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Read the following papers :—

No. 77. From Major W. FAREWELL, Executive Engineer, Neilgherries, to Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Ootacamund, 30th July 1864, No. 90.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government* No. 591, under date the 26th April 1864, in the Judicial Department, I have the honor to report, that I have inspected the well in course of construction in the vicinity of the European Prison at this Station ; it has been sunk to a depth of 32 feet, its diameter being about 14 feet ; rock of the hardest description has been met with, and a good deal removed by blasting, the sides not having been steined have become dangerous, and the work consequently stopped. I have examined its site, which is on a long saddle, and am of opinion that water cannot be obtained till the well is sunk from 150 to 200 feet, which work will I fear cost an enormous amount, and after all some local cause may even at that depth deprive the well of water, I am therefore inclined to recommend the work to be abandoned and the excavation made filled up.

* Public Works Department, No. 1,275 of 4th May 1864.

(A true Copy.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, for information, with reference to G. O. No. 591 of 26th April 1864.

The Superintending Engineer quite agrees with Major Farewell on this point which he lately had an opportunity of discussing with him in person.

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

20th August 1864.

No. 78. From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 23rd September 1864, No. 122.

SIR,

In reply to your Memoranda, No. 102 of 25th August and No. 71 of 21st September, I have the honor to report that the well in question appears to have been sunk by the Inspector General of Jails by Convict labor without estimate, and that its site having been condemned by Major Farewell and myself, (in whose opinion Colonel Orr now at Ooty is understood to agree), the Inspector General has had it filled up again by Convict labor.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 6th October 1864, No. 2,882.

The foregoing papers will be communicated to the Judicial Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department, No. 591, dated 26th April 1864.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Judicial Department.
„ Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No 90

Executive Engineers Office /
Neilgherries
Octacamund 31st July 1864

From

Major W. Farewell
Executive Engineer

To

Lieut Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer 4th Div.
Coimbatore

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of the order of Government x No 598 under date the 26th April 1864 in the Judicial Department, I have the honor to report, that I have inspected the Well in course of construction in the vicinity of the European Prison at this Station, it has been sunk to a depth of 32 feet its diameter being about 8 feet back of the harder description has been met with and a good deal removed by blasting the rocks not having been stemmed have become dangerous, and the work consequently stopped. I have examined its site, which is on a long saddle, and am of opinion that water cannot be obtained till the Well is sunk from 150 to 200 feet, which work will of cost an enormous amount, and after all some local cause may exist at that depth deprive the well of water, I am therefore inclined to recommend the work to be abandoned and the excavation made filled up.

x P.W.O. No 1375 of 6th May 1864

Shame Yes Yes Yes

(signed) W. Starewell Major
Executive Engineer

A true Copy

Wheeler Lt Coll R.E.
Supg. Engr 7th Div.

To

The Secretary to Government
P. P. W. for information with
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Dated 20th Oct 1864.
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Copy of Letter from Superintending Engineer 7th Division to Secretary to Government P. P. W. dated 23rd September 1864.

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~~From the Supt Engineer 7th Dn~~

~~Reports that the Well~~
alluded to in Memo No 102 of
25th August appears to have been (Here enter 28th Septr 1864
sunk by the Inspector General No 132)
of Jails by Convict Labor

~~From Do —— Dy 7th Dn~~

~~Copy of Major Farewell's~~
letter reporting on the Well in
course of construction in the (Here enter 20th August 64
vicinity of the European Prison No 90)
at Ootacamund.

The foregoing
papers will be com-
municated to the
Judicial Department,
with reference to the
orders in Govt Depatch
No 59 dated 26th
April

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