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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st May 1869.*

No. 27. Read the following letter from the Officer in charge of Public Works Operations in the Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Luckadie, 28th April 1869, No. 44:—

1. On return from a tour of inspection yesterday, I learned that there were no less than ninety men of the Sapper detachment sick, and that the Hospital Assistant in medical charge was also so ill that, being unable to attend to his duties, he had been compelled to proceed to Calicut, leaving the care of the sick, both of the Sappers and departmental work-people, to the Hospital Assistant doing duty with the Public Works Department, a man utterly incompetent for such a charge. Under these circumstances, I at once despatched a telegram to the Inspector General, Medical Department, (copy of which is attached).

2. I beg to say that the state of things is most serious; the patients, such as I have seen, look weak and emaciated to a painful degree, showing evident signs of neglect; and I look most anxiously for the medical aid I have applied for, to prevent diseases which generally yield readily to prompt and proper treatment from gaining such head as to defy remedy.

3. It has more than once been almost imputed to me that my interest in the work here has blinded me to the condition of the Sappers employed upon it, and on one occasion I was censured by a late Commander-in-Chief as having led, by my representations, to a course being adopted which was supposed to have had attended with unfortunate results, that might have been anticipated; so I respectfully hope that I shall stand excused if I ask it to be remembered that I have never ceased strongly representing, at every possible opportunity, the necessity of good and efficient medical aid. Even when a detachment of only about a dozen Sappers were left here one monsoon, at my earnest application the services of an Apothecary were secured; and a short time back when, in consequence of the late order regulating the description and strength of detachment entitled to particular classes of medical attendance, the Apothecary up to that time in charge was relieved by a Hospital Assistant, the Officer in command of the detachment was urged by me to make a strong remonstrance on the subject, resulting in the appointment of Apothecary White to do duty with the Sappers; he again on falling sick was relieved by the Hospital Assistant who has just gone away.

4. Service in Wynaad is naturally distasteful to Medical Subordinates, not only on account of climate, but for other reasons; I think, however, that the feeling would be in a great measure removed if, by attaching the Apothecary to the Department of Public Works, he become entitled to draw the extra Wynaad allowance.

5. I have in the foregoing only alluded to the Sappers, but I beg to add that the departmental work-people are also suffering greatly; and in my own Office every employé is either utterly unable to attend to his duty, or else forcing himself in spite of sickness to do his best; while from one and all the same complaint comes of not being able to get proper medical advice.

6. Since writing the above, I have learned that this morning death has occurred, of Private Madooray, No. 2,292, of the B. Company Sappers.

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1st May 1869.*

No. 28.

ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1869, No. 1,439.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 7.

Ordered that this letter be communicated to the Inspector General Indian Medical Department in continuation of the docket from this office under date 9th April 1869 on a letter from Major Kennedy in which the necessity for the appointment of a competent Medical Subordinate to the charge of the detachment of Sappers and Miners in the Wynnad was brought to notice.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.
,, Military Department, with copy of Telegram.

*Copy of Telegram to the Inspector
General Medical Department*

*Sixty Sappers in Hospital
at Lucknow, sickness increasing
Sapper Wheeler too ill to remain at
duty gone to Calcutta worst Con-
- quences to be found unless medical
aid is immediately furnished.*

[True Copy]

Sgt. A. B. Kennedy

Spl. H. E. P. Logan

[True Copy]

M. W. Wheeler Major

Spl. H. E. P. Logan

27th April 1869.

Special Executive Engineer's
Office, Wynad & The Kadie
28th April 1869.

No 114

From, The Special Executive Engineer
Wynad.

To, The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works.
Madras.

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In a letter from the
Mr. B. B. B. to the
to the Secretary to
Government of the
Madras & Co. dated
28th April 1869 from

Dated 29th April 1869
Recd.
29th April 1869.

Copy of Telegram
to the Secretary to Government
Department Public Works.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st May 1869

Recd the following
From the Special Ex: Agent
in charge of Wynand } Permitted No 116 of 28th Feb/69

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under date 9th April 1869
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Noted 28 April 1843
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The Inspector General,
Indian Medical
Department

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Medical aid. Papering orders
on the letter from Major
Kennedy pointing out the
necessity for good and efficient
medical aid in the
Wynad.