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No. 523. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Masulipatam, 8th April 1868, No. 8.—

In reply to G. O., No. 1,033, dated 1st April 1868, directing me to report on the causes which have led to the present ruinous condition of the Police Hospital at Ongole, I have the honor to inform you that all the wood-work was "country wood," and that, under ordinary circumstances, it would have sufficed for the style of building contemplated. But unfortunately the white-ants in the immediate vicinity were excessively numerous, and speedily attacked and destroyed every beam and door in the place in a manner I have not seen paralleled. Colonel Anderson, in G. O., No. 1,097, dated 25th April 1865, obtained the sanction of Government for the substitution of a tiled roof instead of grass, but it seems the ravages of the ants could not be checked. The building was well-constructed under the supervision of the late Mr. O'Conner.

No. 524.

ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1868, No. 1,293.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 65.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

3d. Superintending Engineer
Mauricepatam
8 April 1868

From V. C. G. T. Winscom R.E.
Superintending Engineer

To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
D.P.E.

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-vision of the late Mr. Blount.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours most Obedt Servt

Geo. H. Muscove Sub-Engineer
Super Engineer 2nd Div

