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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th May 1875.*

No. 297. Read the following letter from Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 27th
April 1875, No 17 —

IN reply to G O., No. 994-C, of 13th April, I have the honor to inform you that
the centring used for the Oopaur bridge was the usual wooden truss centring supported
on brick-in-chunam or stone-in-chunam pillars, and that the accident happened when
the water rose above the pillars

2 I have no fear of any further accident, as each arch has now a dam across it
whilst under construction so as to prevent any wash of water.

3 Seven out of the nine arches are now completed.

4. The services of the extra officer in the district, Mr. J. P. Davidson, were not
made available for the work, as paragraph 2 of the G. O., dated 27th November 1874,
No. 3,358-B, seemed to say that the Assistant Engineers were to be employed at head-
quarters to enable them to study the language, beside which I did not consider it
advisable to place so young an officer as Mr. Davidson unacquainted with the district
in entire charge of such an important work, and I could not put him under Mr. Nichol-
son's orders, or Mr Nicholson under his orders. Mr. Davidson has however twice
visited the work, and is on the spot now.

No 298. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1875, No. 1,367.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 20.

RECORDED, and the Superintending
Engineer's attention called to the conclud-
ing remark of the Chief Engineer's memo-
randum in Financial Order, No. 1,418, of 25th August 1874, which contemplated the
employment of the extra officer on the work.

(True Extract.)

Lieut -Colonel, R.E.,
Offg Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore
„ Financial Department
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

W. 1875 Sept
From 22797.
The Supg Engineer
Calicutore
To The Secretary to Govt.
P.W. Dept Madras

Dated 27th April
 Recd 29th 1878
 No 17

Informs what the
 centring used for the
 Copaux bridge was
 made of and states
 how the accident
 happened and that
 the service of Mr
 Davidson was not
 availed of for the
 work.
 E.C. No. 406, P-5-75-

405 Sept 7/74 to 31 Dec.
- 27- Nov - - 5018-5017
- 3- Dec - - 43 km.
- 13- April /75 - 2878-2877.

of Decr. 1867 of 13th May 1868 - 10th July 1868
Recorded - Wine the day
has attention called to the
conducting demand of the
Chief Magistrate means, in
his order Nº 1418 of 25th Aug.
1874, which contemplates
the employment of the School
Officers in the work -
- 867-66255 - 1000

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Govt. of 1875 Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Engineer,

Dated *✓* *Chimbat*

Recd Encl

G. O. 12th May 1875, No 131

Nos 297-298

Popaur Bridge, Chimbat

The District Engineer's explanation as to the contracting of the ——— recorded, and the Superintending Engineer's attention called to the concluding remark of the Chief Engineer's Memo: in Financial Order No 1418 of 23rd August 74, which contemplated the employment of the extra officer on the work.