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No. 316. 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 Coonoor, 29th March 1864, No. 359:—

SIR,

1. I have been favored with a copy of four Resolutions of the South East Wynaad Planters' Association which have confirmed me in the determination, to which I have gradually been working my way, of addressing Government as to the propriety of dividing the Wynaad Executive Range. The conviction has been forcing itself upon me, as I have watched the working of the Department in that extensive and neglected charge, that in its present state it was beyond the powers of any but an Officer of the highest abilities and physical powers to do justice to it.

2. The Resolutions under notice allude to irregularity in the supply of funds, leading to unpunctuality of payment which tends to discourage the best class of Coolies from resorting to the works, and they recommend that money be made available from a nearer Treasury, and that the able subordinate in actual charge of the work in South Wynaad be directly responsible for them.

3. My further experience of Mr. Smith has not been satisfactory as regards the management of his finances or of his Office duties. Making all allowances for the difficulties of communication between South Wynaad and his head quarters, and for a severe attack of illness which laid him up for a fortnight in January, I have grave causes of dissatisfaction with him, 1stly, for such inattention to the sanctions of Government conveyed in Order No. 162 of 16th January, as to have thrown the accounts of his Range for January and February into confusion by appropriating the wrong funds to the works for which additional allotment were therein made; 2ndly, on account of the apparent absence of any progress in the preparation of Bills for the expenditure of this and the former years which is wholly unaccounted for, or of Plans and Estimates for the work of next year, without which he has been repeatedly informed that no money will be available in May.

4. I had accordingly come to the same conclusion with the Planters of South Wynaad, entirely without communication with any person connected with that locality since my visit of December last. And having had an opportunity during the Easter holidays of comparing notes on the subject with Mr. Ballard, I find myself able to support by the testimony of all parties most competent to judge, the proposition I have now the honor to make, viz., that North and South Wynaad be separate Executive Ranges, divided by a line drawn from the Tambracherry Ghât to Sultan's Battery and held respectively by Mr. Smith and by Mr. Supervisor Campbell, whose late promotion entitles him to a Range, and would otherwise entail his removal to another District. Should it be out of the question to add one extra Supervisor to the Establishment of the 7th Division, I will dispense with the Supervisor of Collegal Range in Coimbatore District, as his two Táluqs would not throw more work into his hands than could be expected of an active and experienced Engineer in charge of the Errode Range; regarding whom I take leave to remind you that the said Range has been vacant ever since Captain Vertue went on leave in October 1863.

P. S.—Pending the establishment of a Treasury at Goodaloor, South Wynaad might be supplied with funds from Ootacamund if necessary.

No. 317. ORDER THEREON, 13th April 1864, No. 1,046.

1. As a temporary measure the Governor in Council grants authority for North and South Wynaad being constituted separate Executive charges, and for the Errode and Collegal Ranges being amalgamated and placed under the Officer now in charge of the former.

2. Under this arrangement, Supervisor Campbell will continue in the Malabar District, but Colonel Walker will report the name of the Supervisor in charge of the Collegal Range with a view to his transfer to the Bellary* District.

* Vice Supervisor Campbell.

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3. Colonel Walker will also report whether, should it be possible to appoint an additional Supervisor for the charge of part of Wynaad, and to separate the Collegal and Errode Ranges again into two charges, an Establishment for the Supervisor could not be dispensed with.

4. Since the date of the Superintending Engineer's letter, Lieutenant Morris has been appointed to the Coimbatore District.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
„ Do. do. 7th Division.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Copy of Resolutions of a General Meeting of the South & East Wynaad Planters Association, held at Goodalore on the 3rd March 1864.

1 That the South East District of Wynaad is of sufficient importance to deserve a separate and independant Engineer in charge of the Public Works as well as a separate Treasury.—

2 That at present the works are thrown sadly into the back ground owing to the absence of the funds sanctioned by Government and necessary for the carrying on of the works already in hand.—

3 That Moplah labor cannot be secured without punctual payment.—

4 That the works of the District would be carried on with much more zeal if the persons incharge were held directly responsible and received credit directly for what they performed.—

(True Copy
Controller A. G. P. W. D.
Secy Surveyor's Office

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In letter No 359
dated 29th March
1861 from the
Superintending Engineer
7th Division
Coonoor
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No 359

Superintending Engr's Office
7th Division
Coonoor, 29th March 1861.

From

The Superintending Engineer
7th Division

To

The Secretary to Government
F.D.P.W. Madras.

Sir,

I have been favoured with a copy of 4 Resolutions of the S.E. Wynaad Planters Association which have confirmed me in the determination, to which I have gradually been working my way, of addressing Govt as to the propriety of dividing the Wynaad Executive Charge. The conviction has been forcing itself upon me, as I have watched the working of the Department in that extensive & neglected charge, that in the present state it was beyond the powers of any but an officer of the highest abilities and physical powers, to do justice to it.

2. The resolutions under notice allude to irregularity in the supply of funds, leading to unpunctuality of payment which tends to discourage the best class of coolies from resorting to the works. I would recommend that money be made available from a nearer Treasury, & that the able subordinate in actual charge of the works in South Wynaad be declared responsible for them.

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Inquiries refer to the
× Bellary Distt

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4 Since the date of the Superintending Engineer's letter, Lieut. Morris has been appointed to the Coimbatore Project.

Chepauk
13th April/64

To Supt Engr 3d Div
Controller

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Recd 14 April

× vice Supervisor Campbell.

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Dated 1st April
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From
The Supt Engr
4th Division

To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D. Madras

Dated 29th March 1864
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Rule and Order

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