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4th May 1874.*

No. 94. Read the following endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary, dated Fort St. George, 13th March 1874:—

From A. MacGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to the Honourable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Calicut, 28th February 1874, No. 13.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that I inspected the Hospital buildings at Vythery on the 10th February, and was concerned to see that the work was still far from complete and nearly at a stand still.

2. The revised estimate for this building, amounting to Rupees 8,750, was sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings of the 2nd September 1871, "looking to the urgent necessity for the speedy erection of the building and to the liberal co-operation evinced by the residents."

3. An allotment of 4,000 Rupees was made that year, and the further amount required was promised in the next year, 1872, within which it was supposed that the building would be completed. Seeing that the whole of 1873 had intervened, and that there seemed danger of a third monsoon overtaking the unfinished work, I wrote to Colonel Kennedy saying, "I regret to observe that little or no progress is being made, though it appears that nearly all the material is at site. As the completion of this building at the earliest possible date is most desirable, I request you will inform me what hindrance there is to its being pressed on."

4. I subjoin copy of Colonel Kennedy's reply,* from which it appears that funds are exhausted and that a revised estimate has been submitted to Government but not sanctioned, and that he has not yet got half the timber for the roof.

5. In the meantime I have received a letter,† of which I enclose a copy, from the Secretary to the Wynaad Planters' Association written in pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting held at Kalpathy on the 11th February calling attention to the extreme want of energy displayed in the building of the public Hospital at Vythery, and begging me to press on the building and furnish the Committee of the Association with some information as to what steps have been taken towards the completion of the work, of which there is such urgent necessity.

6. It will be observed from the last paragraph of Colonel Kennedy's letter that he resents my having sought information and urged expedition on the ground that the work is being carried on from Provincial Funds over which the Local Fund Board has no control. As President of the Local Fund Board on whom the charge of the Hospital will devolve, and as Magistrate of the District to whom Government look to take all precautions against sick coolies in Wynaad perishing along the roads for want of Hospital attendance and accommodation, I think I have not exceeded my powers in the action I have taken in the matter; as the representatives of the planting interest which has liberally contributed towards the institution now call on me in my capacity of Collector to explain

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why years pass without any return being obtained for their money, I have no alternative but to refer the matter to Government.

7. If funds are the difficulty, they would, I have no doubt, be allotted by the Local Fund Board from the General Fund; and if timber is still a difficulty, there is a stock of seasoned teak in the Government Depot at Calicut which could be easily carted to Vythery; and even if some excess were thereby caused in the estimate rates, it would surely be better than that the sick should be left to another season's exposure, and the building to the deteriorating effects of another monsoon.

8. I earnestly represent that the completion of the building before the 1st of June should be insisted on.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for disposal.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1874, No. 1,187.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 12.

THE Collector of Malabar will observe by G. O., No. 574, of 5th March, that the subject of his communication

has already been disposed of by Government; and the completion of the Vythery Dispensary before next monsoon insisted on, in anticipation of his request to that effect.

2. In the order above alluded to notice has already been taken of Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy's remissness in applying for funds until December last, the evil effect of which delay was enhanced by the further detention of his application in the office of the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.

3. Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy is now called upon to account for his method of dealing with a subject, the entire responsibility of which he has gratuitously taken on himself, and will explain the cause of his inaction in the matter from March to December 1873. By the former month it now appears that he had already spent Rupees 5,500 of Government money, being Rupees 450 in excess of the Government contribution sanctioned up to that date; and Rupees 3,156 of private contributions, leaving Rupees 544 of such contributions available, and which it is presumed that he availed himself of to the utmost. He was in want then of only Rupees 1,200 more and not of Rupees 1,650, the full amount of the excess of his estimate which has been granted him; and yet although he now admits not having half the roof timber ready by the middle of February 1874, he appears to have deliberately postponed taking any step towards ensuring the early completion of the building, although (its urgent necessity having been approved in G. O., No. 2,239, of 2nd September 1871,) he might safely have reckoned on compliance with any reasonable further demands such as his tardy reference resulted in. Under these circumstances, the tone assumed by him in replying to the representations of the President of the Local Fund Board,

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which were in no way inconsistent with the official position and duties of that officer, becomes an aggravated offence, of which Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy is cautioned not again to be guilty.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
To Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. Kennedy.
To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
... Financial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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N. 149.

Eng. Dr. Engineer's Office
Lacharic, Wymad, 19th February 1874.

From

The Special Creative Engineer
Wymad.

To

The President, Local Fund Board,
Calicut Circle.

Sir,

Reference your letter No. 734 of 17th February 1874.

I have the honor to inform you
that you are mistaken in supposing that
nearly all the materials are at site, as I
have not yet got half the timber required
for the Roofing.

2. The principal obstacle is in
exhaustion of Funds: a revised estimate
has been submitted to Government but
not yet sanctioned.

3. I would point out that the
work in question is being constructed
under Provincial Head and therefore

is

is not within the control of the Local
Lands Board.

Have seen

by R. B. Kennedy, Lieut. Col.

M. R. Engineer, Wynard.

1 True Copy,

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In a letter from the
Collector of Malabar
to the A. Chief Secretary
to Government, No. 13
dated 28th February 1874.

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Enc. No. 2.
P.G. 74th May 1874
In P.N. No. 94.
G.O. No. 1187th May 74.

Reporting on the progress
of the work of the Vythery
Hospital.

In P.N. No. 349/74

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(Copy)

Mynd Planters Association

Vythery 24th February 1874.

A. Mailpiper Esq.

Collector of Malabar

Calicut.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you
that at the last general meeting of this Asso-
ciation, a resolution was passed requesting
me to write and call your attention to
the extreme want of energy displayed in
the building of the public Hospital at Vythery,
and to beg that you will be good enough
to furnish the Committee of the Association
with some information as to what steps
have been taken towards the completion
of the work, for which it is believed that you
have a considerable amount of public money
in hand.

It is unnecessary for me to point
out to you the urgent necessity that
exists for the immediate completion of
this building and for its proper working
organization

organization. The Planters have already
shown their appreciation of this necessity
by their liberal subscriptions to the work.

I have the honor to beg, therefore,
that you will cause steps to be taken
for the progress of the building, such as
will ensure its being finished within
reasonable time.

I have dear

Dr E. L. Thompson

How. Secretary

1. This Copy,

Albany

Collectors

In a letter from the
Collector of Malabar
to the Chief Secretary
of Government, No. 13-dated
28th February 1874.

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Sac. No. 1.
P. No. 74th May/74
In No. 94th

Urging the necessity of early
completion of the Hospital
at Vythiri.

In P. No. 349/74

No. 13.

From,

A. Mac Gregor Esq.
Collector of Malabar.

The Honble D. F. Carmichael.
As. Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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that I inspected the Hospital Buildings
at Vythiri on the 10th February and was con-
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2. The revised estimate for this building
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"speedy erection of the building and to the liberal
"co-operation evinced by the Residents"

3. An allotment of 4000 Rs was made
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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obt. servant

A. Macfarlane

Collector.

1187 Public Works Department
 Proceedings of the Malabar Government
 Under date the March 18/74

Read the following:-

From the Collector of Malabar (N.E. No. 13 of 28 February 1874)

The Collector of Malabar
 will observe by G.O. No. 1187 of 5 March that the subject of his communication has already been disposed of by Government; and the completion of the Vythery Dispensary before next monsoon insisted on, in anticipation of his request to that effect.

In the order above alluded

Pres. W. D. 2 of 28 Feb 1874
 1874
 For the year
 28-15-74
 From
 The Collector of Malabar
 The Chief Secretary's Office
 Madras
 G.O. No. 1187-4-5-74
 Dated 28 February 1874
 Received 23 March 1874
 No. 13 of 28 Feb 1874
 G.O. No. 1187-4-5-74
 Request made to take steps to complete the Dispensary building at Vythery before June next and objects to Col. Kennedy's statement information being asked for by the Pres. L. F. B. Transferred

transferred to the Public Works Department for disposal.
 J. S. George
 13 March 1874
 To the Public Works Dept.
 with 2 copies
 J. S. George
 13 March 1874

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being Rs 450 in excess
of the Government Con-
tribution sanctioned up
to that date; and Rs 3156
of Private Contributions
leaving Rs 514 of such
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only Rs 1200 more and
not of Rs 1650 the full
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94-95
 10 April 19/4
 20 April 19/4
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Govt. of 1874 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Insp. Genl.
for Buildings.

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

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G. O. 1187
1874, No.

Nos. 94-95

Civil Dispensary at
Vythiri, Wynad.

Passing orders on a
letter from the Collector of
Malabar requesting the
completion of the Building
before June next, and
censuring Mr. Coll. Kennedy
for the tone assumed by him
in replying to the representations
made on the subject of
the progress of the work.