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Executive Engineer's Office
Wynaad Limkadie
9th June 1849.

From,

The Officiating Executive Engineer
Wynaad.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works.
Madras.

Sir,

I regret to have the honor to inform you that I have to report the fall of the Dhoby Nullah Bridge at Manantoody-

2. On the 24th I received charge of the District and had proceeded as far as Calicut in order to meet Major Kennedy there before his departure and inspect some Timber which had been contracted for; as I was under the impression that the rains would set in early, I proceeded from Calicut to Tellicherry and thence to Manantoody by the Periah Pass, I did this with a view to acquaint myself with the coast communication with this Ghaut, and at the same

same time inspect the Chaut and work at Manantoddy.-

3. On Monday the 31st Ultimo I inspected the Post Office, Police Lines and Choby Nullah Bridge with Mr Dorsey. When I saw the latter I was very much disappointed to see that the arch had settled, separating from the blocking course, and having cracks in the coowen and haunches. I asked Mr. Dorsey who built this, he said he had on which I remarked "it does you no credit." I hoped against hope that it might stand especially as Mr Dorsey said there had been no settlement for the last 4 or 5 days, however all the time I was fully sure that the arch must collapse, from the appearance of the cracks.- Being on any inspection I awaited any return to Head Quarters to report to Mr Dorsey officially that I considered the Bridge unsafe, but the monsoon set in on the 2nd June, and before I got back I received a report of the fall of the Bridge.-

4. I have written to Mr Foster who is on leave reporting to him that I must hold him responsible for this and that I hoped he would return as early as practicable to enable me to see how far he was blamable, and whether my opinion of the unfitness of Mr Dorsey for his post was sufficiently substantiated by what I had seen of his work.-

5. Under the circumstances I am unable to give a fuller explanation and it is a matter of regret to me that it should be my first duty to have to bring such matter to the notice of Government.-

6. I have ordered Mr Dorsey to construct a temporary wooden bridge on the old site, and to open out the communication as soon as possible as this line of road is the only outlet to Coorg and Mysore.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

J. M. Raynsford Major
Officiating Executive
Engineer Wynaad.-

P. W. Dept.

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From the Offg: Sec: to Govt
Wynaad
No 1180 of 9 June 69

The Government
regret to hear of the fall of
the arch of the Sholay Nul-
lah Bridge. They observe
that Major Raynesford
is inclined to attribute
the failure to the unskil-
ful manner in which the
Arch was built under
the immediate super-
vision of Overseer Dorsey.
but that before expressing
any decided opinion, he
proposes to further in-
vestigate the matter
as

W.O.

To
The Secretary to Govt
of Madras
Public Works Dept
Ootacamund

The Executive Engineer Wynaad
No 1180
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Report the fall
of the Sholay Nullah
Bridge as mentioned in
the 5th June 1869 at 2 oclock
P.M.

Sd/ [illegible]
25th June 69

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on the return of the Range
Officer, Mr Kaster, who is at
present absent on leave -
A further report will there-
fore be awaited -

W.B.

To the Officer in charge
4th Bn. Operations in the
Wynaad -

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To

The Officer in Charge of Public Works Operations in the Wynaad

Dated

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Doby Nullah Bridge. A further report on the fall of the arch of the Doby Nullah Bridge in the Wynaad, awaited.