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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th August 1876. No. 2,264.*

No. 601. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government,
Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 25th August 1876, No. 4,293 :—

From Brigadier-General A. HOWLETT, C.B., Quartermaster-General, to Colonel J.
MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated
Ootacamund, 16th August 1876, No. 404.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copy of a letter*
from the Commandant, Wellington, rela-
tive to a fatal accident which occurred

* No. 72, dated 5th August 1876.
very recently to a soldier when crossing the stream near the broken-down Waterloo
bridge at Wellington, and with reference
Public Works Department, No. 94, dated 12th to O.G., No. 1,447, of 27th August 1874,
September 1874. Financial Department, to state that His

Excellency the Commander-in-Chief recommends that the question whether the bridge
cannot be made available for foot-passengers as a temporary measure at some moderate
outlay may be brought under the notice of Government for early and favorable
consideration.

From Colonel C. H. COOKE, Commandant, Wellington, to the Assistant Quartermaster-General,
Mysore Division, Bangalore, dated Wellington, 5th August 1876, No. 72.

My attention having been drawn to the dangerous nature of the ford by which the stream
which runs between the Cantonment and the Wellington bazaar is crossed, I have the honor to
suggest, for the consideration of the proper authorities, the advisability of the Waterloo bridge
being repaired; this bridge was finished some years ago and within 24 hours of its opening the
arches gave way and it has been left in a state of ruin ever since; as the expensive parts of the
bridge, viz., the band and central piers are standing, nothing further is needed than to throw
arches across them. The danger of the passage by the ford and its neighbourhood arise from two
causes:—1st.—The sudden and rapid rising of the stream during heavy rain; and, 2ndly, from the
difficulty of passing over the boulders on a dark night. Only a few nights ago a soldier of the
16th Lancers was found lying insensible from a fall which occurred in crossing it, and he died last
night from concussion of the brain. A few years ago a Commissariat servant was drowned in the
same place. I therefore consider it to be so treacherous a crossing that I strongly recommend the
completion of the bridge; another great advantage to be derived from the bridge would be to
shorten the communication and by a much better road than at present between the barracks,
Wellington bazaar and Coonoor on the one hand, and Ootacamund on the other.

No. 351.

FORWARDED for the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief,
BANGALORE, (Signed) C. ELMHIRST, Major-General,
8th August 1876. Commanding Mysore Division.
To the Quartermaster-General, Head Quarters, Fort St. George.

REFERRED to the Department of Public Works to supply the details of works
proposed in the estimate by Captain
Proceedings of Government, Financial Depart- Morant of June 1874, both for foot-passen-
ment, dated 27th August 1874, No. 1,447. gers and for the larger work.

By order,

(Signed) J. MICHAEL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

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No. 602. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1876, No. 2,264.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 23-A.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Nilgiris, for submission of the details called for, together with the modified plan and estimate under preparation on suggestions of the Chief Engineer.

(True Extract.)

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

Wellington 5th August 1876.
From The Commandant
To The Assistant District Engineer
Nilgiris Division
Bangalore.

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My attention having been drawn to the dangerous nature of the ford by which the stream which runs between the Cantonment and the Wellington Bazaar is crossed, I have the honor to suggest for the consideration of the proper authorities the advisability of the road to Bridge being repaired. This bridge was finished some years ago, and further 24 hours of its opening the arches gave way, and it has been left in a state of ruin ever since, as the expensive parts of the bridge namely the band and central pier are standing, nothing further is needed than to throw arches across them. The danger of the passage by the ford and its neighborhood arises from two causes. 1st the sudden and rapid rising of the stream during heavy rain, and 2ndly from the difficulty of passing over the boulders on a dark night, only a few nights ago, a soldier of the 16th Lancs was found lying insensible from a fall which occurred in crossing it, and he died last night from concussion of the brain. A few years ago a Commissariat Servant was drowned in the same place, I therefore consider

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QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Head Quarters, Ootacamund,

16th August 1876.

No. 4014.

From

BRIGADIER-GENERAL A. HOWLETT, C.B.,

Quartermaster-General,

To

COLONEL J. MICHAEL, C.S.I.,

Secretary to Government,

Military Department.

SIR,

*1872 dated
5th August 1876*

*P.M.B. 9/4
12 Sept 74*

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government copy of a letter from the Commandant-Wellington relative to a fatal accident which occurred very recently to a soldier when crossing the stream near the broken down Madentoo Bridge at Wellington, and in the reference to Oly. N. 1441 of 27th August 1874. ^{Kind} to state that His Excellency the Commander in Chief recommends that the question whether the Bridge cannot be made available for foot passengers as a temporary measure at some moderate outlay may be brought under the notice of Government for early and favourable consideration.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Amlett Brig-General.
Quartermaster-General.

No 2204

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 26 Aug 76
Read the following:—

Indorsement in
the Military Dep. on
letter from the
Master Master Genl.
No 404 of 16th Aug 76.

(M.C. No 4293 of 25th Aug 76)

Communicated to
the District Engineer
Nilgeries for submission
of the details called for,
together with the modi-
fied Plan and estimate
under preparation on
suggestions of the Chief
Engineer.

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copy of letter from the Comd.
Nilgeries relative to a letter
received which concerned the
order when carrying out work
near the Indian Madras
Kudro at Nilgiris.

Refused

Banarshi Thero Bridge.

Refer to the

Dept. Public Works to supply the
details of work to be performed in
regard to the estimate by Captain M. M. M.
of June 1876. both for both purposes
of the work.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The D. E. Seligee

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G. O. 21 Sept 1876, No. 2264

Nos. 601/602

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Walterloo Bridge at
Wellington - Newberry &

Endorsement of the Muz
Sept submitting letter from
Mr. Dr. Markes Esq. inquiring
whether the _____ cannot
be made available for foot
passengers as a temporary
measure - Comd W. H. S. Esq.
the instructions

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Shut Camp.