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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th May 1865.*

No. 166. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Passing orders on the observations submitted by the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with reference to the employment of three Companies of Sappers and Miners in the Wynad. (Here enter 3rd May 1865, No. 1,648.)

No. 167. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1865, No. 1,247.
Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 24.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—

From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Coonoor, 13th April 1865,
No. 315; to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Madras.

I have the honor to submit the observations and report called for in Government Order, No. 722 of 15th March.

2. The third (H) Company Sappers and Miners having only reached Lackady on 29th March 1865, that is to say only two months before the close of the present working season, and those the most unfavorable working months, I cannot see that the object of sending it to the Ghaut will be realized, if it be withdrawn before the month of May 1866, or the close of the working season of 1865-66. I am informed that it is twenty-three Privates below the full complement of one hundred and five; the D and E Companies being twenty-eight and eleven under their complements. If they are all made up to full strength by the commencement of next working season, (say the 1st September 1865) the Ghaut may be expected to be open for Cart traffic by the end of the following May, when the further services of two Companies at least may be dispensed with.

3. But it must be understood that such progress can be expected only under condition of the three Companies remaining at Lackady throughout the ensuing monsoon. The withdrawal of the Sappers during last monsoon was very detrimental to the progress of the works, inasmuch as their Lines became so much injured, that the greater part of those of one, and the entire block belonging to the other Company, as well as the Place of Arms, Store and other buildings, had to be re-built; which, in addition to the extra accommodation required by the H Company, has consumed much time and labour.

4. I take the liberty of repeating the recommendation made in my letter printed with Government Order, No. 115 of 13th January 1865, as to the propriety of appointing European Non-Commissioned Officers to do duty with the Companies at Lackady. It will suffice if they join by 1st September next, for the working season of 1865-66.

Referred to the Military Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, No. 952, dated 9th ultimo.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

19th April 1865.

ORDER, No. 1648, 3rd May 1865.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief.

2. The Governor in Council observes that the question of the removal of the Detachment of Sappers and Miners from Lackady, during the monsoon, was disposed of in Proceedings of Government marginally noted. His Excellency considers it however very desirable, with

No. 1241, dated 1st April 1865.

reference to the Adjutant General's letter, recorded in Proceedings of Government, No. 4, dated 4th January 1865, that the Companies should be completed to their full strength, if practicable—the early opening of the Ghaut on which they are engaged being of much importance.

(True Extract.)

To the Public Works Department. *Sub. 20/2/65*
" Adjutant General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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