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No 405 Telegram from the Executive Engineer, Coonoor, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated 12th November 1875

TREMENDOUS rain night of 9th Coonoor Ghaut bad. Slips of earth and rock between 3rd and 15th mile of new ghaut One bridge gone, road cannot be cleared in time for Prince, who comes up on 20th Great havoc to old ghaut One bridge gone Time only suffices to clear this (old) road If Prince goes down on 28th and no fresh extraordinary rain falls whole of new ghaut will be then ready. More by post.

No 406 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, 13th November 1875, No 366

IN continuation of my telegram despatched yesterday from Coonoor, I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, a report regarding the extraordinary damage which has occurred to the Coonoor Ghauts by the rain of last Tuesday night, the 9th instant Five inches of rain fell in Coonoor that night in ten hours Probably more fell on the Coonoor Ghaut slopes At all events the havoc and destruction caused by the rain have been unprecedentedly great The Local Fund Overseer, who has been employed on the ghaut for the last twelve years, states them to be much greater than he had ever before experienced On the new ghaut, between the 3rd and 15th miles, large slips of earth, stones, and rocky boulders are almost continuous Some of them are very extensive Many of them have injured or knocked away the parapet wall and outer mound of earth Some have knocked down a few small retaining walls Near the 13th mile a timber platform bridge has been completely destroyed by a large rush of stones, boulders, earth and water The dry stone abutments have been entirely obliterated, leaving a large gap several tens of feet wide. Several carts are detained between the numerous slips on this road. The old Coonoor Ghaut for quite two-thirds of its length has also suffered very much in a similar manner One of its timber platform bridges (on the same stream as the one which was demolished on the new Ghaut) has been completely devastated I estimate roughly all this damage at Rupees 5,000. A detailed estimate will shortly be prepared and submitted to you.

2 I regret that this untoward accident makes it quite impossible for His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to drive up any part of the new Coonoor Ghaut on the 20th instant. The old ghaut is being rapidly cleared and will be in good order by that date. If the weather is favorable, I hope to have the new ghaut sufficiently cleared to admit of the Prince and his suite driving *down* it on or about the 28th instant if they feel so disposed

3. The chief cause of the accident is, in my opinion, the excessive and unprecedented drought which we had between April and September, succeeded by the soaking and continuous rain during October and November The state of the ground caused by the previous dry weather allowed the succeeding rain to penetrate very deep into its surface, causing the extensive slips which have occurred

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No 407. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1875, No. 3,289.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Nilgiris.

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Secretary of State
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Cable Agreement between the United States and Great Britain signed at London on the 24th instant, and to request that you will cause the necessary steps to be taken for the exchange of the ratifications thereof.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant

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Hon. District Engineer
Mississippi River
Vicksburg Miss.
Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith
Report & Sketch
of Survey made by me
to the 15th inst. of
the Mississippi River
at the Narrows
Yazoo City Miss.
Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
A. H. Peters
Asst. Engr.

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Report on the survey
of the Narrows
Yazoo City Miss.

No 3289
Vicksburg Miss. Nov 13th 1875
The Secretary
Mississippi River Commission
Sir:

Inclosed for information
and files—
Yours
R. E. Wright
Lt. Col. of Engrs.

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