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Read the following papers:—

No. 571. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 27th August 1875, No. 4,149.

From Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 25th August 1875, No. 342.

With reference to your docket No. 3,866, of the 11th instant, referring, for the opinion of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, a proposal contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of O. G., No. 2,149, of the 26th ultimo, in the Public Works Department, to utilize a block of fifteen huts between Burnfoot and the Lawrence Asylum for the use of the Sappers and Miners, I have the honor, by order, to report that the site is considered to be very suitable, and, from its position, there will be a saving of about 1½ miles in distance for these men proceeding to their work. Water is available from a stream which passes close by the huts and discharges into the valley below.

2. The huts will require to be provided with means of ventilation. A latrine and bathing place also are needed. It is understood that the Executive Engineer is prepared to provide these arrangements.

3. His Excellency wishes to be informed whether, until the new accommodation can be provided, the existing arrangements for shelter of the Sappers will be allowed to continue. If so the full Company of Sappers can be sent to the Hills in relief, but otherwise the strength of the Sappers will necessarily have to be reduced in accordance with the available accommodation. Considering the useful works on which the Sappers on the Hills are engaged in His Excellency would regret such a step.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

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

No. 571-A. From Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 17th September 1875, No. 316.

With reference to paragraph 3 of Public Works G. O., No. 2,149, of the 26th July last, I have the honor to forward correspondence as per margin, and beg to be allowed to point out that the Commissioner of the Nilgiris has made a mistake with regard to the Lovedale lines required for a portion of the Company of Sappers here.

1. Letter from Captain Winterbotham to District Engineer.
2. Letters from District Engineer, to Commissioner.
3. Letters from Commissioner, to District Engineer.

2. I will submit the site-plans required in a few days.

No. 572. Order thereon, 24th September 1875, No. 2,770.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 14.

It appears that a mistake has been made by the Commissioner of the Nilgiris as to the huts, possession of which was desired; those to which his letter, recorded with G. O., No. 2,149, of 26th July, refers

being quite unfit for the accommodation of Sappers. But it is of no consequence. Funds cannot be provided till next year, when the construction of quarters for thirty-five men on the site already approved, behind Lower Norwood, will be proceeded with on the estimate of Rupees 12,147, which is hereby sanctioned. Till their construction the Sappers will continue to be hutted as at present.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nilgiris.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.
" Financial do.

No 136 Dated Ootacamund July 19th 1875

From Captain H. W. Winterbotham
Comg. Sappers & Miners
To The District Engineer
Nilgiris

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills to the Trustees of the Lawrence Asylum, Lovedale advising for Captain Auber the proposal of the Lawrence Asylum situated near the Lake in order to House two Sappers"

The Committee of the Lawrence Asylum decided at its last meeting that there was no objection to the huts being used for this purpose.

The housing of the Sappers appears being a D.P.W. charge I presume that I am more aware of the Commissioner's application and I cannot but think that I also as the party chiefly concerned might have been informed of and allowed to have had a voice in the matter wherein but that I happen

to be a member of the Engineer Department
Committee I should have been in total
ignorance of the provisions for hearing
the Appeals in the Suits referred to
the object of my present letter is
to place on record my protest against
the hearing of the Appeals in the Suits.
of Hamilton the spot on which three
Suits are built a more unfit site or one
more inconvenient for an enemy
more thoroughly unadapted for the hearing
of the Appeals could not be selected
and the Issues themselves are in no
particular to all intended by the
requirements of a number of Cases
and quite unfit to be decided
"Waterbottom"
Comp. "C" Company Sappers & Miners

True Copy

Distrct Engr.

Distrct Engineer Office
Cataraqui
27th July 1875

From
The Distrct Engineer
Kingston

To
The Commissioner
Kingston

Sir

I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed Copies of letters as per margin and request you will be so good as to inform Capt Winterbottom that your application regarding the Carpenters Huts was made by you without the smallest reference to me.

2. With reference to your para 4 ult. I have the honor to refer you to my letter No 131. of the 8th July 75. which gives the information you require.

I have the honor
to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
J. E. Wemyss Capt R.E.
Distrct Engr.

True Copy

J. E. Wemyss Capt R.E.
Distrct Engr.

Commissioners Office
Rotacamund 31st July 187

No 18

From

F. P. Cockerell Esquire
Commissioner Neilgiris

To

The District Engineer
Neilgiris

Sir

Your letter No 217 dated 27th inst
states "I invite your attention to letters as
" per margin and regret you will be so
good as to inform Captain Winterbottham
that your application regarding the Car-
=penters Hut was made by you without
the smallest reference to me"

2 It does not appear to me that I
need address Captain Winterbottham
acted on an order of Government which
runs "Captain Morant however adds
that if a block of lines containing 15
huts between Burnfoot Lake and the
Lawrence Asylum now in possession of that
Institution could be given up for the use
of the Sappers the cost of additional
accomodation may be reduced to Rs 7272"

3. I am not aware whether you
Consulted Captain Winterbottham before
drawing

making this recommendation. It would perhaps have been better if you had consulted me

I have &c.

Lt. Col. R. Lockerell

Commissioner

No 258.

District Engineers Office

Batacamund

5th August 1875

From

The District Engineer

Nulgherries

To

The Commissioner

Nulgherries

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter No 18. of 31st ultimo and as you appear so far as I understand you, to be under a misapprehension regarding the fact of the case, I beg you to be allowed, to trouble you with a few observations

2. I addressed Government on the usual Course regarding a block of lines between Burnfoot Lake and the Lawrence Asylum, after Consulting Captain Winterbotham Concerning their Suitability for the Sufferers. He inquired of the Revd. O Dene who informed him that they could be spared if the other lines now occupied by the men were given up to the asylum. Under these circumstances I saw no utility in Consulting you. Had it occured to me that it would have been agreeable to you I should have done it with pleasure.

3. In para 5 of your letter No M. of the 18th of June last to the address of the Revd. Rector of the Lawrence Asylum you refer to certain Huts near the Lake built for the accommodation of Workmen, and ask if they be

made

made over to House the Sappers.
These Huts are quite distinct from the
Lines" referred to by Government.
your reference to the Rev. Principal was
thus based on a wrong issue,

I have &c
(Signed) J. Le Marchant Capt. R.E.
District Engineer.

Copy

Capt. R.E.
District Engineer

Commissioners Office
No. 19 Ootacamund 11th August 87

From Lt. Col. R. Beverley C.S.I.
Commissioner Nilgiris

To The District Engineer
Nilgiris

Sir

I your letter No. 238 dated 5
instant informing me that my letter
the Principal of the Lawrence Asylum
was based on a wrong issue, and that
I you did not consult me in reference t
the "Lines containing 15 Huts" because
I did not occur to you a reference
be agreeable

2. I am under the impression that
the lines were asked for by you in
consultation with Captain Winterbotha
I refer to those lines in addressing you
=ment and the Principal. It is true
I wrote to the Principal about "Huts"
It would have been more precise if I
had used the words of the Government
order "lines containing 15 Huts"

3. You will no doubt perceive tha
my reference to my being consulted
was not personal. It was a melio

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of indicate my that if I had been
notified of your and Captain Fenton
both of the proposals the inconvenience
of the correspondence which has
since occurred would have been
avoided and your first letter to me
and my reply been unnecessary as
well as your observations to which I
am now replying.

I have &c

Lt Col Richd Fenton
Commanding Engrs
Presidency

Calcutta

To Lt Col Richd Fenton
Commanding Engrs
Presidency

Calcutta

Quartermaster-General's Office,
Head Quarters, Ootacamund,
25th August 1875.

No. 342

From

Brigadier-General A. Howlett, C.B.,
Quartermaster-General,

To

Colonel A. Cadell,
Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

Sir,

With reference to your docket
of the 26th instant, requesting for the opinion
of the Chief Engineer, the Commander-in-Chief's proposal
contained in paras 3 and 4 of Mr. Secy Lt. Col. 2149 of the
26th Ultimo in the Public Works Department to
utilize a block of 13 Huts between Burnfoot and
the Lawrence Asylum for the use of the Sappers
and Miners, I have the honor, by order, to report
that the site is considered to be very suitable, and
from its position there will be a saving of about
1½ miles in distance for those men proceeding to
their work. Water is available from a stream which
passes close by the Huts and discharges into
the Valley below.

2. The Huts will require to be provided
with means of ventilation - Latrine and Bathing
places

place also are needful. It is presumed that the Executive Engineer is prepared to provide these arrangements.

3. His Excellency wishes to be informed whether until the new Accommodation can be provided the existing arrangements for shelter of the Sappers will be allowed to continue. If so, the full Company of Sappers can be put to the Hills in relief, but otherwise the strength of the Sappers will necessarily have to be reduced in accordance with the available accommodation, considering the useful purposes which the Sappers on the Hills are engaged in. His Excellency must regret such a step.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
[illegible] Brig.r R.E.
Quarter Master General.

1875

Melv Dept

No 4251

From

The Surveyor General

To

The Secretary to the Govt

Melv Dept.

Dated 25
Recd 26 } August

No 342.

Reports that a block of 18 Allotments in Barnfoot & Lawrence Asylum can be conveyed for the use of Sappers & Miners employed in the Fields with Remarks —

Attd

27th Aug 1875.

No 4149 Transferred to the Public Works Department.

Millwerlet
Secretary to Govt

To

The Public Works Dept

Public Wks
L.O. 267 July/95 Nos 633-634
21 July/95. Nos 700-701.
28 Oct/94. 616. 617.
Instl. No 1890. 10 Oct/94
Inis f.o. No 55. 9 Oct/94

Asylum
Lunatics &c

Dublin Castle
21st Aug. 95

S.N. 1675 Dec/95
No 6196

Rec: Kildare Govt
Mills Dec/95.

Dale 27th Aug/95
Recd. 1 Dec/95
No 4149.

Transferring letter from
Dr. Mills Insl. regarding suitable Site for Lunatic
Asylum Burrishoole and
Lawrence Asylum.

No 575

Dele. 17-9-95. Rte 24-9-95
Ce. 1-9-95 Rte 16-9-95
Ltr. Sheet 28 Aug.

S.O. 2790. 24-9-95.

With reference to the Trans-
mission of recommendation
for Sanction, and the recom-
mendation of Members of Council
on the Draft thereon, rec-
eived in circulation, the Sec-
retary has the honour to cir-
culate a note received
from the Revd Mr Deane
and also copies of cor-
respondence be-
tween the Office Com-
missioners, the District Lu-
natic Physician, and the Commis-
sioners of Public Works
from which it will be perceived
that the date, that the
conditions of recommenda-
tion, agreed to by the Com-
missioners, and obtained from the
L.A. Committee, was of
certain certain but mean-
the Sole Ground in Love
Dale, out of the funds
which were asked
for - from the former

that the grant of accommodation in the land near the Old Jail is likely to be objected to.

Under these circumstances it is submitted that neither Rs 12147 nor Rs 7272 can possibly be made available from Provincial funds. It should, therefore, be ordered that no change of existing arrangements be made till after next harvest (2) that no liability it will be incurred by Govt. for Rs 12147 or Rs 7272 next year, which it will be much better to enquire consideration before the Council body of Captains all together, to examine their work, their Depts. fitted, and their Govt. Offices, accommodation for all 35 seen be provided as London Govt. would by next Monsoon.

This is desirable also in the interest of the L.A. itself, to abridge expenditure of buildings erected for certain purposes, & for which they are, & must be of their site, must- ed - For instance the Play ground and sheds surrounding it, which are now used for keeping Cattle; An arrangement must be made to remove the Cattle into the new Park Yard: to the Dairy

Govt. -

Govt.

19.9.25

P. W. Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the
Read the following
From the Secretary
to the Govt. Dept. (P.C. No 3427 / 25 Aug 1875)

Communicated
to the District Engineer
Nilgherries. who will, in
accordance with para
2, provide means of
ventilation, as latrine,
and bathing places in
connection with the
huts to be occupied
by the Sappers between
Burnfoot and the
Lawrence Asylum.
submitting an estimate
of the cost of the work

Mem. H.L. to C.E.
Read Mem. of Selection
Journal Statement
Letter to Govt. returning
Copy of the accompanied.

Mr. Hall
Mr. Thuja
Mr. Wood
Mr. Elliot
Mr. Wapshare
Mr. Pennycuick
Mr. Ross
Mr. Ellis
Mr. Ward
Mr. Ellis
Mr. Ward
Mr. Ellis
Mr. Ward

With reference to para 3 it is observed that as the new huts proposed to be built are estimated to cost on an average Rs: 325 each, without latrine or each house, and as there are no Provincial funds at the disposal of the P.W. Dept for appropriation to the work, the strength of the detachment must be reduced by 20, unless other means of lodging that number of men can be devised

Lt[illegible] RE

they now occupy - the Hd Police lines a Mr temporary accommodation for them the block - unsuitable should sought for - Bs Sir with the enclosed

8/9 LM

Lt Engr Heidepennies.
Contr Engr Mr Rutt.
Civil Dept.
Fin Dept.

Mily Works

Public Works Dept.

No 2770

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 24th Sept 1895
Read the following

From
The Dy Master Genl } No 3424 of 25th Sept 1895
to Military Dept }

Dist Engr Malgaum (a — 316 — 17th Sept 95)
with enclosures.

It appears that a mistake has been made by the Commr of the Neilgherries as to the huts, possession of which was decided, those to which his letter recorded with G.O. No 2449 of 26th July refer

refers being quite unfit for the accommodation of Sappers - But it is of no consequence Funds cannot be provided till next year, when the construction of Quarters for 35 men on the site already approved behind Tower Norwood will be proceeded with as the Estimate of Rs 12,147 which is hereby sanctioned. Till then construction the Sappers will continue to be lodged as at present -

Engrs

No 571/72

Fd Dept.

Secy to A Commander Comm[r] Rel[y] Sheries

Off Rely Sheries — 3
Cmb Obstacle — 5
Rely Dept — 10
Tank &c — 7
Office 17

SC Disp[d] 11.10.75

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Govt. of India.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Superintending Engineer

Circle

Division

No. 30 Civil.

2770

571-572

Recommendation for Sanction of Estimates.—Intimating that the construction of Quarters for 35 men on the site already referred to in the margin will be proceeded with next year on the estimate of Rs. 13,147 hereby communicated, but till then the Engineer will continue to be entitled to draw

4-9-04

Rs. 2,85,000

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