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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 4th October 1864.

No. 25. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated 20th August 1864:—

From H. B. SMITH, Esq., Executive Engineer, Wynad Range, to Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Manantoddy, 15th August 1864, No. 278.

SIR,

1. With reference to your Memorandum No. 78 of the 11th August 1864, I have the honor to report in detail on the Post Office as called for:—

First.—The building was built on contract. The contract was taken by a Bricklayer Maistry, who has been engaged on work on the coast such as Brennen's School and the Civil Dispensary. I only know of one contract he took on the coast, and that was for a few culverts on the Perambaddy road, which he completed to the District Engineer's satisfaction as well as my own.

Second.—The site is on the slope of the hills on which the Government buildings are built, just below the Cutcherry.

Third.—The end of the building was exposed to the full burst of the monsoon, and it is this side which first fell and brought down the rest of the building.

Fourth.—The soil is of a stiff red clay, very good, and has not given way in the least.

Fifth.—Foundations according to the estimate were 2½ feet deep by 3 feet in breadth and built of brick in chunam.

2. I would beg to observe that, in my opinion, the reason that the wall fell was,

First.—The walls being built of mud and brick.

Second.—The wall got so saturated by the rain that it could not bear the weight of the roof, especially increased by the very strong wind.

Third.—Single tiling is not sufficient for Wynad. This building I got the Contractor to flat tile as well, though not allowed in the estimate, but the tiles all over Wynad are not good.

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1. Copy forwarded for the information of Government, with reference to G. O. No. 2,265, of 6th August 1864.

2. Mr. Smith is wrong in stating that the estimate did not allow for flat tiles. It was framed in Captain Bean's Office.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1864, No. 2,858.

1. The Government consider the foregoing report on the fall of the new Post Office at Manantoddy to be very unsatisfactory. It appears that the end of the building which was most exposed to the burst of the monsoon fell first, bringing down with it the remainder. This clearly indicates the omission on the part of the Executive Officer, Mr. Smith, when carrying out the work, to suggest means of adequately protecting the building against the violence of the weather. Mr. Smith's services having been already dispensed with, no further notice will be taken of his neglect on this occasion.

2. The Superintending Engineer, will report what steps have been taken to restore the building.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 278

Executive Engineer's Office
Wynaad Range
Manantoddy 15th August 1864

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Executive Engineer.

To

Lieut. Colonel G. H. Walker RE
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3rd Single tiling is not sufficient for Ireland—This building got the Contractor to flat tile as well though not allowed in the Estimate but the tiles all over Ireland are not good—

I have the honor to be
Signed W. D. Smith
Executive Engineer

Copy forwarded for the information of Government with reference to G.O. No. 2285 of 6th August 1864—

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Commanding Royal Engineer
Irish Division

20th Aug 1864.

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Item No. 3737
The Supy. Engr
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the Secy. to Govt
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Dated 20 Aug 64
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Public Works Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 14th October 1864

Read the following

From the Superintg Engineer 7th D.

Copy of Mr Smith's letter reporting in detail the cause of the fall of the Mandatoddy Post Office. } H.E. 20th August /64. No 278

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To
The Surveyor
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