets ever did reach me. The District post on the line was in fact worse
than useless, probably owing to the impossibility of getting it served on the pittance allowed for
runners by orders from the central authority at Calcutta.

3. *Secondly.*—The same want of adaptation of salaries to special circumstances, prevailing
in the Public Works Department, owing to which the Wynad Ranges are made Penal. Settle-
ments for Officers and Subordinates who, having gained a good reputation elsewhere, are sent to
retrieve the credit of the Department in them. Less than 50 per cent. addition to salaries and
allowances of men in the position of Messrs. George and O'Shaughnessy will not pay them for
coming to Wynad (especially if married); and if the increase cannot be given in any other way
it should be given by temporary promotion to such rank as will carry the increased pay with it.
Any individual considering himself superseded thereby being at liberty to volunteer for Wynad.
At this very moment Mr. Overseer Potter, selected by me for his presumed special competence,
is not allowed to draw the extra Rupees 20 of a Wynad Overseer, because he was already in
receipt of a special allowance of that amount at the station from whence I transferred him.
(*Vide* original Memorandum from Controller of Public Works Accounts, herewith forwarded.)
Overseers and members of Office establishments employed in Wynad should *ipso facto* be
entitled to the same increase of 50 per cent. The cost of living on the Neilgherries is compen-
sated to many by the climate enjoyed: In Wynad the one is an aggravation of the other, for
half the year, and the want of communications sums up the list of evils.

4. In connection with this latter subject I have to bring to notice the loss which Captain
Kennedy has sustained by removal from command of his Company (ordered elsewhere), to do
duty with the Company at Luckady, in order that his valuable services may be retained for the
works of the Tambracherry Ghát. I request permission to make up to him this loss (Rupees 150
monthly) from the Ghát estimate, from which he at present draws only Rupees 100. They can
well afford the deduction.

No. 353. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1864, No. 3,012.

1. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this letter will be referred to the Public Department.

2. With reference to paragraph 3, the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, will be
requested to submit, for the consideration of Government, a *definite* proposition for adapting,
to special circumstances, the salaries and allowances of the Officers and Subordinates employed
in the Wynad Ranges.

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No. 2,968, dated 15th October 1864.

3. Paragraph 4 has been disposed of in the Orders marginally noted.

4. Colonel Walker's attention will be called to paragraph 5, Section 3, Chapter XV of the Public Works Code, and he will be reminded that every letter should be confined to one subject.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Department.

„ Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

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N. 121

Superintending Engineer's Office 7th Div.
Coimbatore 23rd September 1864.

From,

The Superintending Engineer
7th Division

To,

The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
Madras.

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Yours Most Obedient Servant.

W. M. Mather Esq. B. L. P. C.
Superintending Engineer of Mysore

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