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8th September 1875.*

No. 122. Read the following letter from A WEDDERBURN, Esq, Collector of Coimbatore, to Major-General G W. WALKER, R E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 21st August 1875, No 56 —

WHEN I visited Caroor in December 1873, I found a brick obelisk tomb $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Caroor, on the right bank of the Anbravutty, situated in a field by a lane; it was locally reported that the British troops occupied the rock pagoda on the Tandony Hill, about 2 miles from Caroor, on the Dindigul Road. With a view of preserving the memory of any officer who may have fallen or died at the storming or taking of the fort of Caroor by a stone tablet (the obelisk tomb being nameless), I addressed the late Lieutenant-Colonel R S Wilson, Madras, who I understood was engaged in writing a History of the Madras Army, if he could inform me of the name of any officer who fell or died at that event. I received the enclosed reply from Colonel J. W. Wilson last June, from which it appears that the officer who fell at the taking of the fort of Caroor on the 2nd of April 1783 was named Lieutenant Stanly of the then 102nd Regiment.

2 I have the honor, therefore, to propose that the tomb may be preserved. I enclose a plan of it, and an estimate for repairs amounting to Rupees 10. The estimate does not include the cost of a stone tablet with inscription, which, if approved, may be ordered through the Public Works Department of Trichinopoly, where they are prepared.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J W WILSON, Retired List, to A WEDDERBURN, Esq, Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 18th June 1875.

WITH reference to a letter written by you to the late Colonel R S Wilson, about a year ago, regarding a tomb at Caroor, I have the honor to inform you that in perusing the records for April 1783 I this day came upon the copy of a letter from Colonel Ross Lang, then Commanding the Army in the Southern Districts, from which it appears that he laid siege to Caroor in the end of March, and that the enemy evacuated the fort during the night of the 2nd April. His loss during the siege was 1 Officer killed, 19 Europeans and 30 Sepoys killed and wounded. The name of the officer was Lieutenant Stanly (*sic* in original) of the 102nd Regiment, which Regiment, I need hardly say, has no connection with that now bearing the same number.

No 123 ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1875, No 2,544

CIVIL WORKS, No 7

THE Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, will carry out the necessary repairs, and obtain from Trichinopoly and insert a tablet bearing the following inscription —

“ This obelisk commemorates the siege of the Fort of Caroor and its evacuation on the 2nd April 1783. During which operations there was sustained a loss of

1 Officer, Lieutenant Stanly, 102nd Regiment (killed).

19 Europeans } killed and wounded ”
30 Sepoys }

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3th September 1875.

- 2 The Collector will adopt the necessary measures for preservation of the memorial and tablet, making the local* and village authorities responsible for their condition.

* Tahsildar at Caroor

(True Extract)

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

Cotacamund 18th June 1875

To,

Andrew Wedderburn Esquire
Collector of Coimbatore
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the same number.

I have &c
1st J. W. Wilson
Lieut. Colonel Retired List.

True Copy

from Mackenzie
for Collectors

GP 8 September 1875

1875/9/8

Copy of letter from Sir
J. Wilson, regarding the
Bombay Museum

See letter from Sir J. Wilson
of London, to the Secretary
to Govt. of India, dated 1875.
August 1875, vol. 56.

N^o 56.

Coimbatore Collectors
Office, 21st August 1875.
From, A. Wedderburn Esquire
Collector of
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To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

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I have the honor to be,

Sir
Your most obed^t Serv^t

John MacRae
to Collector.

Received
by the
Collector
of Trichinopoly
on the 10th of
June 1843

Public Works Dept.
No 2544

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 8th Sept 1895
Read the following

From
The collector of { H.E. No 56 of 21st Aug 95 }
Coimbatore

The Supg Engr.,
Coimbatore, will carry
out the necessary
repairs, and obtain
from Trichinopoly and
insert, a Tablet bearing
the following inscription

"This obelisk com-
memorates the Siege
of

MR
11/9

D. 27th Sept. 1895 Supl.

The Collector of

Coimbatore

to the Secretary to Government

Public Works Dept.

No: 5804

Reference August 1895 = 3

No: 56.

Referring to previous letter

from the same source and

substantially returned in form

as per

9th & September 1895

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Return - 6.9.75
Ci - 26.8.75
At. 19 Aug 75

of the Fort of Caroor
and its evacuation on
the 2nd April 1783

During which operations
there was sustained a
loss of

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19 Europeans
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for preservation
of the Monument
and Tablet, pre-
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and Village An-
tiquities, respec-
tively for their
conservation.

Supg Engr Combatore with
plan and estimate
Contd of P.W. Accts 5
Military Dept 18
Public Dept 7
Rev. Sept. 22 - 1850

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1875
of 1875 Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
H. S. Hughes
Cumbesaru

D. d.

L. d.

P. d.

8 Sept. 2544

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Obtained from at Caroor
Lachmoford, B. Comptroller
Dr - Passing orders on
letter from the ^{filling} ~~filling~~ ^{filling} ~~filling~~
reporting on the - & sub-
mitting estimates for
repairs to the same

10/10/75