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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
28th August 1874.*

No. 716A. Read the following letter from Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Neilgherries, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 31st July 1874, No. 249:—

THE estimate for the completion of No. 4 Barrack at Wellington has been sanctioned in Public Works G. O., No. 1,890, dated 14th July 1874, and, I believe, funds are to be provided for the work in 1875-76. In order to make a good commencement with the building and to insure its early completion, it is in my opinion very necessary that the frames of the doors and windows and the trusses of the roof be got ready at once. Without the frames the brick-work cannot be begun, and without the trusses the roof will be delayed. I believe I shall be able to arrange for the timber being supplied, in which case the only expense that need be incurred will be for Carpenters. Twelve or fifteen Carpenters for six months would cost only about 2,000 Rupees, which sum I have the honor to solicit sanction to be spent within the current official year. As all skilled labor on these hills is, as you are aware, imported, it will be impossible early next official year to procure Bricklayers until the door and window frames are ready, for, if got, they would have nothing to do. If, however, the sanction I now ask for is granted, I shall be able to begin the walls in March next and work on them for some few months before the rains commence.

2. In asking for this I am limiting myself to the lowest request I can make. If Government feel disposed to give me such a sum, I could easily spend in the current official year Rupees 10,000 on this building.

No. 716B. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1874, No. 2,451-A.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 14.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council is unable to appropriate more than Rupees 4,000 for the purpose in view out of the current year's reserve; but desires that that sum may be utilized to the utmost in preparing for building operations next year on a large scale.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Neilgherries. +
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.
Spare Copies

Bricklayers

District Engineer's Office
Ottawa 1st July 1874.
No. 249.
To
The District Engineer
Nizhny
The Chief Engineer
& Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

The Estimate for the completion
of No. 4 Barracks at Wellington has been
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will be delayed. I believe I shall be able
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be incurred will be for Carpenters. Twelve
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In asking for this I am limiting myself to the lowest request I can make. If Government feel disposed to give me such a sum I could easily spend in the current official year Rs. 10,000 on this building.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant,

James Mount
Captain R.C.
District Engineer

1874
P. No. 2119
From.

The District Engineer
Kilgumie

The Acting Engineer
& Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 30th July 1874.
Recd 25th August

Solids Sanction
for Rs. 10,000 to be
expended during the
current official year
on a/c of No. 4 Block
of Barrack at Willing.

With order.

+ 1. Copies despatched 9/9/74.
The District Engineer
Kilgumie
P.W.D.
Dated 30th July 1874.
Recd 25th August

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Dist. Engr.
Neylherrie

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 28th August 1874, No. 2457

Nos. 716A-716B.

No. 4 Barrack at
Wellington - Neylherrie

Rs. 4000 allotted
from the Current Year's
Reserve for preparation of
building materials for
the commencement of the
work next year —

P. W. D.
Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Under date the 187

Read the following:

From
The Govt of India - (H. E. Secy to Govt, 8/17 July 1874)

Ordered that the
following letter be sent.
H. E. Secy to Govt, dated

To: The Secy: to the Govt
of India, 8/16.

Sir: In reply to your letter
of the 14th July 1874, No 308 B.
I am directed to state that
the only Public know-
ment or Building of
such Historical or Archi-
tectural character as to
be an object of public

The S. I requested, per
their Circular of
13 Feb/75, that
"all buildings &
monuments" of historical

714-716.

Recd 15/8/74 Retd 17/8/74

interest, actually under
the charge of the Public
Works Dept. of this
Presidency is the old
Palace known as Piro-
malai Naik's at Var-
adur, now being restored
and adapted for public
purposes after the design
of Mr. H. H. Holm the Jon-
-sulting Architect to
Govt. and under the
supervision of Lieut.
Col. H. Fisher R.E. Div.
-strict Engineer of Madras.

rather unsatisfactory. If
we cannot account for
the complete disregard of
their expressed wishes,
we ought to say that it
shall cease.
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100 11/1/14 11/1/14

on other public
interest should be
attended to as
required (it is appan)
by the P. W. Code.
My own (a year & a half
afterwards) ask us what
"Public Buildings are
under the care of the
P. W. Dept. Monuments
&c. of interest are
under our care (i.e.
that of our P. W. Dept.)
we reply that there is
only one. This means

Public Works Dept

It is assumed with refer-
ence to the Right Hon. Secy.
The Government remarks on
the accompanying Draft.
That the practice in the
Madras Presidency has
been to consider the charge
of all Buildings of the
description alluded to as
being vested in the Res-
-ident Officials of each
District; excepting those
that may be from time
to time actually in the
hands of Pub. Works Officers
for restoration or repair -
which accounts for the in-
-completeness of the return
now proposed to be sent
to the Govt of India.
It is probable that their
call was connected with
the accompanying Des.
patch to their address
from the Secy of State for
India, of which copy has
lately been received from
London. More direct
action on the part of the