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No. 290. Read the following letter from E. H. PRINGLE, Esq., Acting Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Luckadie, 24th June 1875, No. 514:—

IN reference to G. O., No. 1,491, dated 31st May 1875, I respectfully submit that, in Wynaad, the undue prevalence of fever is a fair plea for short expenditure, one that cannot be foreseen, and to which, therefore, a less severe expression than "very far from satisfactory" might be used.

2. The last five or six months have been more than usually unhealthy even for Wynaad; the fever has been of a bad type, the bilious remittent; and, from the small European community, has carried off no less than two members, whilst hardly any one has escaped an attack. Amongst East Indians and Natives fatal cases have been far from uncommon, and the amount of sickness and consequent short work have so seriously told on progress, that, but for the occurrence of a very late and mild monsoon, there would have been danger of more than one casualty to bridges, &c.

3. All skilled labor is foreign to the district, and therefore peculiarly liable to the effect of the climate. As a fact, it is no uncommon thing to find masonry at a stand-still for days consecutively by the absence, through sickness, of the whole gang of bricklayers employed on it, and of course with them, attendant labor and consumption of material ceases also.

4. On the other hand during a healthy season as much as perhaps 75 per cent. of one's labor may be counted on as available for work.

5. With such inconstant data it is next to impossible to calculate expenditure, even approximately, for two or three weeks beforehand, much less foresee the wants of two or three months.

6. I trust I shall be excused in thus noticing the order; I have done so, because it seemed to me that the difficulties, especially in the labor question, that a Range Officer in Wynaad has to contend with are hardly realized. As regards obtaining coolies indeed, he is worse off than the Planter, who has the power, denied to the Range Officer, of making large advances to maistries, and withal the cry of the Planter is for more labor.

No. 291. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1875, No. 1,951.

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(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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No. 514. Special Executive Engineer's Office,
Suckradie, Wynnaad, 24th June 1875.

From E. H. Tringle Esqre,
Mg. Special Executive Engineer,
Wynnaad.

To The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

F. T. Smith

Ag. Spt. Engr. Engineer,
Wynad.

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to Government,
Public Works Dept.,
Albany.

No 514.
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of the short representation
of P. 4118 from the
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the construction of
the collector's cut-
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With order -

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To The Engineer
Wynne

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Short outlay on the
construction of Deputy
Collector's Cutcherry at
Manantoddy, Wynnad.

Letter from the Acting Special
Executive Engineer explaining
the ———, recorded.

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