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No. 397A. Read the following letter from W. A. GOODCHAP, Esq., District Engineer, Kurnool, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Kurnool, 30th March 1875, No. 19 :—

As reported in my letter, No. 17, dated 6th instant, Mr. Overseer Bond and the Cumbum Range Establishment came to Kurnool on the 9th March 1875 at my request, on account of their bad state of health. While I was out in the district with the Collector, Mr. Bond finding that his health had somewhat improved started off for Cumbum on the 24th instant, to measure up certain works and close accounts for the current year, leaving the Range Establishment at Kurnool, where he proposed to return on the 14th April 1875. I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter received from Mr. Overseer Bond this day, giving a description of his own health as also of the subordinates at present in the Cumbum Range.

2. As soon as I am able to make arrangements to relieve the sick subordinates in the Cumbum Range a further report will be forwarded.

From Mr. H. M. BOND, Overseer in charge of Cumbum Range, to W. A. GOODCHAP, Esq., District Engineer, Kurnool, dated Cumbum, 28th March 1875, No. 784.

I AM again compelled to bring the following facts to your notice.

2. I am sorry to inform you that fever is still raging very badly in the range.

3. As soon as I came on the Nandicanama Ghaut I was attacked, and am still suffering from the weakening effects of the attack.

4. Mr. Nipps* and his writer had left the ghaut with severe fever, and the state I saw them in at Kristnachettipully was pitiful.

* Local Fund Overseer.

5. The work-people on the ghaut are suffering a great deal, and I myself counted thirteen men prostrated with fever. Two deaths from fever have occurred. A great many fever cases have been sent to their respective villages, and it is feared that a good number have succumbed to the malaria.

6. The extra Overseer whom I placed in temporary charge of the taluq has been, and is now, very bad with fever. In my opinion an immediate change is necessary for the safety of his life.

7. The Contractor and his work-people who undertook the execution of our irrigation works have been very bad. Two of his men were sent to Madras in a dying state, and the Contractor himself, who was a strong and hale man, is now almost a shadow of his former self.

8. The Markapoor Taluq Overseer has been very bad with fever all this month, and he is now in a very weak state.

9. It is with great regret that I have to report to you the death of Ramanjooloo Naidoo, the draughtsman you lately sent to this range and whose resignation you lately accepted, after a severe illness from fever; he died on the evening of the 26th instant. Rupees 2-8-0 are due to him as salary. I beg to request order as to the disposal of this amount.

10. The Acting Local Fund Sub-Overseer of Cumbum taluq left the taluq for his own village, very dangerously ill. They were compelled to take him away as he was almost dying.

11. All temporary maistries are down with the fever. Every one, even the old inhabitant, dreads the place.

12. I can assure you that I am quite unfit for any effective duty, and I must beg of you to relieve me immediately on my arrival at Kurnool at least for a couple of months, to enable me to go to Madras or elsewhere for a change. I feel myself going down-hill rapidly.

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15th April 1875.

13. Under all the circumstances detailed, I am sure you will see the necessity of making some arrangements to relieve the existing establishment here, for I am certain, and the Medical Officer is of the same opinion, that the lives of many of them are not at all safe if they continue any longer as they are doing.

14. The Forest Overseer and his father are very bad. The former has to hurry away to Madras with a constitution perhaps ruined for life.

15. The Medical Officer here has been so bad that he hopes to be soon transferred.

16. I have had this fever on me for the last seven months, and I must only appeal to you to judge of the effects it must have on my constitution.

P.S.—I feel so weak and depressed that I will have to return to Kurnool in a few days. I am with great difficulty closing the official year.

No. 397B. ORDER THEREON, 15th April 1875, No. 1,050-A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 33A.

RECORDED with reference to Revenue Department Order, No. 499, of 31st March 1875.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 19 District Engineer's Office,
Camp Kurnool Taluk
The 30th March 1875,

From,
The District Engineer,
Kurnool,

To,
The Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
Madras.

Enclosures,

Subject: State of Cumbum Range Establishment.

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E. P. Goodchap
Dist Engineer

No 784

Cumbum
28 March 1875

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I initialed H. M. B.

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H Goodchap
District Engineer

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From, No. 2147.

The District Engineer

Kurnool.

To,

The Chief Engineer

P.W.D.

Madras

No. 19

Dated 30 March 1875.

Received 3rd Apl.

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Subject. Informs the sickly state of Cumbum Range Establishment.

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Cumbum Ranger Establishment. Letter from the Dy. Engr. Kurnool, reporting on the — recommended.

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C. No. 2260 Revenue Dept. 5/5/1875.

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