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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th November 1866.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 337. From the Officiating Quarter Master General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 24th October 1866, No. 805-8,517.

* Asking whether the forty men of the Sappers whose employment on the Coonoor Ghaut had been sanctioned were to be furnished by the B. Company under orders for Coorg, or from the two Companies employed in Wynaad.

1. Adverting to my letter dated 8th instant, No. 724, * I have the honor, by order, to submit to Government a letter from the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners, dated 17th instant.

2. The Commander-in-Chief thinks that Colonel Hill's remarks, on the subject of Sapper labor on the Coonoor Ghaut, are worthy of favorable consideration ; and His Excellency directs me to request, that Government will be so good as to decide whether forty men shall *now* be sent to the Ghaut from Wynaad, or whether the E. Company shall be detailed for that duty during the next South-West Monsoon.

From the Commandant Sappers and Miners, to the Quarter Master General, Madras, dated Bangalore, 17th October 1866, No. 633.

1. Referring to your Docket No. 728, of the 8th instant, to the address of the Officer Commanding the Mysore Division, notifying the possible employment of forty men of the B. Company Sappers on the Coonoor Ghaut (the Company Head Quarters being in Coorg), I would respectfully suggest, for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that so far as the opening of the Ghaut is concerned, a much greater amount of Sapper labor could be obtained by locating the entire Lackady Detachment of two Companies (or even one Company of the same) at Coonoor, during the next South-West Monsoon (from April to September 1867) than by detaching forty men for the whole year.

2. Supposing the Superintending Engineer can furnish shelter for so many men, they would be much better at Coonoor, during the unhealthy and rainy seasons in Wynaad, than at Bangalore, (where we have no cover for more than the usual Head Quarter strength), and if after the present season, one Company is considered sufficient for the completion of the Tambercherry Ghaut, the second might remain permanently on the Coonoor Ghaut.

3. If, however, it is considered absolutely necessary to send a party at once to Coonoor, I would submit that, if in any way possible, such party had better be detached from one of the Wynaad Companies, involving only a temporary separation from Company Head Quarters, than from the B. Company, which latter arrangement would probably be of a much more permanent nature.

4. The B. Company has just passed through its Regimental Head Quarter training, and is in a very efficient state ; the effect of breaking it up would be to undo in a few months all it has gained during the last two years. Nothing tends so much to disorganise the men as a lengthened absence from the control of their European Officer ; but if it is a matter of necessity, I have no hesitation in saying that the *minimum* amount of harm would be done to either one of the Wynaad Companies, which have yet to pass through their course of discipline at Bangalore.

5. Should this proposal meet with the approval of His Excellency, I would venture to suggest, that the E. Company be trained to furnish the Coonoor party now, and the whole of that Company eventually to be stationed there.

6. The H. Company stands first on the Roster for foreign service, and will, I presume, be brought to Bangalore to prepare for the same, when the D. Company embarks in April.

No. 567.

BANGALORE,
19th October 1866.

(Signed) F. P. HAINES, Major General,
Commanding Mysore Division.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th November 1866.*

Referred to the Department Public Works, with advertence to Proceedings of Government No. 3,720, dated 25th October 1866.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
29th October 1866.

(Signed) R. HAMILTON, Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division for his opinion.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31st October 1866.

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

No. 333. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp, Badagherry, 7th November 1866, No. 171.

Docket of 31st October on copies of letters from the Quarter Master General, No. 805 of 24th October, and Commandant of Sappers, No. 633 of 17th October 1866.

1. I have the honor to report as follows on your docket of the 31st October, referring, for my opinion, the question whether forty men for the Coonoor Ghaut should at once be sent from Wynaad, or whether the entire E. Company should be detailed for that duty during the next South-West Monsoon.

2. In my opinion neither one nor the other alternative should be adopted in supercession of the Government Order, which directs that the forty men in question shall be furnished from the Company under orders for Coorg. It is to be remembered that these forty men were allotted for the Coonoor Ghaut out of the three Companies of Sappers then serving in the Wynaad, and on my acquiescing in the withdrawal of one of those three Companies, I presumed that the detail for Coonoor Ghaut would be furnished from that Company which was not to go back. Such, however, not having been the case, I returned those forty men to Wynaad not to cripple Captain Kennedy's operations on the Tambercherry Ghaut, relying on the draft being supplied from some Company at Head Quarters.

3. It appears to me that Lieutenant-Colonel Hill's letter should be disposed of by the Government in the Military Department on the purely Military question, whether Sappers are to be worked by whole Companies or not. If detached parties are allowable at all, then I most decidedly prefer to have the services, as expressed in my first application, of some thirty or forty picked men immediately, and, for as long as those services could be made good use of, to the services of one or even two Companies for the five months from April to August inclusive. It is specially desirable, in the exhausted state of the funds for new Coonoor Ghaut, that the assistance of a small body of Sappers should be at once made available, and their removal for the past two months has been a great loss to us. I certainly cannot recommend a further diminution of strength in Wynaad during the current season.

4. I am far from objecting to have a whole Company of Sappers allowed me on the Neilgherries, as accommodation for forty additional men could immediately be provided at Wellington, but in the present advanced state of the Coonoor Ghaut works, it would be difficult to employ them all there, and I should require permission to make use of some on other lines, such as the new Kotagherry road and Kartairy road, perhaps even to detail some to the new Goodaloor Ghaut and road between it and Ooty, a procedure to which, I fear, the Commandant of Sappers would object.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th November 1866.*

No. 339. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1866, No. 3,650.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 33.

1. Communicated to the Military Department.

2. Under the circumstances explained by the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, it seems desirable that the detail of forty Sappers and Miners required for the Coonoor Ghaut should be furnished from the Company proceeding to Coorg, as already ordered in Military Proceedings No. 3,720, dated 25th ultimo.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Department.

.. Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Quartermaster General's Office,
Head Quarters Colacaminid,
24th October 1866.

No 805
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From

Colonel C. Cooke
Off Quartermaster General.

To

Major General H. Marshall
Secretary to Government
Military Department.

Sir

Adverting to my letter dated 8th
Instant 1872, I have the honor, by order, to sub-
mit to Government a letter from the Officer
Commanding Sappers and Miners dated 11th Instant.
The Commander-in-Chief thinks
that Colonel Hill's remarks on the subject
of Sapper labor on the Concor Shant are worthy
of favorable consideration, and His Excellency di-
rects me to request that Government will be
so good as to decide whether 40 men shall
now be sent to the Shant from Nyirad, or whether
the C. Company shall be detailed for that duty
during the next South West Monsoon.

I have the honor to be
Signed / C. Cooke. Colonel
Off Quartermaster General.

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Quarter Master General
Madras

Sir

Referring to your despatch of 28th of the 8th instant to the address of the Officer Commanding the Mysore Division notifying the possible employment of 40 men of the B Company Sappers on the Coonoor Ghaut (the Company Head Quarters being in Coorg) I would respectfully suggest for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that so far as the saving of the Ghaut is concerned, a much greater amount of Sapper labor could be obtained by locating the entire Lachady Detachment of 2 Companies or even one Company of the same at Coonoor during the next S.W. Monsoon from April to September/67 than by detaching 40 men for the whole year.

Supposing the Superintending Engineer can furnish shelter for so many men, they would be much better at Coonoor during the unhealthy and rainy seasons in Wynad than at Bangalore, where we have no cover for more than the usual Head Quarter strength and if after the present season, our company is considered sufficient for the completion of the Lambercherry Ghaut the second might remain permanently on the Coonoor Ghaut.

If however it is considered absolutely necessary to send a party at once to Coonoor,

I would submit that, if in any way possible, such party had better be detached from one of the Wynad Companies, involving only a temporary separation from Company Head Quarters, than from the B Company, which latter arrangement would probably be of a much more permanent nature.

The B Company has just passed through its Regimental Head Quarter training and is in a very efficient state. The effect of breaking it up would be to undo in a few months all it has gained during the last two years. Nothing tends so much to disorganize the men as a lengthened absence from the control of their European Officer, but if it is a matter of necessity I have no hesitation in saying that the minimum amount of harm would be done to either one of the Wynad Companies which have yet to pass through their course of discipline at Bangalore.

Should this proposal meet with the approval of His Excellency, I would venture to suggest that the C Company be trained to furnish the Coonoor Party now and the whole of that Company eventually to be stationed there.

The H Company stands first on the roster for foreign service, and will I presume be brought to Bangalore to prepare for the same, when the D Company

Company embarked in April

Show the Lines to the
(Signed) Lt. Hill Lt Col. R.E.
Commandant Sappers & Miners

Bangalore
17th October/66

N: 567

(Signed) J. P. James Major Genl.
Cin. Mysore Division

Bangalore
19th October 1866

Referred to the Department
Public Works with advertisement to Proceedings of
Government N: 3720 dated 23rd October 1866

For Sanit House
29th October 1866

Commissioner Colonial
Lt Secy to Government

The Public Works Department

R. S.

Superior Office of the
Camp, Madagascary 7th Novr 1866

No. 171

From

Lieut Colonel G. W. Walker, R.E.
Superintending Engineer of the

To
Colonel G. A. Ope, R.E.
Secretary to Govt of M.

Sir,

Enclosure 1.
Docket of 31st
Oct. on Copies
of letters from
The D.M. Encl.
N: 805 of 24 Oct.
& Comm^d of 1st Oct. 1866.
N: 633 of 1st Oct. 1866.

I have the honor to report as follows on
your docket of the 31st October, referring for
my opinion, the question whether 40 men for
the Boonoor Ghaut should at once be sent
from Wynnaad, or whether the entire R. Company
should be detailed for that duty during the
next month West Monsoon.

In my opinion neither one nor the
other alternative should be adopted in su-
-percession of the Government Order which
directs that the 40 men in question shall
be furnished from the Company under orders
for Coorg. It is to be remembered that
these 40 men were allotted for the Boonoor
Ghaut out of three Companies of Sappers
then serving in the Wynnaad, and on my
acquiescing in the withdrawal of one of
those three Companies I presumed that
the detail for Boonoor Ghaut would be
furnished from that Company which was
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been the case I returned those 40 men
to Wynnaad not to cripple Capt. Kennedy's
operations.

W. Walker
Superintending Engineer

to the D.M. Encl.
N: 805 of 24 Oct.
& Comm^d of 1st Oct. 1866.
N: 633 of 1st Oct. 1866.

of the 31st Oct. 1866

C. W. Walker
Superintending Engineer

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3. It appears to me that Lieut. Col. Wills' letters should be disposed of by the Government in the Military Department on the purely Military question, whether Sappers are to be worked by whole Companies or not. If detached parties are allowable at all then I must decidedly prefer to have the services, as expressed in my first application, of some thirty or forty picked men immediately available for as long as those services could be made good use of, to the service of one or even two Companies for the five months from April to August inclusive. It is specially desirable in the exhausted state of the funds for New Connoor Ghaut that the assistance of a small body of Sappers should be at once made available and their removal for the past two months has been a great loss to us. I certainly cannot recommend a further diminution of strength in Wynad during the current season.

4. I am far from objecting to have a whole Company of Sappers allowed me on the Dailgherry as accommodation for 40 additional men could immediately be provided at Wellington, but in the present advanced state of the Connoor

Ghaut works it would be difficult to employ them all there and I should require permission to make use of some on other lines such as the new Kothagerry Road and Karkai Road, perhaps incl. to detail some to the new Goodaloor Ghaut and road between it and Ooty, a procedure to which I fear the Commandant of Sappers would object.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.
G. W. Walker & L. J. M. O. R.
Supt Engineer Wynad

NO. 3652

From the Offg Quarter M. Genl.
From Supt Engineer of the Div.

(Here enter No. 805 dated 24 Oct
1866
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The Governor

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Certain correspondence
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