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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 4 - 51 1865.

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No 120. Read the following letter from the Special Executive Engineer in charge of Wynaad Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Luckady, 22nd April 1867, No. 79 —

1. With reference to paragraph 3 of G. O No. 759, of the 13th ultimo, and G. O 876, of 21st idem, I have the honour to submit, that the cases of the three Wynaad Ranges (if amalgamated into one) and that of the Neilgherry Range will be very dissimilar. The Neilgherry Range is very compact, and means of travelling within it so easy, that there is no part of it (with perhaps the exception of the Goodaloor ghaut) not accessible in a single day's ride; the climate, too, is very different from that of Wynaad, and Major Farewell can communicate with, and get replies from, his Assistants within twenty-four hours; in Wynaad, the same would take four days it, takes eight days to get a reply from the South Wynaad Range Officer to a letter posted at Luckady. The number of works going on, and the distances to be travelled, would make it impossible for any one Officer to even pay a flying visit of inspection to each more than once in six or seven weeks. An Inspection Report, which I have drawn out by way of showing the distances to be travelled and the numerous places to the visited, will prove this better than anything else. It is, however, a programme that would be beyond the strength of any Officer to keep up to, and even if he could bear it, his servants and horses would break down.

2. As far as I understood them, the intentions of Government in appointing me to my present post, were to have an Officer who could give his exclusive attention to the supervision of the numerous works being carried out in Wynaad; these intentions, I respectfully submit, would be materially interfered with if (as would be the case) a considerable part of my time were taken up with the checking measurements and accounts received from the three Ranges; and while I do not think it would save the present Range Officers much trouble—for they must, under the necessities of the case, still continue to keep the greater part of the records they now have to, merely as it were making me the medium between them and the Controller, instead of sending to the latter direct as now—it would entail very heavy work on me, and materially interfere with my power to properly carry out my duties as Superintending Officer; and under the circumstances I trust that, for the present, the Government will be pleased to allow matters to remain as they now are.

3. Very severe illness, caused by over-exposure to the sun, and approaching to brain fever, has been the cause of my inability sooner to reply to the G. O. I am still in an exceedingly weak state, and unable to undergo much mental exertion; I fear, therefore, I have perhaps failed in putting the subject in quite as clear a light, and in naming as forcibily the objections to the Controller's proposal as I might have done; but under the circumstances I hope allowance will be made for such shortcoming, as well as for the delay.

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1867, No. 1,352.

ACCOUNT, No. 10.

1 Under the circumstances brought to notice in this letter, the Government are of opinion that it is inexpedient to

disturb the present system under which the Officers in charge of the Ranges in Wynaad submit their accounts severally to the Controller.

2. Referring to Captain Fischer's letter of the 19th March 1867, No. 4,224, Captain Kennedy will report on the necessity of maintaining the Vythery Range as a distinct Executive charge instead of absorbing it in the North and South Wynaad Ranges as contemplated by G. O. of the 12th December 1866, No. 3,918.

G. O 21st March 1867, No 876.

(True Extract.)

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

To Captain Kennedy
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts

Exd S T. Augustin

Inspection Report for March 1867.

Month & date	Names of Places visited	Distance travelled	Distance from fixed station
March 1st	Seriola	15	15
2	Korote	30.	45
3	Manantoddy	30.	30
4th	ditto		
5	Peniah	20.	50
6	Foot of Peniah Ghaut & back	18	
7	Sunday		
8	Manantoddy	20	36
9	Coorg Frontiers	18	48
10	Manantoddy	18	30
11.	Ditto		
12.	Pandally & back	22	
13	Sultan's Battery	26	26
14.	Sunday		
15	Mysore Frontier	14½	40½
16.	Sultan's Battery	14½	
17	Goodalore	30	66
18	Ditto		
19.	Tippacadoo back	22	
20	Nadgany	9	64
21.	Sunday		
22	Foot of Caroor Ghaut	22	
23	Goodalore	9.	64
24	ditto		
25	Sultan's Battery	20	26
26	Neenangaddy	8	18
27	Culpathy	10	8
28	Sunday.		
29.	Sultany	8.	
30	Foot of Tamberdy Ghaut & back.	14	
31.	Sultanie -		

Besides these rounds there was Police Line and Station and Public Bungalow to inspect, besides the Cutcherry Office & Treasure and Records from Calpetty to the Head of the Caroor Ghaut by Tamoola & Chammbaly the Latter from Calpetty to the Head of the Caroor Ghaut by Tamoola & Pallee the Latter Cross in Course of Construction by Private Contract with Cutcherry Police Lines & Hut of Office. Carried on all Vythery Work as usual Magistrate's Cutcherry

Dated 10th April 1867

N. B. This is not intended as an Estimate but merely as a Statement of Inspection Report for March 1867 which was called for by Government Order dated 21st March 1867 No 876

N. B. Kennedy Capt
Asst to C? Engineer.

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Special Executive Engineers Office Wynaad
Sultan Bathery 22nd April 1867

From

The Special Executive Engineer
In charge of Wynaad Division

To

The Secretary to Government
P. W. Works Madras

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In a letter from the Asst. Sec. to Govt. Public Works dated 15th April 1867.
To
The Secretary to Govt. Madras.

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R H Y Kennedy Captain
Special Asst Engineer Wynaad.

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From Capt. Ross
Dated 23rd April 1867
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No 79

States the difficulty in getting replies from S. Wynaad Range Officer – and to amalgamate the 3 Wynaad Ranges into one.

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Special Asst. Engineer Wynaad.

1352 Public Works Department

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT. Under date the 4th May 1867.

Read the following

From the Special Asst. Engineer Wynaad. (Here enter No. 79 dated 23rd April 1867

Under the circumstances brought to notice in this letter, the Government are of opinion that it is inexpedient to disturb the present system under which the Officers in charge of the Ranges in Wynaad submit their Accounts generally to the Controller.

Referring to Capt. Ross's letter of the 19th March 67, No 1224. Capt. Kennedy will report on the necessity of maintaining the Vythery Range as a distinct Executive charge instead of absorbing it in the North

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Dt 4th May 1867

Captain Kennedy informed that no change will be made in the present system of submitting the Accounts of Wynaad Ranges to the Controller.

The Executive Engr. Wynaad, requested to report as to the necessity for the maintenance of Vythery Range as a distinct Executive charge.

No 120–121