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7th July 1874.*

No. 122F. Read the following letter from Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Neilgherries, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 8th June 1874, No. 180:—

In reply to Public Works G. O., No. 1,443, of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to submit a revised estimate, amounting to Rupees 540, for the expenses connected with the working of the prisoners on the reclamations at Ootacamund during the current official year.

2. The item for superintendence, which I have reduced one-half, is really necessary. The "general agency" at my disposal in Ootacamund consists only of one Overseer, who has to look after a good many works in Ootacamund as well as all the roads to the west of the district. His hands are quite full. The convict warders are not under my orders, and are hardly of any use in getting work out of the men. The prisoners have to have their tasks measured out and allotted to them every morning, and frequent levels have to be taken up to which they have to work. Tools and plant have also to be issued and taken care of. My predecessor used to employ a Superintendent on Rupees 30 per mensem to overlook the prisoners, and a Storekeeper on Rupees 8 per mensem besides; and he also had under him an Assistant Engineer, who used to line out and give levels for the work. Under these explanations I trust the reduced charge for superintendence will be passed.

3. The other charge for baskets, tools, planks for barrows, wheelbarrows, etc., was fully explained in my letter printed with Public Works G. O., No. 625, of the 10th of March last. Such monthly charges are really necessary, and are much less than were expended by my predecessor. I trust they will be passed.

No. 122G. ORDER THEREON, 7th July 1874, No. 1,819-D.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 9A.

THE estimate, amounting to Rs. 540, for incidental expenses connected with the convict gangs employed on lake reclamation at Ootacamund, is sanctioned. Funds for specific allotment are however not at present available, the cost will therefore be met from savings later in the year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Neilgherries.

„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Revised Estimate No 24 of 1874-75

Kailgherry District

Cost of Maintaining the Convicts on
the Reclamations at Cotacamund.

Number	Particulars	Rate	Amount
1	Pay of convict Superintendent	25	300
	Repairing Tools and Plant Wheelbarrows & baskets &c	20	240
			540
	Total Cost Rupees		540

J. M. Morant
Captain R.E.

Cotacamund District Engineer's Office (District Engineer)

8th June 1874

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Letter from the District Engineer,
Neilgherry, No. 180, dated 8th June 1874.

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