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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd April 1864.*

No. 54. 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, 17th March 1864, No. 353:—

SIR,

1. Since writing the letter to your address printed with Government Order No. 724 of
10th March, I have had the opportunity of visiting the Perambady Ghât and the sites of the
Kakatodoo and Irritydoo bridges.

2. There is nothing in Major Sankey's letter which would lead one to suppose he was
aware that the Kakatodoo bridge site is within Coorg limits, about 2½ miles from our frontier,
as also, I rather think, are the two small nullahs he mentions. I was myself aware of this fact,
but imagined that it must be so little from our frontier that having once commenced the work
we were bound to carry it out, and could do so conveniently next year while rebuilding the
Irrity bridge. Such is not however the case. The two sites must be fully nine miles apart, and
having done our best but failed to complete the Kakatodoo bridge, I see no reason why we
should expend more means and men there, when we want all we have, for the Military works
at Cannanore. There is no objection to such arrangements as have already been made holding
good till 30th April; but I would propose that the Assistant Engineer of Coorg should meet
Captain Vertue shortly previous to that date to take over charge.

3. I gave Captain Vertue credit in the last paragraph of my letter for having temporarily
provided for the crossing of the nullah; but he appears merely to have given an order and not
taken any trouble to enforce it. I was shocked, therefore, to see that nothing whatever had been
done, for the years during which this obstacle has existed, to run easy ramps along the nullah
banks to render its crossing a less serious difficulty. The fact of its not being within our frontier
(west of which the road is manifestly superior to that in Coorg limits) has apparently prevented
the outlay of our funds on it, while the bridge Contractor was not bound to do it, and the Coorg
Executives have run so short of money that the lower half of the Ghât and three miles from its foot
to the frontier may be said to be in ruins. It says very little for the energy or right feeling of
any person connected with this road for years past that the crossing of the Kakatodoo should
have been neglected so long.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1864, No. 918.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Commissioner for the Affairs of
Coorg, with reference to his letter recorded in Proceedings of Government No. 724, dated 10th
March 1864, and that he be requested to cause measures to be adopted by the Public Works
Department in Mysore for taking over, from the 1st May next, the bridging of the Kakatodoo
and the two nullahs stated by Lieutenant-Colonel Walker to be within Coorg limits:—
(Here enter No. 919, dated 2nd April 1864.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Public.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

2nd April 1864.

No. 56.

No. 919.

From

COLONEL C. A. ORR, R. E.,

Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P. W. D.,

To

The Commissioner for the Affairs of Coorg.

SIR,

1. With reference to your letter of the 22nd February 1864, No. 5, I am directed, by His Excellency the Governor in Council, to forward to you the annexed report by the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, of his inspection of the sites of the Kakatodoo and Irritytodoo bridges on the Perambady Ghát road, and to request that you will be good enough to cause measures to be adopted by the Public Works Department in Mysore for taking over, from the 1st May 1864, the bridging of the Kakatodoo and the two nullahs stated by Lieutenant-Colonel Walker to be within Coorg limits.

2. I am also instructed to call your attention to Colonel Walker's remarks on the state of the lower portion of the Ghát.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From

The Superintending Engr
7th Division

To

The Secretary to Government
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2. There is nothing in Major Sankey's letter which would lead one to suppose he was aware that the Kakatodo Bridge site is within Coorg limits, about 2 1/2 miles from our frontier; as also, I & the other officers are the 2 small nullahs he mentions. I was myself aware of this fact, but imagined that it must be so little from our frontier that having once commenced the work we were bound to carry it out, & could do so conveniently next year while rebuilding the Shanty Bridge. Such is not however the case. The 2 sites must be fully 9 miles apart, & having done our best but failed to complete the Kakatodo Bridge. I see no reason why we should spend more men & men there, when we want all we have, for the Military Works at Fanmanore. There is no objection to such arrangements as have already been made holding good till 30th April, but I would propose that the Assistant Engr of Coorg should meet Captain Vestus shortly before

to that date, to take over charge.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obed. Servant

Supd J. G. M. M.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government
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