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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th November 1872.

No. 304. Read the following letter from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Luckadie, 29th October 1872, No. 501:—

With considerable doubt as to whether my forwarding it will be considered legitimate, I have the honour to request consideration of the enclosed application* from Overseer Edwards of the North Wynaad Range Establishment. His Range Officer recommends him strongly, and from what I have myself seen of the Overseer, I think he is likely to do well.

* Dated 10th October 1872.

2. He makes the request certainly under peculiar circumstances; it is quite true that he had a long journey from Madras to Manantoddy, and that he joined during the heavy monsoon, when cart-hire from Mysore to Manantoddy is very much more expensive than an Overseer's travelling allowance will cover. I was also forced, between the period of Mr. Potter giving over charge of the South Wynaad Range and the appointment of Mr. Brown as Taluq Overseer, to send Mr. Edwards temporarily to occupy the post; this too during the height of the monsoon. Mr. Edwards rejoined his own post within a month, and no doubt the move was a source of considerable expense; but all these I scarcely should in themselves consider as worthy of consideration, but the loss of a pony so soon after its purchase is a more serious matter, and not only involves a heavy loss to Mr. Edwards himself, but, unless replaced, it impairs his efficiency. Mr. Edwards has, of course, received the usual equipment grant, and his being under stoppages for the repayment of that interferes with any possibility of his commencing repayment of any further advance till the former is cleared. Mr. Edwards instances the case of Serjeant Armitage, to whom he says Government granted an advance under similar circumstances; and if the two are at all parallel perhaps the same indulgence may be extended in this instance also.

No. 305. Order thereon, 19th November 1872, No. 2,720.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 18.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to establish an inconvenient precedent by sanctioning the advance recommended to be made to Mr. Edwards. The application referred to as having been made on behalf of Serjeant Armitage was negatived.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Major R. B. Kennedy.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Manantoddy Dec 10. 1872

No 120
14 Dec 1872

To

The Officer in Charge
North Wynaad Range

Sir

In approaching you with the request I am about to make I hope you will not consider that I am unnecessarily intruding my affairs upon your notice

I find that the expence attending my taking up the post of Taluq Overseer in this department has entailed upon me a much heavier burden than I was prepared for or expected; and I am in consequence now saddled with a debt, which, weighing heavily on my mind embarrasses me in the performance of my public duties

It is no doubt that, under ordinary circumstances, the Government Allowance to the Soldier Student, which I receive, would have been sufficient to have equipped and started me in my new calling free of debt. But I venture to think that my case is exceptional. As in the first place I had much more than the average distance to travel in joining my appointment; and in the latter portion of this journey I had to pay exceptional rates for conveyance owing to it's being the season of the Monsoon. I was thus put to much greater expence than the Travelling Allowance I received could cover, Again the Pony which I was obliged to purchase to enable me to carry on my duties; has broken down and proved quite worthless; so that I am forced to purchase another before I have served three months, You are

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No 501.

Special Executive Engineer's
Office, Wynaad Sudadie
29th October 1872.

From,

The Special Executive Engineer
Wynaad

To,

The Secretary to Government
Department Public Works
Madras.

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aware what prices are demanded for anything in the shape of a horse in the Wynaad; and how heavily the loss I have sustained on this head must weigh on one who has nothing but his pay as Taluq Overseer, to depend on

Another cause of the difficulty in which I find myself is my temporary transfer to the Goodaloor Range, and my retransfer back, within so short a time. The above causes combined with the expensive cost of living in the Wynaad have involved me in liabilities that I find the greatest difficulty in meeting. And as I am informed the Government occasionally meet such cases as mine with a temporary advance may I ask you to represent the case with a view to my obtaining an advance of Rupees 200 to be repaid in six monthly instalments the first instalment to be paid in the month of February 1873. This favour if I might obtain it would enable me to pay off all my creditors and the easy terms of the repayment will enable me to keep clear of debt for the future

I beg to Remain
Sir
Your Most Obdt Servt
J. Edwards
Taluq Overseer

Manantoddy
10th Octr 1872

P.N. 5301/72.

was negatived...

Clerk

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To

Major R. B. Reno

Ca 13th Nov/7 Q. 14

C/o 5306

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To Major R. B. Kennedy

Dated 25 9

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G. O. 19th August, No. 2720.

Nos. 304 & 305

Overseer Edwards, Cuddapah Ryotwaad Range. Re advance of Rs: 600 to Mr Edwards, declined.