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No. 496. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coimbatore, 8th June 1866, No. 36:—

I have the honor to report that the two Panoramic Photographs of the Lawrence Asylum sites, alluded to in the last paragraph of the report for the quarter ended 30th April 1866, (forwarded herewith,) have this day been despatched by banghy.

No. 17.

Report of Progress of the Lawrence Asylum Works during the quarter ended 30th April 1866.
Vide G. O. No. 1,138, dated 21st April 1864.

1. BRICK-FIELDS.—During this quarter, the most favorable for brick-making, 13,74,660 bricks have been made in the Brick-fields, 16,08,302 burned, 2,12,300 tiles have been made, and 1,58,400 burned; the stock of burned bricks now on hand amounts to 35,22,644, of which 14,45,114 have been drawn up to the site of the Boys' Asylum, 5,10,098 to the site of the Girls' Asylum, 3,96,751 have been carted up to the site of the Hospital, and 11,40,681 remain in the fields; the Steam Brick-making machine continues to turn out excellent, expeditious, and cheap work.

2. TRAMWAY.—The tramway has been extended to the most distant point in the Brick-fields.

3. HOSPITAL.—The door and window frames for this building are now ready, sufficient bricks for the main building are carted to the site and ready in the closely adjoining Brick-fields, so that it is hoped when sanction is obtained for this building, the plan of which has been met with approval, the building will be very rapidly run up.

4. MORTAR.—3,493 parabs of lime stone have been carted up during the quarter from the quarries beyond Caramuddy, the total quantity brought up to the end of this month is 23,814 parabs.

5. FIREWOOD.—Besides the firewood cut during the quarter from the Sholas belonging to the works, 790 bandy loads have been supplied at the Davishola by the Forest Department, and carted to the works, the road to the Shola, five miles in length, has been repaired when required.

6. TIMBER.—260 logs of timber have been carted out from the Depôt at Ootacamund during the quarter.

The embankment connecting the two sites has been thoroughly metalled with broken granite, which it is hoped will prevent its being cut up by the rain, and the line of rails has also been extended from the top of the tramway across this embankment to the site for the Girls' Asylum. Five and a half lacs of bricks having been brought up the tramway were taken across and placed ready for use during the quarter.

7. NEW CARPENTERS' LINES.—Three new lines of houses for Carpenters have been built and roofed with continuous iron roofing as being more secure against fire than thatch, accommodation is thus provided in two rows of one hundred feet each for twenty-eight men with families, and a separate building fifty feet in length by fifteen feet wide gives accommodation to about twenty single men.

8. PLANTATIONS.—In some of the plantations made last year, the trees have suffered much from the long drought that has been experienced, and several trees are withered, but they were originally planted so close that with the exception of two plots which will have to be replanted sufficient trees to afford the shelter required are still thriving.

We have had 4.1 inches of rain during the three months under report, which fell on 11 days.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd June 1866.

9. RANGE WORKS.—It has been fortunate that from the fact of several works (Court-house and other public buildings at Ootacamund) having been in hand, it has been possible to find employment here in preparing materials for such works, for the large body of Carpenters and other Artificers who were got up from the low-country, and thus the necessity of discharging them and getting them up again with great difficulty has been obviated.

10. Two photographs of the Lawrence Asylum sites, to accompany this report, have been forwarded by banghy.

OOTACAMUND,

31st May 1866.

(Signed) W. FAREWELL, Major,
Executive Engineer.

No. 497.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1866, No. 1,900.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 76.

Ordered to be communicated to
the Home Government.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 17

Executive Engineer's Office
1st Nilgherry Range
Ootacamund 21st May 1866.

Report of progress of the Lawrence Asylum works during the quarter
ended 30th April 1866; vide L.O. No. 1138 of 21st April 1864

During this quarter, the most favorable for
Brickmaking, 1374,660 Bricks have been made in the
Brickfields, 16,08,302 burned. 312,300 tiles have been made
and 158,400 burned. the stock of burned bricks now
on hand amounts to 35,23,644, of which 14,45,114 have
been drawn up to the site of the boys asylum, 540,098
to the site of the girls asylum, 396,751 have been carted
up to the site of the Hospital and 11,40,681 remain in
the fields. the steam Brickmaking Machine continues
to turn out excellent, expeditious and cheap work.

The tramway has been extended to the most
distant point in the brickfields.

The door and window frames for this building
are now ready. sufficient bricks for the main building
are carted to the site and ready in the closely ad-
joining Brickfields, so that it is hoped when sanction
is obtained for this building, the plan of which has
met with approval, the building will be very rapidly
run up.

3493 Parabs of lime stone have been carted
up during the quarter from the quarries beyond Car-
ramudley, the total quantity brought up to the end of
this month is 23814 Parabs.

Besides the firewood cut during the
quarter from the sholas belonging to the works,
790 Bandy loads have been supplied at the Davi
shola by the Forest Department and carted to the works,
the road to the shola 5 miles in length has been
repaired when required.

260 Logs of timber have been carted out
from the Depot at Ootacamund during the quarter

The embankment connecting the two
sites has been thoroughly metalled with broken
granite, which it is hoped will prevent its being
cut up by the rain, and the line of rails has
also been extended from the top of the tramway

across this embankment to the site for the girls
asylum. 5 1/2 cars of bricks having been brought up
the tramway were taken across and placed ready
for use during the quarter.

Three new lines of houses for Carpenters
have been built and roofed with continuous shingles ^{new Carpenters}
roofing as being more secure against fire than
thatch, accommodation is thus provided in two
rows of 100 ft each for 20 men with families and
a separate building fifty feet in length by 15 ft
wide gives accommodation to about 20 single men.

In some of the plantations made
last year, the trees have suffered much from the ^{Plantations}
long drought that has been experienced, and several
trees are withered, but they were originally planted
so close that with the exception of two plots which
will have to be replanted, sufficient trees to afford
the shelter required are still thriving.

We have had 4 1/2 inches of rain
during the 3 months under report, which fell on
11 days.

It has been fortunate that from
the fact of several works / Court House and other ^{large works}
public buildings at Ootacamund having been in
hand, it has been possible to find employment
here in preparing materials for such work, for the
large body of Carpenters and other artificers who
were got up from the low country, & thus the necessity
of discharging them and getting them up again
with great difficulty has been obviated.

Two photographs of the Lawrence
Asylum ^{to accompany this report} have been forwarded by Bangalore

W. Mansergh Major
Quartermaster General
M. Walker Capt. R.E.
Supg. Engineer 7th Division

No 36

Supp. Engr. Office, the
Colonel's Office 5 June 1866

From

Sicut Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Supp. Engineer, Division

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
Dept. Pub. Works

Sir, I have the honor to report
that the two Panoramic Photo-
graphs of the Lawrence Archway
sites alluded to in the last para-
graph of the Report for the quarter
ended 30th April 1866 forwarded
herewith have this day been
despatched by Railway.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant

G. W. Walker R.E.
Supp. Engineer, Division

From
the Supp. Engineer
to
the Secy. of the
Dept.

P. 11. 2405/66

Report of the
Lawrence Archway
the quarter ended 30th April 1866

Pls of host for June.
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from
the Supr. Engineer
of the Division
to
the Lieut. Col.
A. M. D.

Dated 5 June 1866

Recd. 12 June

On 2 July 36
Reports that there
two photographs of the
Lawrence & Lyman
sites have been sent
by Brantley.

With an Order
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