

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th August 1875.*

No. 192. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 7th August 1875, No. 3,775:—
From Surgeon-General E. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to Captain R. THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated Fort St. George, 4th August 1875, No. 6,232.

THE Acting Fort Surgeon has handed to me the Assistant District Engineer's demi-official letter intimating that the Red Hills water was to be introduced into this Fortress this week "to supply the Fort in every way," and I beg the favor of your perusal of the correspondence following on my receipt of the Assistant District Engineer's letter.

2. I beg to mention that, in my opinion, in the present condition of the Red Hills water, it is not fit to be used for drinking or for cooking purposes.

THE Red Hills water will be brought into the Fort some day this week not yet decided, but you shall be duly informed. It is intended to supply the Fort in every way, and will be brought in by pipes now containing Seven Wells water, the connexion having been made outside the Fort:

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd August 1875.

(Signed) R. E. HAMILTON,
Assistant Engineer, Fort Range.

From Surgeon-General E. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, to Surgeon-Major W. MACRAE, Acting Chemical Examiner, Madras, dated Fort St. George, 4th August 1875, No. 6,224.

INFORMATION received is to the effect that the Red Hills water is to be let into the Fort this week to supply the residents with water for all purposes to be carried through the Seven Wells water pipes and to take the place of the Seven Wells water.

2. I have the honor to request the favor of your ascertaining whether the Red Hills water be now potable, and if not deemed by you to be so I ask the favor of your observations.

From Surgeon-Major W. MACRAE, Acting Chemical Examiner, Madras, to Surgeon-General E. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 4th August 1875, No. 300.

IN reply to your No. 6,224, dated 4th August 1875, I have the honor to inform you that, in my opinion, the Red Hills water is not potable at present.

2. It would be a serious mistake to mix it with the water of the Seven Wells.

No. 6,259.

TRUE copies forwarded to the Quartermaster-General of the Army, Fort St. George.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th August 1875.

(Signed) E. BALFOUR, Surgeon-General,
Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.

No. 251.

FORWARDED for the information of Government, with a request that immediate instructions may be issued to postpone the introduction of the Red Hills water into

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Fort St. George, and further that no orders may be issued for the supply being made without previous communication with the Military authorities.

(By order,)

OOTACAMUND,
7th August 1875.

(Signed) A. HOWLETT, Brigadier-General,
Quartermaster-General.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department for *very early* attention.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, Milly. Dept.

No. 193.

ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1875, No. 2,319.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 7.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Presidency, who will take no further steps for supply of Red Hills water to the Fort without previous communication with the Military authorities.

2. The following telegram was despatched to the District Engineer on the 7th idem :—

“Postpone supply of Red Hills water to the Fort till further orders.”

3. Further inquiry on the subject of the impurity of the water which it was intended to bring into the Fort, in supersession of the Seven Wells supply, will be made of the Municipality by the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
„ Military Department.
„ Financial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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M.S.D.S. 10/8/45.

For

Dist. Eng. Presidency
Military Dept. ✓
Finl. Dept. ✓
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Engineer
Presidency

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G. O. 10th Sep 1875, No. 23/9

Nos. 190-193

Supply of water to the
to the Fort - Passing Order
in letter endorsement of the
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from the Surgeon General
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the re-arrangement of the