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7th August 1876. No. 2,017.*

No. 137. Read the following letter from Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R.E.,
Superintending Engr., Coimbatore, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, dated
Coimbatore, 14th July 1876, No. 44-C.I. :—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Chief Engineer's Memorandum,
No. 1,058, dated 11th July 1876, and request a reconsideration of the refusal to grant
me leave to return from Collegal *via* Bangalore. It was granted me by the Chief
Engineer last year, and I only ask this year in case the ghauts continue unhealthy,
which they must do in the total absence of rain; in fact, worse this year than the last.
If the Chief Engineer considers he is not empowered to give such leave, may I request
that Government may be asked for such permission to leave my district on duty.
I clearly say I will not take advantage of such leave unless there is necessity for it.

2. In paragraph 2 the Chief Engineer points out the road *via* Burghoor, which,
of course, I am aware of; but last year it was shut up owing to fever and cholera, the
monsoon having failed, and there was no water on this route, and I could only go
as far as Ghurkekundy Ghaut. In fact, the portion of the estimate lately sanctioned by
Government for which the Local Fund Board have allotted funds is for blasting rock
on that ghaut, which I should most certainly visit from Ramapuram.

3. This is the second year no rain has fallen on the Burghoor Hills, and there is
no water *en route*, all traffic from Collegal and Annoor going *via* Cauveryputnum and
Nerinjipett to avoid the 2,000 feet rise over the Burghoor Hill which at present is
without water.

4. I would point out that lately the Collegal Range has had more attention paid
to it than formerly, particularly the important irrigation works in and about Collegal.
I subjoin a statement of the days on which the Range was visited by Superintending
Engineers for the last ten years.

In 1866	...	...	...	4 days	} Collegal and its neighbourhood not visited at all.
" 1867	...	...	...	5 "	
" 1868	...	...	...	2 "	
" 1869	...	...	...	9 "	
" 1870	...	...	...	14 "	} Not towards Collegal.
" 1871	...	...	...	3 "	
" 1872	...	...	...	10 "	
" 1873	...	...	...	12 "	
" 1874	...	...	...	4 "	Including Collegal town.
" 1875	...	...	...	11 "	This was my first year, and I had to visit and make myself acquainted with other parts of the district.
" 1876	...	...	...	11 "	Including Collegal.

5. From this it seems to me that the average yearly inspections have not fallen
off when it is considered that there are no works in Collegal except the two roads
leading to Collegal from Erode and Suttiamungalum, and a small distance from
Hassanoor to Mysore boundary on the Cauvery falls road. There are no other works
in Collegal, except some important irrigation works within a radius of ten miles of
Collegal, so that inspections need not take up much time.

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No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1876, No. 2,017.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 6.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council
does not approve of Colonel Wilkieson's
proposal to rejoin his headquarters from

Collegal town *viz* Bangalore. If the taluq is unusually unhealthy, its inspection
should be deferred till a more appropriate season.

2. The visits of a District Engineer to each of his Ranges should be more
frequent and longer than those of a Superintending Engineer in charge of four
districts can be expected to be.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Coimbatore.

Exd. F. R. Bantaman

Sp. to Co. 1st

N^o 396

Supp Engin^r office
Combitore 5 July 1876

From

The Superintending Engineer
Combitore

To

The Chief Engineer
M D Madras

Sir,

As I am about to take an
inspection tour in Collegal Taluk
I have the honor to request permission
under para 1 of G O No 2153 dated
31st August ^{and 12th of July 1875} 1874, ^{or my taking}
either going or returning from Collegal,
the route via Bangalore as I can
do it in much less time and
thus avoid sleeping rudely
in the very feverish jungles
between Hassanoor and Collegal.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t servant

W. W. W. Collegal

Supp Engineer

Combitore

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P.W. 1876 Sept.
No: 4827

For the Chief Engineer
of the S. P. & M. S. Railway
to be sent to the
Chief Engineer
of the S. P. & M. S. Railway
to be sent to the
Chief Engineer

Recd 27 July 1876

For the Chief Engineer
of the S. P. & M. S. Railway
to be sent to the
Chief Engineer

Memo: 1058- 11. 7. 76

N° 137-

Depd to 24-7-76

N° 1058

Memorandum.

Letter from the Supp. Engineer Coimbatore
N° 39 CI of 5th July 1876.

The ground on which the
Superintending Engineer Coimbatore requests
the Chief Engineer's permission to go to, or
return from Collegal, via Bangalore, is
quite different from the grounds on which
the Chief Engineer was authorized in G.O.
N° 2453 of 31st August 1874, and 2076 of
28th July 1875 to grant permission to Officers
to absent themselves from, or make a
journeys out of, their Districts. Those
grounds were the performance of certain
duties which could not so well be per-
formed by other Officers for them, or the
requirement of special information. Where
Colonel Wilkieson's motive is to avoid
nearly sleeping in frontier places
between Kuppamoor and Collegal, and

to the same.

The Chief Engineer is not of opinion that the saving of time is any object. On the contrary he considers that the Collegal Range deserves more time given to it by all superior Government Officers than it at present obtains - and he knows that a healthy route back from Collegal to Bhawany may be worked out by halting at Ramapossam, Phattakorra, Buzghoor, Chamerakorra, and Andgore, and avoiding halting at Ghurke Khundy; along which route it is believed that there is sanctioned work to be set in hand and inspected.

(P.) G. W. Walker, Major Genl. R.E.

Chief Engineer D.P.W.

Received
11th July 1876

N^o 1374-

N^o 44 CE

Superintending Engr's Office
Coimbatore 14th July 1876.

From,

The Superintending Engineer
Coimbatore.

To,

The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Chief Engineer's memo. no 1058 dated 11th July 1876 and request a reconsideration of the refusal to grant me leave to return from Collegal via Bangalore. It was granted me by the Chief Engineer last year, and I only ask this year in case the Ghants continue unhealthy which they must do in the total absence of rain, in fact worse this year than the last. If the Chief Engineer considers he is not empowered to give such leave, may I request that

Government may be asked for such permission to leave my District on duty. I clearly say I will not take advantage of such leave unless there is necessity for it.

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3. This is the 2^d year no rain has fallen on the Burghoor

hills and there is no water enroute, all traffic from Collegal and Naroor going via Ganvesyputuram and Arinjipet to avoid the 2000 feet rise over the Burghoor Hill which at present is without water.

4. I would point out that lately the Collegal Range has had more attention paid to it than formerly, particularly the important irrigation works in and about Collegal. I subjoin as a statement of the days on which the Range was visited by Superintending Engineers for the last 10 years.

In 1866 -	4 days	Collegal and its neighbors have not been visited at all.
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" - 1869 -	9 days	
" - 1870 -	14 days	Not towards Collegal.
" - 1871 -	3 days	
" - 1872 -	10 days	

In 1873— 12 days. Including
Collegal town

— 1874— 4 days. This was
my first year and
I had to visit and
make myself ac-
quainted with other
parts of the Distt.

— 1875— 11 Days. Including Collegal.

— 1876— Started tour there on the 16th Inst.

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have not fallen off when it is
considered that there are no
works in Collegal except the two
roads leading to Collegal from
Brod and Sittayamangalam, and a
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to Mysore boundary on the Givety
falls road. There are no other
works in Collegal, ^{except} some important
irrigation works within a radius
of ten miles of Collegal, so that ins-
pections need not take up much time.

I have the honor to be
your most obed^t servant
Wm. W. E. son Colonel R. E.
Super Engineer, Coimbatore

to be put up with till if
 to Bangalore or some other place
 taken is inevitable; I suggest
 these roads, some to be
 completed, some to be
 the necessary work
 to be done in the
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 to be done in the

The road from Collegal Fort
 to Bangalore, goes by
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Letter from Supt Insp. (Coimbatore)
 No. 44 of 14th July -

Submitted of a letter
 with Chief Insp:
 : necess. means. re:
 : forced to -

I beg to leave this
 matter in the Secretary's
 hands not being acquainted
 with the nature of
 the country or the work
 incurred by travelling
 at this time of the year.

It appears to me that
 if the Chief Engineer admits
 of the risk in consequence
 of adverse season, he
 might direct the Supt Engineer
 to visit the works in this
 Range at some other date

Major General
 Walker considered
 that Colonel Wil:
 : Kienan had been
 being enough out
 of his District
 at Coimbatore, not
 to have asked
 for further in:
 : indulgence this
 year - There is
 no record of
 his having ap:
 : pplied last year,

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Colonel Wilkie's
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have visited
the Mungheer
Plateau -

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Secy to Govt. D. A.

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No 207
Public Works Department
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Order date the 7th Aug 1876
Read the following:-

Letter from the Superm
Sundry Engineer
Coimbatore

(No. 100 of 1876 July 18/76)

His Grace the
Governor in Council
has not approved of
Colonel Wilkie's
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Head Quarters from
Collegal Saron via
Bangalore. If the
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till a more appropriate
season.

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Engineer to each of his
Rangers

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neer in charge of
four Districts can be
expected to be.

~~Approved~~
~~W. B. Smith~~
W. B. Smith

St. Louis, Mo.
no dep. 7/6/76

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Col. of Public Works

The R. G. Kaimkatare

(1) 1st September 1917

Box 137 + 138.

Col. Wilkison. S. M. R.

Commodore

~~Disapproving~~ Disapproving
with certain remarks
the proposal of
to rejoin his Head
Quarters from Collegal
Town via Bangalore

for the
20-8-17