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No. 483.

Read the following:—

MEMORANDUM.

THE Chief Engineer has the honor to submit for the orders of Government the question whether the re-union of Wynaad with Malabar as to Public Works supervision and execution, which was "fully approved" in G.O., No. 3,918, of 12th December 1866, and re-affirmed in G.O., No. 1,586, of 1st July 1872, but deferred while Colonel Kennedy was available to work the Wynaad separately, should not be carried out on that officer's absence being unexpectedly and inconveniently protracted.

2. He rehearses, for information, the arguments for maintaining the decision already arrived at by Government; illustrating them by a sketch map showing the arrangements at present approved.

It will be seen from that map that it is proposed to include in the Coorombanaad Range the through communications of North Wynaad by the Periah and Kotiady Ghauts with the shipping ports of Tellicherry and Buddagherry to which all North Wynaad produce goes. Similarly the new Calicut Range will embrace the through communication of South Wynaad from the Mysore frontier by the Tambercherry Ghaut with the port of Calicut; and the Ernaad Range the through communication of South-east Wynaad by the Karkoor Ghaut with Beypore and Calicut and the Railway Stations Tamoor and Tiroor. When it is considered that the whole of the labor, and tools and plant, and much of the materials (timber and iron) required for work in the Wynaad portions of those communications come from the low country taluqs, it will be easily conceived how advantageous it must be to the Executive Officers in charge of them to have undivided control over their entire lengths. At present the Executive Officers in Wynaad are dependent upon the Executive Officers on the Coast for assistance which they can ill afford to give, and cannot but grudge as curtailing their own resources, or they employ private agents who constantly fail them.

Secondly, the location of the head-quarters of the new ranges on the Coast will greatly add to the efficiency of the office and subordinate establishments. The members of the former will never be exposed to the fever of Wynaad which now cripples them; and those of the latter, as well as the Executive Officers themselves, will always have a change to the climate of the Coast available to them for recovery from its effects without having to incur loss of salary by taking leave of absence. The last Range Officer of North Wynaad died of the effects of fever, because he could not afford to take leave; Colonel Kennedy has suffered much from fever, as Mr. Pringle is suffering now, and both would benefit by frequent changes to the Coast in the opinion of the Chief Engineer.

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Thirdly, considerable reduction of Wynaad allowances is involved by the introduction of the new arrangements. They will not be drawn at all by office establishments, and by Executives only when in the Wynaad portions of their charges. Existing incumbents of those charges will no doubt deprecate changes so adverse to their pecuniary interests, though otherwise beneficial. But as the practical effect will be to give Wynaad the benefit of three Executive Officers working in it under the supervision of Colonel Kennedy, who will be free from any executive charge himself, in the place of only one Executive Officer working under Colonel Kennedy, who cannot supervise him on account of his own executive duties, the Chief Engineer contends that the true interests of Wynaad demand that the proposed changes be no longer deferred.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
16th December 1875.

MINUTE BY THE HON. SIR W. ROBINSON, K.C.S.I.

I REGRET that I am wholly unable to agree to this breaking up of the Wynaad Range and its distribution amongst three low-country ranges. The thing will prove inconvenient and unsuitable. On every account this range should continue a single range under one officer.

2. A more useful distribution, with a view to continuing the well-judged *status quo*, will be to make Calicut and Coorombanaad one range (moderate in size and accessible); and, if necessary, the old Shernad division of the Ernaad taluq might be added. Be this as it may, I entirely object, on every ground, to break up the Wynaad Range.

3. The matter should now be referred to the experienced Collector. It does not appear that the Collector was consulted when the thing was proposed some years ago, and it has happily been hitherto held in abeyance.

P.S.—Having read what General Walker had to say on my note, I see no reason to alter my opinion, and I earnestly advise the retention of the Wynaad Range separate. I have been connected with the district for years and know Wynaad intimately, and I advise strongly against this breaking up of a special district, notwithstanding the deference I concede to General Walker's opinion.

As regards consulting the Collector, I like a variety of view; and I hold that the Collector of the district is entitled to be consulted on such a matter. The present Collector is no novice in Malabar. I have little doubt as to how experienced local opinion both in the district and Wynaad will run.

I would not expose three Range Officers to the danger of fever by frequent visits to Wynaad. A single officer is likely to become acclimatized; certainly not the three who will have to spend occasional periods in this unhealthy district.

20th December 1875.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

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No. 484. ORDER THEREON, 31st December 1875, No. 3,643.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 36.

CONSEQUENTLY on the extension of Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy's leave at home, and the necessity of strengthening the executive staff of the Wynaad, His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that the re-arrangement of the Malabar and Wynaad Ranges originally ordered in G.O., No. 3,918, of 12th December 1866, and re-affirmed in G.O., No. 1,586, of 1st July 1872, but postponed for Colonel Kennedy's convenience till 1st April 1874 by G.O., No. 1,895, of 10th August 1872, an arrangement tacitly acquiesced in till the present date, shall no longer be deferred.

2. The following distribution of ranges will accordingly have effect from the 1st February 1876, viz. :—

Name of Range and Head-quarters.	Comprising	Range Officer.
Cannanore	Cherikal Taluq, Cannanore Cantonment, Kotiam Taluq.	Lieutenant Dobson, R.E., Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade.
Coorombanaad. Tellicherry	Coorombanaad Taluq, North Wynaad...	E. H. Pringle, Esq., Executive Engineer, 4th Grade.
Calicut	Calicut Taluq, South Wynaad	T. D. Harris, Esq., Executive Engineer, 4th Grade.
Ernaad. Maliaparam	Ernaad Taluq, South-east Wynaad	Captain H. Bailey, Executive Engineer, 4th Grade.
Palghaut	Palghaut Taluq, Walloowanad Taluq, Ponany Taluq.	J. Grimes, Esq., Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade.
Cochin	West Coast Canal, Cochin	In abeyance.

3. The District charge will be retained by Mr. T. D. Harris in addition to that of Calicut Range, until Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy's return from England, when he will assume charge of the district of Malabar inclusive of the Wynaad.

4. The head-quarters of the Coorombanaad Range are fixed at Tellicherry for convenience of the Range Officer and his establishment, although just out of the limits of the range, on account of its being the head-quarters of the Sub-Collector, and his having necessarily to pass through the place in completing the circuit of his charge by way either of the Periah or Kotiady Ghauts. Wynaad allowances will only be drawn by officers and subordinates and members of office establishments while actually in the Wynaad including the days on which they ascend or descend any of the ghauts in their charge; and members of office establishments will be brought into the Wynaad as little as possible, that they may not be exposed to fever, and kept as efficient for work as possible.

5. Under the arrangements now sanctioned the Cannanore, Calicut, Palghaut and West Coast Range Establishments remain intact; while the North Wynaad and South Wynaad Range Establishments become second-class and are transferred to the Coorombanaad and Ernaad Ranges, respectively, without any additional cost being incurred.

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6. The tabular statement given below contrasts the new arrangements as regards establishments with those which are superseded:—

Old arrangement.				New arrangement.			
		RA.				RA.	
Malabar District Establishment ...	...	352		Malabar District Establishment ...	...	352	
Cannanore Range ...	...	213		Cannanore Range...	...	213	
Calicut Range ...	...	171		Calicut Range ...	...	171	
Palghat Range ...	...	136		Palghat Range ...	...	136	
North Wynaad Range ...	...	96		Coorombanaad Range ...	...	136	
South Wynaad Range ...	...	176		Ernaad Range ..	...	98	
West Coast Canal Range...	...	98		West Coast Canal Range ..	...	98	
Total ...	1,242			Total ...	1,242		

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Malabar.
" Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MINUTE BY THE HON. SIR W. ROBINSON, K.C.S.I.

G.O., No. 3,643, dated 31st December 1875.

Re-arrangement of the Malabar and Wynaad Ranges.

I REGRET that I am wholly unable to agree to this breaking up of the Wynaad range and its distribution amongst three low-country ranges. The thing will prove inconvenient and unsuitable. On every account this range should continue a single range under one officer.

2. A more useful distribution, with a view to continuing the well-judged *status quo*, will be to make Calicut and Cummernad one range (moderate in size and accessible) and, if necessary, the old Shernad division of the Yernad taluq might be added. Be this as it may, I entirely object, on every ground, to break up the Wynaad range.

3. The matter should now be referred to the experienced Collector. It does not appear that the Collector was consulted when the thing was proposed some years ago, and it has happily been hitherto held in abeyance.

P.S.—Having read what General Walker had to say on my note, I see no reason to alter my opinion, and I earnestly advise the retention of the Wynaad range separate. I have been connected with the district for years and know Wynaad intimately, and I advise strongly against this breaking up of a special district, notwithstanding the deference I concede to General Walker's opinion.

As regards consulting the Collector I like a variety of view, and I hold that the Collector of the district is entitled to be consulted on such a matter. The present Collector is no novice in Malabar. I have little doubt as to how experienced local opinion both in the district and Wynaad will run.

I would not expose three Range Officers to the danger of fever by frequent visits to Wynaad; a single officer is likely to become acclimatized; certainly not the three who will have to spend occasional periods in this unhealthy district.

20th December 1875.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Minute

I regret that I am wholly unable to agree to this breaking up of the Wynnad Range and its distribution amongst 3 low-country ranges. The thing will prove inconvenient and inevitable. On every account this Range should continue a single Range under one officer.

A more useful distribution, with a view to continuing the well-pegged status quo, will be to make Calicut and Curruwad one range (moderate in size and accessible) and if necessary the old Sherwad division of the Wynnad Range might be added. Be

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W. Walker

2 Dec. 1875

Erratum

G. O. No 3643 dated 31st December 1875.

For

Old arrangement

New arrangement

Malabar Dist. Estab ^t	Rs 352	Malabar District Estab ^t	Rs 352
Cannanore Range.....	771	Cannanore Range.....	171
Calicut Range.....	171	Calicut Range.....	171
Palghat Range.....	136	Palghat Range.....	136
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South Wynaad Range.....	176	Ernaad Range.....	136
West Coast Canal Range.....	98	West Coast Canal Range.....	98
Total.....	1200	Total.....	1200

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West Coast Canal Range.....	98	West Coast Canal Range.....	98
Total.....	1242	Total.....	1242

To Fort St George
20 Jan 76
The G. Engineer

By J. H. Walker Major Genl R.E.
Secretary to Govt P. W. Dept.

Wynaad, Malabar and Financial Dept.

It was ordered on 12th
Dec: 1866 that the Mala:
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should be worked toge:
ther - that not so long
as Col. Kennedy held
the latter -

In the reorganization
of the Dept. in 1872 the
rearrangement was re-
affirmed by G.O. n^o 1586
of 1st July, but action on
the same postponed till
the end of 1872-74, by
G.O. n^o 1895 of 10th Aug^t /72.
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to be replaced from 2^d July
last, on the understand:
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would be made in his
absence -

He has now however,
taken 2 months' medical
leave, ^{after} which but
little of the working sea-
son will remain. And
the Chief Engineer has
to make some arrange-
ment for the replacement
of Mr. Pringle, now in
sole charge of Wyand,
& not in very good health.
Major Genl. Walker has
not the slightest doubt
but that the best way
to ~~make~~ carry out the
work of the Dept. is to
introduce the arrangement
now contemplated, but
postponed solely for
Col. Kennedy's conveni-
ence; and he proposes
the following parties,

1. Curacao Range -
Lt. Dobson R.D. (not present).

2. Cornubian Range -

Mr. S. Pringle -

3. Lubricant Range -

Mr. R. Harris -

4. Edwards Range

Captain H. Bailey

5. Pulphunt Range

Mr. J. Finney (not present).

Mr. R. Harris, as Senior
Executive Engineer, retaining
charge of the District
Engineers till Col. Ken-
nedy's return in 2^d

March, when Col. Ken-
nedy, who is West. Eng.
for the whole of Malabar
including Wyand -

The objection is that
Colonel Kennedy objects
to his country.

Govt to the collector of man-
labor for opinion -

The subject being one
of departmental manage-
ment, the Chief Engi-
neer, who was for seven
years Sup & Insp of the
Division including man-
labor and Wymanad,
and who became first
acquainted with the dis-
trict very early in his
service, ventures to think
that his opinion is sub-
mitted to greater consid-
eration than that of
any Revenue official -
He proposes therefore to
renew for the infor-
mation of members of
Council the arguments
for maintaining the
decision already arrived
at by Govt, illustrating
them by a sketch map
showing the arrangements
at present approved -

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map that it is proposed
to include in the Communi-
cation Range, the
banned Range, the
through communication
of North Wymanad by the
Periah and Kottayam
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Ports of Tellicherry &
which all North Wymanad
produce goes - Similarly
the new Calicut Range
will enhance the through
communication of South
Wymanad from the Mys.
area frontier by the
Gumbakhery Road with
the Port of Calicut - And
the Grand Range. The
through communication
of South East Wymanad
by the Karkur Road
and the Railway Station, Jannar & Sivole
with Beypore & Calicut -
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Justice -

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of Wyand demand
time the proposed change
can be no longer deferred.

Wm. H. Smith

I have discussed this question with General Walker whose experience in Malabar is great, & I have carefully considered his Memo: I think Genl Walker has satisfactorily shown that the interests of Mysore & of the officers of the D.P. W will be best secured by the arrangement he proposes. —

W.E.

District is entitled to be consulted in such matters. He is no novice in Malabar.

At 1261 express here some opinion of the danger of fever - a single officer is more likely to become acclimated

25/12 M.W.M.

after using the 2nd of the papers and the 1st of the 2nd I think the arrangements proposed by Genl Walker are sound & without further delay M (3/12/75)

Mysore
I recommend this to the attention of the College. But can only advise the attention of separate Mysore & as has worked well lately as has been connected with the Mysore district many years & cannot advise this proposal - even without standing the great defect of that of the present Mysore District - a variety of opinions & much less the collector of the

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List of put up papers

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Have discussed this question

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 31 Dec/75
Read the following:—

Consequently on
the extension of
Lieut Col Hemmings
leave at home, and
the necessity of
strengthening the
Executive Staff
of the Wynaads,
His Excellency the
Governor in Council
directs that the re-
-arrangement of the
Malabar and
Wynaad Ranges
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J. D. Harris

Name of Range and Head Quarters.	Comprising	Range Officer
<u>Cannanore</u>	Cherikab Salook Cannanore Cantonment Kodiam Salook	Lieut Dobson R.E. Asst Engr. 1 st Grade
<u>Corrombanaude</u>	Corrombanaude Salook North Wynaude	Engr. Pringle Engr. Executive Engr. 1 st Grade
<u>Calicut</u>	Calicut Salook South Wynaude	J. D. Harris Engr. Executive Engr. 1 st Grade
<u>Ennaude</u>	Ennaude Salook South Wynaude	Capt. H. Bailey Executive Engr. 1 st Grade
<u>Malaperoom</u>	Malaperoom Salook Malaperoom Cantonment Pondicherry	J. D. Harris Engr. Asst Engr. 2 nd Grade
<u>Palephant</u>	Palephant Salook Malaperoom Cantonment Pondicherry	J. D. Harris Engr. Asst Engr. 2 nd Grade
<u>Cochin</u>	West Coast Canal Cochin	In absence

The District Charge
will be retained
by Mr. J. D. Harris

in addition to that
of Calicut Range,
until Mr. C. C. Hemmings
returns from England,
when he will assume
charge of the District
of Malabar, inclusive
of the Wynad.

The Head Quarters
of the Coorombanah
Range are fixed
at Tellicherry for
convenience of the
Range Officer and
his Establishment,
although just outside
the limits of the Range,
on account of its
being the Head Quarters

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of the Sub Collector,
and his having
necessarily to pass
through the place
in completing
the circuit of his
charge by way
either of the Perik
or Sohiady Ghats.
Wynad Allow-
ances will only
be drawn by
Officers and Sub-
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Members of Office
Establishments
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in the Mysnads
including the
days on which they
ascend or descend
any of the Ghats
in their charge;
And members of
Office Establish-
ments will be
brought into the
Mysnads as little
as possible, that
they may not be
exposed to fever,
and kept as efficient
as far as possible.
Under the arrange-
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the Cannanore, Calicut,
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indact; while the
North Mysnads
and South Mysnads
Range Establishments
become 2nd Class and
are transferred to the
Coorombanad and
Ernaad Range's res-
pectively, without
any additional
cost being incurred.
The Tabular State-
ments given below
contrast the new
arrangements

Arrangements as
 regards establish-
 ments with those
 which are super-
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Old Arrangement	New Arrangement
Malabar Dist. Establishment 352	Malabar Dist. Establishment 352
Canara Range ~~77~~ ²¹³	Canara Range ~~77~~ ²¹³
Calicut Range 171	Calicut Range 171
Palghat Range 136	Palghat Range 136
North Wynaad Range 96	Perambur Range 136
South Wynaad Range 176	Ennaad Range 136
West Coast Canal Range 90	West Coast Canal Range 90
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