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Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th October 1865.*

No. 628. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department:—

Communicating Memorandum from the Quarter
Master General submitting certain corres-
pondence, and intimating that the three Com-
panies of Sappers at Luckady may be allowed
to remain there until the close of the present
working season, when it can be taken into
consideration what number of Companies
should be sent back to Wynaad.

(Here enter 18th October 1865, No. 3,864.)

No. 629. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1865, No. 3,206.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 52.

Communicated to the Superintending
Engineer of the 7th Division, with reference
to the Order of the 17th August 1865, No.
2,395.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 26th September 1865, ⁵⁸⁹/₉₃₈₁ ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Forwarded to Government for orders.

2. Under the circumstances reported by the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, the Commander-in-Chief thinks that until the closing of the present working season, the three Companies of Sappers at Luckady may be allowed to continue there ; and that after the time arrives for withdrawing the Sappers from Wynaad during the unhealthy season, it can be taken into consideration what number of Companies should be sent back to it.

From the Commandant Sappers and Miners, Bangalore, 4th September 1865, No. 1087 ; to the Quarter Master General, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to inform me whether there is a probability that the services of one of the Sapper Companies, now employed on the Tambercherry Ghaut in Wynaad, will be dispensed with at the end of the next working season, as contemplated in the last paragraph of your letter, No. 10,611 of 23rd November 1864, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, printed in Proceedings of Government, No. 4258 of 29th idem.

The Officer Commanding the Detachment at Luckady has requested information on this point, in order to enable him to judge whether the present site of the D Company Lines shall be entirely abandoned, and what expense it will be worth while going to in building others in a more favorable locality. If one Company is really to be withdrawn, it would probably be better to make shift for the ~~the~~ ^{if the Detachment} strength for any longer time, he considers it desirable that the condemned Lines should be given up at once, and in that case the time is now at hand when the new range should be commenced.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 13th September 1865, No. 535 ; to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Coimbatore.

Forwarded for the observations of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division. To be returned.

No. 110.

MEMORANDUM.

The Superintending Engineer has the honor to observe that, in a Report which he submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings in the Military Department, No. 952 of 9th March, he expressed his hopes that the Tambercherry Ghaut would have so far advanced by the end of the working season of 1865-66, that the services even of 2 out of the 3 Companies at Luckady might be dispensed with from that date.

But he has subsequently received such a poor account of the progress made last season, as has induced him to modify his opinion, to the extent that not more than one of the Companies could then be spared. And even that concession would depend very much upon the actual strength at which the Companies (at present understood to be very weak in numbers) is kept up, and on the energy and good management of the Officers in charge of them. Especially as it is proposed to close their working season on the Ghaut early in March 1866.

POHANY, }
22nd September 1865. } (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel,
Superintending Engineer.

Memorandum from the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 26th September 1865, No. ⁵⁹²/₉₃₉₂ ; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

Forwarded to Government for information, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 2925, dated 9th ultimo.

From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, Camp Ponany, 22nd September 1865, No. 109 :
to the Quarter Master General, Madras.

In returning the enclosures* with your docket, No. 528 of 13th September, I have the honor

*1 Memorandum from Major General Commanding Mysore Division, dated 1st September 1865.

1 Letter from the Inspector General of Hospitals, to Major General Commanding Mysore Division, No. 1421 of 16th August.

in-Chief justly remarks that the working season does not commence till September. There is no alternative therefore but to accept the inevitable conclusion that Sapper labour cannot with propriety be availed of in the Wynaad for a longer period than six months in each year.

This opinion, I beg to observe, is formed on the principle by which Government have declared in paragraph 2 of O. G. No. 2925 of 9th August, that the date of removal of the Detachment shall be regulated, viz., "by the nature of the periodical reports received of the health of the men during the dry months." I cannot for a moment admit the presumed interests of the Wynaad to influence me against stating it in unequivocal terms.

From the Officer Commanding Mysore Division, Head Quarters, Bangalore, 1st September 1865 ;
to the Quarter Master General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund.

Has the honor to forward the documents as per margin,* for the information of His Excellency

*Letter No. 1420 of the 16th August 1865, from Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, to Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Madras.

Abstract Annual return of sick from 1860 to 1865.

General of Hospitals, Bangalore, 16th August 1865, No. 1420 ; to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, Madras.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Order of Government, No. 2925 of 9th, to which No. 2898 of 14th instant, gave cover.

2. There are other points, which I will submit separately to the Principal Inspector General ; but, with reference to the Order in paragraph 2 of 2925, as to the removal of the Sappers from Luckady before the sickly seasons, I beg to enclose an

Per centage of admissions to strength.	
5 Mays.....	37.6
5 Aprils.....	27.0
5 Junes.....	22.6
5 Marches.....	16.7
5 Decembers.....	15.9
5 Novembers.....	13.6
5 Februaries.....	12.2
5 Julys.....	10.7
5 Januarys.....	10.6
4 Septembers.....	10.1
5 Octobers.....	10.0
4 Augusts.....	9.0

Abstract Statement shewing the monthly strength, admissions and deaths in the Detachment at Luckady, for nearly five complete years, from 1860 to 1865.

3. From this it will be observed that the fewest admissions have occurred in the months from July to January ; that a rise takes place in November and December and a second rise in February, thence increasing to June, in which month it is on the decrease—to be followed by the healthier

*Most unhealthy.	Less healthy.	Most healthy.
Per centage.	Per centage.	Per centage.
5 Mays.....	5 Decembers... 15.9	5 Julys.....
5 Aprils.....	5 Novembers... 13.6	5 Januarys.....
5 Junes.....	5 Februaries... 12.2	4 Septembers.....
5 Marches... 16.7		5 Octobers.....
		4 Augusts.....

March, April, May and June, and return as early afterwards as their services may be needed.

4. The mortality recorded at the station has been small, only six persons out of 1704 admissions.

DETACHMENT SAPPERS AND MINERS

ABSTRACT Annual Return of Sick from 1860 to 186 as required in letter No. 1184, dated 18th July 1865.

Months.	1860			1861			1862			1863			1864			1865			Total admitted.	Total strength.	Average admissions.	Average strength.	Per centage of admission to strength.
	Admitted.	Average strength.	Died.	Admitted.	Average strength.	Died.	Admitted.	Average strength.	Died.	Admitted.	Average strength.	Died.	Admitted.	Average strength.	Died.	Admitted.	Average strength.	Died.					
January...	...	...	...	2883	...	...	82	14	218	11	205	19	194	...	...	83	782	16.60	156.40	10.6			
February...	...	...	...	2282	...	...	79	16	216	23	209	23	195	...	...	96	781	19.20	156.20	12.2			
March.....	...	...	...	5387	...	...	30	159	20	215	120	317	1	56	290	...	179	1,068	35.80	213.60	16.7		
April.....	...	...	...	6380	...	...	33	209	3	200	54	203	1	113	324	...	275	1,016	55	203.20	27		
May.....	...	...	...	5988	...	...	34	205	14	202	66	204	...	211	322	...	384	1,021	76.80	204.20	37.6		
June.....	...	...	...	2177	...	...	24	188	3	208	1	190	1	92	224	...	201	887	40.20	177.40	22.6		
July.....	...	...	...	976	...	...	16	183	1	22	194	27	190	1	29	224	...	93	867	18.60	173.40	10.7	
August...	...	...	...	1383	...	...	18	183	19	194	216	172	...	...	...	...	57	632	14.25	158.0	9		
September...	...	...	...	2383	...	...	313	190	12	194	16	164	...	...	...	...	64	631	16	157.75	10.1		
October...	...	...	...	22186	...	...	15	205	0	194	18	193	...	...	...	...	68	678	13.60	169.50	10		
November...	...	...	...	1187	...	...	12	201	1	205	29	196	1	...	...	...	94	689	18.80	172.25	13.6		
December...	...	...	...	1785	...	...	111	202	35	205	123	198	...	...	...	...	110	690	22	172.50	15.9		
	4	No record															1,704	9,742	346.85				

LUCKADY, 27th July 1865.

(Signed) J. R. CURRY, Assistant Apothecary.
In Medical charge Detacht. Sappers and Miners.
(Signed) E. BALFOUR,
Dy. Insp. Genl. of Hospls. Ceded Districts, Ag. in Mysore Dn.

From the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Ceded Districts, Acting in Mysore Division, Bangalore, 17th August 1865, No. 1421; to the Major General Commanding Mysore Division, Bangalore.

Forwards, for the information of the Major General Commanding the Division, a copy of letter addressed to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General Medical Department, on the subject of health of Detachment, Sappers and Miners, at Luckady.

ORDER, No. 3864, 18th October 1865.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, with reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 2925, dated 9th August 1865, and previous correspondence.

2. There is no objection in the Military Department, to the three Companies of Sappers now at Luckady, continuing there until the close of the present working season, as suggested by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in paragraph 2 of the foregoing memorandum, from the Quarter Master General, No. ⁵⁸⁹₉₃₈₁.

(True Extract.)

Thurston
Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General, with 4 enclosures.
.. Public Works Department. *With 10 papers from*
.. Adjutant General.
.. Principal Inspector General Medical Department.
.. Controller of Military Accounts.
.. Military Accountant.
.. Examiner Pay Department.

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Stuart & Co. 25th Oct/65

W. H. H.

*Comm. of the 7th Aug
with reference to
the order of the 17th Aug 1865
No 2395*

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Communicating
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With an order
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