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No. 260. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 24th July 1873:—
From Colonel H. O'CONNELL, Officiating Quarter Master General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 18th July 1873, No. 554.

WITH reference to clause 2, paragraph 4, of letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Mullins, dated 1st April 1873, No. 201, published in Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 2,139, dated 30th June 1873, I have the honour, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to report, for the information of Government, that the whole of the lines of the Native Infantry Regiment at Vellore are situated on the ground which Lieutenant-Colonel Mullins considers should not be re-occupied.

2. After the disastrous floods at Vellore in May 1872, it became necessary to decide where huts for the regiment at the station should be re-built to replace those destroyed and to complete requirements. The Brigadier General Commanding the Centre District was sent to Vellore, to report on the subject and, after consideration, it was decided to rebuild on the

old site and its vicinity,* and it was understood that measures were to be taken to provide for the drainage of the locality.

3. The work of re-building the lines was consequently commenced and is now nearly finished. As the tanks are not to be restored and the banks of the cusbah nullah are to be strengthened, it is hoped that the lines in their present position will be safe from further accidents. But His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief desires to bring the subject to the notice of Government, as the opinion of Lieutenant-Colonel Mullins and of the Acting Collector of North Arcot, that the site on which the lines stand should not be re-occupied, was not known to the Military Authorities at head-quarters, or at Vellore, until it was too late to alter what had already been sanctioned and executed.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1873, No. 2,043.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 7.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer of North Arcot, who will report on the liability to damage from floods still

to be apprehended for houses built on the site referred to, under the new conditions established by G. O. No. 1,612, of 20th June.

2. It is to be regretted that such delay took place in setting at rest the question whether the tanks that breached were to be restored or not. The responsibility for such delay has already been determined by G. O. No. 2,917, of 10th December 1872, to lay with Colonel Moberly, late Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.
Chingleput.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Military Department.
Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Quartermaster General's Office
W.D., Cotacambú 18th July 1873.

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From
Colonel H. O'Connell
Offg. Quartermaster General

To
Colonel A. C. Silver
Secretary to Government
Military Department

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D^r Esq. H. Ingham
Ch^g Engineer
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J. H. Ingham
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To The District Engineer

North Arcot

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G. O. 15th Aug 1873. No. 2043.

NOE 16th July

Native Infantry Lines
at Vellore. Letter from
the S. M. General reporting
that the S. I. lines ~~have~~
have been reconstructed
on the same site ^{they} ~~occupied~~
when destroyed by the
Floods of last year,
Comd^t the S. I. Engrs.,
N. Arcot, with instructions.