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Read the following papers :—

No. 269. From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 15th January 1879, No. 71—22.

WITH reference to memorandum, No. 5,196, dated 18th November 1878, I have the honor to report that early in December I visited Ootacamund and made inquiries from Major Morant, the Executive Engineer there, and Captain Dale, Commanding the Company of Sappers and Miners in the Nilgiris, as regards points Nos. I, III, IV, and V referred to in G.O., No. 6,000, dated 14th November. I was not able to see the medical officer at Coonoor as he was on leave; Dr. Price, who is acting for him, on a reference from me reported that he was unable to give any opinion regarding the causes of the proportion of sick being so large as he had no information, but in January I visited Coonoor and inspected the lines myself; this is the cause of the delay in my answering your memorandum.

One letter, No. 449, of 22nd September 1878, from Captain H. M. Dale, Commanding "F" Company, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, to District Engineer, Nilgiri Range, with Distribution Roll

One letter No. 451, of 22nd September 1878, from Captain H. M. Dale, Commanding "F" Company, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, to District Engineer, Nilgiri Range, with detailed statement.

One Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 6,000, dated 14th November 1878, from the Military Secretary to His Grace the Governor, with Nilgiri District Engineer's letter, No. 284, of 19th October 1878, and accompaniments.

One letter, No. 505, of 25th October 1878, from Captain Dale, to District Engineer, Nilgiri Range, with a letter from the Superintending District Engineer, to the Chief Engineer, and the roll mentioned therein.

2. Referring to the several points marked in the Government Order I beg to report as follows :—

1st.—Men being detached very widely. This has been done by the Executive Engineer, many of them being employed as maistries or head coolies on roads, &c., in charge of civil coolies, and has been done for some time; the officer commanding has made no objection to it notwithstanding that I find it is against the Madras Army Regulations. There being no large works in progress, it has been necessary to employ the men in detachments, but I do consider they have been scattered more than they should have been.

2nd.—The barrack accommodation on hills for the Sappers was as follows :—

Lawrence Asylum, 50 quarters: these are the property of the asylum and probably will not be available in future; Wellington, 30 quarters; Coonoor, 20 quarters; Coonoor Ghat, 10 quarters

The quarters at Wellington and Coonoor are well situated; the water-supply and drainage is good (in this the acting medical officer agrees with me). Those on the Coonoor Ghat are also good, but none are now required there; they have not been used for some time. When detachments have been sent to places where there are no quarters, huts for them in the bazaar have been hired by the Public Works Department.

There are quarters for Sappers built at Norwood (Government House), but these are not now available. I would urge that quarters for forty men should be built in Ootacamund.

3rd.—I can say but little with regard to the large proportion of sick; the Government quarters are all that could be wished, and Captain Dale had no complaint to make with regards to the quarters hired for the men; but, being situated in the bazaar, I think it may be taken for granted that they were not so healthy as regular lines which could be regularly inspected and kept clean. The health of a company on the hills cannot be expected to be so good as that of one on the plains, especially as on the hills the men have frequently to go long distances to and from their work in the cold and wet mornings and evenings.

4th.—The men have received working pay in excess of that laid down by regulation, and it appears that both the Executive Engineer and the Officer Commanding considered it was for them to determine and agree in the rates to be paid. I may add that the Executive Engineer has no copy of the Pay Code for India and was not aware of the rates laid down in it. The men, as a rule, were allowed one anna a day extra in consideration of the distances they had to go, and also paid for extra hours, the time from leaving their quarters in the morning to returning to them at night being taken as the number of hours they are at work. The following shows how the rate of 4½ annas a day was arrived at for moving stones:—

	AS.	
Working pay, 3rd-class	2	
Travelling batta	1	
	3	
Add for half day extra hours (2 to 4 hours)	1½	4½ As.

There were many other men paid at rates calculated in the same manner.

5th.—Barrack and hospital orderlies were allowed working pay; this has been allowed for a long time. The reason given for it was to avoid constantly changing the men sent out to work, it was necessary not to change the men on orderly duty, and it was considered hard that these men should be constantly on duty and get no working pay, and therefore for this and because they often had long distances to go they were given pay although they had no claim to it. With regard to the high rates of working pay I must point out that the amount paid has not increased of late years:—

			RS.
In 1875 the monthly average was			650
In 1876	do.	do.	721
In 1877	do.	do.	579
In 1878	do.	do.	527

In the two last years, therefore, there has been a considerable reduction to the two years before.

3. The company of Sappers and Miners has been removed from the hills, their services being required at Bangalore in consequence of other companies having gone on field service; but I trust that soon another company may be sent to the hills for work there as their services will be most valuable, and the Commandant, I believe, considers it good training for the men.

4. I consider that the working pay given has been in excess of what it should have been and consider that the pay according to regulation is sufficient, the men being paid according to the hours they work, marching time being included; no man should, however, receive more than ten days' pay in a work. The Sappers should not be scattered; a few picked men (selected by the Commanding Officer and approved of by the Executive Engineer) might be employed as maistries or gangmen and paid first-class pay.

5. Only non-commissioned officers should be allowed to live away from quarters, and this only under special circumstances and with the sanction of the commanding officer. European non-commissioned officers are not required on the hills; as a rule they are useless working with Sappers except in large bodies, and but few are to be trusted on detachment alone.

6. I regret that there appears no definite rules laid down regarding the duties of the Officer Commanding the Sappers and the Executive Engineer. There should be no difficulty, however, in arranging any differences that may arise, and I think it may be safely left to the Commandant of Sappers and Miners and the Superintending Engineer to do so.

7. I would urge that quarters for forty men should be built in Ootacamund in place of those lately built at Norwood and now not available for Sappers.

8. I would suggest that the opinion of the Commandant of the Queen's Own Sappers and Miners should be asked regarding the sufficiency or insufficiency of the working pay as laid down in the Indian Pay Code for Sappers working on the hills.

No. 269-A. From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 19th October 1878, No. 284:—

I HAVE the honor to reply to your endorsement memorandum, No. 4,414, dated the 30th ultimo, on letter from the Military Secretary to His Grace the Governor, with accompaniment herewith returned.

2. Regarding the officers' orderlies, appertaining to myself I have the honor to report that on the 19th ultimo I had only one orderly. As a rule I have two at Ootacamund. They are paid for by me out of the monthly allowance granted to this office of 28 Rupees for four lascars. I employ two peons and two Sappers. The peons each get Rupees 10 per mensem, the difference of Rupees 6 being paid by me. I find it impossible to obtain lascars on Rupees 7 per mensem who will do my work. I hence employ Sappers.

3. The dispersion of the company is rendered necessary by the nature of the work which happens to be now in progress. When the incomplete barracks was in progress at Wellington the men were massed there. When the Government House at Ootacamund is in progress the men are collected here and lines are rented for their occupation. On the 19th ultimo no large work happened to be in progress; hence the men were scattered.

4. Regarding the employment of European non-commissioned officers, this must also be regulated by the work in hand. During the progress of the incomplete Wellington Barracks I employed two European non-commissioned officers attached to the company and found them very useful. I could now employ with advantage one good European non-commissioned officer. Some of them have proved very troublesome and unsteady; three have been tried by court-martial and sent back to England. Moreover lodgings have to be provided by this department for European non-commissioned officers, and their authorised working batta of one Rupee per diem in this expensive place has to be increased and in some cases (where they are good men) doubled; so that an European non-commissioned officer costs to this department between 50 and 70 Rupees per mensem and sometimes even more. It is obvious that this charge cannot always be met. Moreover, as a rule, the European non-commissioned officers have little effective control over the Native Sappers.

5. I beg to enclose a fresh distribution roll in which the rates of working pay are entered. The working roster for September was received by me from the officer commanding the company on the 16th instant. I will offer a few remarks on such rates as are above the rates at head-quarters. The numbers referred to are those in the first column.

No. 2, Jemadar Rungasawmy, draws twice the head-quarter's rate; he has daily to travel eight miles and maintains a pony. He is a very good and useful man.

No. 3 would at head-quarters draw only Annas 2. He works extra hours and is in command of an outstation detachment. He has to work on the ghat and manages his men admirably.

No. 5 would at head-quarters draw Annas 4. He has daily to walk eight miles to and from his work.

No. 7 would at head-quarters draw Annas 2. He has to daily walk several miles inspecting the Wellington water-course; he is also in charge of the Government cattle at Wellington. He occupies a responsible post.

No. 8 at head-quarters would get no working batta. I do not see why he should get any here. He does no work for this department and is employed on purely regimental duties.

No. 10 would at head-quarters draw Annas 2. He travels eight miles daily, comes early to work, and fulfils duties requiring tact and firmness. He is a good, useful man.

No. 13 would at head-quarters draw Annas 4. He comes early to, and goes late from, his work.

No. 19 would at head-quarters draw Annas 3. His batta was increased at Lieutenant Henderson's and Overseer T. Vidialingum's request. He works extra hours.

Nos. 21, 22, 26, 30, 43, 44, 61, 66, 72, 73, 75, 77, 84, 91, 97, 98, 99, 102, 105, 107, 110, 117, 119. Each draws one anna more than at head-quarters because they have to walk a long distance to and from the work.

Nos. 23 and 82 would at head-quarters draw no batta, and I see no reason why they should draw any here.

No. 27 would at head-quarters be entitled to Annas 3. He draws one anna extra for going eight miles to and from his work.

Nos. 28, 36, 47, 55, 100, 103 draw special rates because they are picked men, placed on responsible duties, and come early to, and go late from, the work.

Nos. 31 and 42 would at head-quarters draw Annas 2. They have for three years been employed under the Coonoor Native Overseer and have gained experience in supervising coolies. They work extra hours and have had their batta gradually increased.

No. 33 would at head-quarters draw only Annas 2. There is no reason, so far as I am aware, why he should draw more at Wellington.

No. 38 would at head-quarters draw nothing. I do not see why he should draw anything here.

No. 69 would at head-quarters draw Annas 2. He has to daily travel long distances up the Kotagiri Ghat. He is provided with a pony. He is a good man and does Sub-Overseer's work under the Coonoor Overseer.

No. 70 would at head-quarters draw Annas 4. He works extra hours and is very useful in drawing in the Head Office.

No. 80 would at head-quarters draw Annas 3. He works extra hours, travels long distances, is out in all weathers, and is useful; has long been employed at Kotagiri.

No. 88 would at head-quarters draw nothing. The officer commanding the company is, at head-quarters, supposed to pay this man himself. Captain Dale, I submit, should be made to reimburse this department for the batta of this company's Writer, which has for a long time past been debited to this department.

No. 123 would at head-quarters draw nothing. I see no reason why he should draw anything here.

Nos. 126, 127, and 128 draw nothing at head-quarters. They travel eight miles a day and are very useful in the blacksmith's shop.

6. I venture to take this opportunity of pointing out the extremely unsatisfactory manner in which I obtain assistance from the officer commanding the company. He never visits the men at their work even at Ootacamund. He has never once visited

the detachment (of fifteen to twenty men) at Kotagiri. The consequence is that irregularities prevail which it is impossible for me to check. I will give one example: It is customary for Captain Dale to submit his monthly work pay bill to the Pay Examiner without consulting me. About the 15th or 20th of the succeeding month, after the working pay has been disbursed, I receive a copy of his pay roll (I enclose one as a sample). This is the first intimation I obtain of what the men are receiving from this department. This pay roll has then to be compared by my office clerks with the rolls received from my subordinates. The officer who commanded the former company here received my rolls and himself checked them with those he received from his officers, &c. This practice was declined by the present officer. A month or two ago I wrote to Captain Dale, after receiving his pay roll, pointing out that some men had had class batta drawn for them when they were not employed on class work. He replied that the Subadar at Wellington had been directed not to draw this in future. Nothing was said as to the refunding of the batta already overdrawn, and the whole onus of seeing to the matter is placed on the Subadar. In the abstract of working roster for September, just received, I again find at least three privates for whom class batta has been drawn although they were not employed on class work, and ten privates for whom extra batta has been drawn without any apparent reason. I submit that these irregularities would not be so likely to prevail if the men were visited on their work by the company officer. In mentioning all this I do not in the least wish to cast any reflection on the Native officers and men forming the company. They are all good men and, if properly commanded, would seldom go wrong. The Jemadar at Ootacamund is a particularly useful man. Indeed, but for their good behaviour, the company would soon go to pieces. I may add that I complained to Colonel Prendergast, R.E., V.C., of this and of other things when he was here just before he left for Malta; he thanked me for doing so and said he had spoken to Captain Dale, who, he believed, would behave differently in future; but in case I had further to complain he requested me to communicate with his successor. This after a time I was reluctantly compelled to do; and Major C. A. Sim, R.E., then commanding the Sappers at Bangalore, visited Ootacamund and arranged for the relief of the present officer by an officer from Secunderabad. But something prevented this being carried out.

7. The information regarding the sick, the officer commanding the company has been requested to supply.

No. 4,767.

FORWARDED to the Military Secretary to His Grace the Governor with reference to his No. 213, dated 26th September 1878.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

22nd October 1878.

FORWARDED to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

(By order,)

(Signed) B. HOBART, Major, R.A.
Military Secy. to His Grace the Governor.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
23rd October 1877.

No. 269-B. From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Nilgiris, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 28th October 1878, No. 296.

IN continuation of this office letter, No. 284, dated the 19th instant, I have the honor to forward for your information the enclosed original letter and its accompaniment received from Captain H. M. Dale.

From Captain H. M. DALE, Commanding "F" Company, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, to the District Engineer, Nilgiri Range, dated Ootacamund, 25th October 1878, No. 505.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1,160, dated 17th October 1878, and to forward herewith a roll showing the amount of working pay drawn for the men of the company under my command on the 19th September 1878, and a memorandum giving the further information called for by His Grace the Governor.

No. 4,906.

FORWARDED to the Military Secretary to His Grace the Governor in continuation of endorsement, No. 4,767, dated 22nd October 1878.

29th October 1878. (Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 269-C. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 14th November 1878, No. 6,000.

From the Military Secretary to His Grace the Governor, dated 23rd October 1878.

ORDER.—These papers disclose matters which call for consideration and appear to demand inquiry.

I.—Men of the Company of Sappers and Miners on the Nilgiris are detached very widely, even one man being sent singly to Mettapolliem.

II.—The detached parties are said to be never visited by the officer commanding the company, but it is presumed that his inspection returns or reports will show exactly how this is.

III.—The proportion of sick appears very large.

IV.—Privates receive rates in excess of regulation on work which does not admit in many cases of the supposition that it is earned at piece-work; some men are receiving 4 Annas 6 Pies a day for "moving stones," and the authorised scale of working pay does not appear to rule the remuneration at all.

(Articles 429 and 430, Pay Code for India, Volume II.)

V.—Men doing duty as barrack and hospital orderlies are allowed working pay for which there appears to be no authority.

2. The District Engineer's letter gives grounds in justification of the grant, in some cases, of extra rates not admissible under military rules, but the Government are not aware of any authority for the statement that European non-commissioned officers must be allowed double batta on the hills.

3. The points alluded to, excepting the second, are matters for consideration in the Public Works Department, and will accordingly be transferred to that department for disposal.

4. The second point with copy of paragraph 6 of the District Engineer's letter will be referred, through the Acting Commander of the Forces, to the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners for such notice as he may think proper.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. FAREWELL, Colonel,
Under-Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

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No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1879, No. 310 W.

RECORDED.

2. There being no large work now in progress suitable for employing Sappers without detaching them singly, His Grace the Governor in Council sees no reason for a company going to the Hills. Should work be wanted for them, they can be usefully employed elsewhere next year.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle,
" Military Department.

Exd. G. Freeman.
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To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FOURTH CIRCLE
&c., &c.

Dated January 28th.

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G. O., 28th January 1879, No. 310 W.

JANUARY.
Nos. 269-270.

Sappers employed on the Nilgiris — Correspondence regarding the —, recorded with remarks.

Distribution Roll of the "F" Company Queen's own Sappers and Miners shewing where the men were stationed and how employed on the 19th September 1878, and the rates of daily working pay they then drew.

Number Regimental Number	Rank	Names	where stationed	Batta drawn on the 19th Septr 1878	How employed
1143	Subadar Major	Narrainswamy Bahadur	C	0 " 8 " 0	Superintending
2035	Jemadar	Rungaswamy	O	1 " 0 " 0	Engineer's Office
1369	Havildar	Soobrayen	K	0 " 12 " 0	Superintending works
2410	"	Mindappen	—	—	with "G" company at Cyprus
1447	"	Ramoodoo	O	0 " 6 " 0	Superintending bricklayers at upper & lower side at Corps head quarters
2798	"	Kristnaswamy	—	—	
2099	"	Veeraswamy	W	0 " 6 " 0	Superintending water channels
1592	Naigue	Ghoolamoodien	O	0 " 3 " 0	Orderly Naigue
2018	"	Moothooswamy	W	0 " 3 " 0	Superintending bricklayers
2791	"	Sheik Mahomed	O	0 " 5 " 0	Superintending concrete
2765	"	Venkatswamy	O	~~none~~	Pay Naigue
2988	"	Chinnimootoo	C	0 " 3 " 0	Superintending coolies on Kotergiri Road
89	"	Chinnimootoo	W	0 " 6 " 0	Superintending works at Waterloo Bridge
54	"	Armoogum	C	0 " 2 " 0	Employed in brickfield
53	Bugler	L. Fraser	C	0 " 2 " 0	Employed in brickfield
58	"	J. Myers	O	—	Sick
979	Private	Mootooveeran	—	—	Sick absent.

1798	Private	Appoodoo	C	0"2"0	Employed in brickfield
1949	"	Sheik Hoossain	C	0"5"0	Superintending Coolies on Cantonment.
2037	"	Veeraswamy	—	—	Sick absent
2190	"	Ramaswamy	K	0"4"6	Moving stones
2198	"	Mooniswamy	K	0"4"6	Moving stones
2216	"	Cunniam	O	0"3"0	Barracks Orderly
2232	"	Cooppooswamy	—	—	Furlough
2284	"	Annacalum	W	0"4"0	Employed in brickfield
2268	"	Mooniswamy	K	0"4"6	Moving stones
2270	"	Soobroyen	O	0"3"0	Employed at upper Norwood
2311	"	Durmalingum	O	0"5"0	Superintending Coolies on Coonoor Road.
2340	"	Lazor	N	0"3"0	Employed on Mettapolliam Road
2351	"	Caulydassen	O	0"4"0	Major Morant's orderly
2357	"	Vencatachellum	C	0"6"0	Superintending Coolies, Lady Canning's Seat.
2384	"	Sebastian	—	—	Furlough
2426	"	Perroomal	C	0"2"0	Employed at Waterloo Bridge
2470	"	Iyannen	O	—	Sick
2569	"	Syed Hamad	O	—	In confinement
2600	"	Syed Yacoob	O	0"5"0	Superintending Coolies on A. B. C. Ground
2608	"	Ellapen	O	0"0"0	Making up clothing for the men
2713	"	Elliah	O	0"3"0	Capt Dale's orderly
279	"	Narainswamy	W	0"2"0	Employed in brickfield
2736	"	Vencatswamy	C	0"5"6	Superintending Coolies on Ooty Road
2756	"	Ameen	O	0"5"0	Employed as smith in Engineer's yard.
2759	"	Vencatswamy	W	0"2"0	Employed in brickfield
2771	"	Mahomed Ismall	N	0"3"0	Repairing Road
2773	Private	Ramaswamy	K	0"4"6	Moving stones
2783	"	Muniswamy	W	0"3"0	Superintending coolies at Burliah
2794	"	Mahomed Baig	W	0"3"0	Employed in brickfield
2795	"	Soojan Sing	O	0"5"0	Superintending coolies Bazaar Road
2840	"	Juggonathum	—	—	Sick at corps Head Quarters
2855	"	Cunniah	—	—	Sick absent
2856	L Naique	Dasapah	C	0"4"0	Employed at Waterloo Bridge
2921	Private	Anthony	O	—	In confinement
2970	"	Samoodrum	—	—	Sick absent
49	"	Mooniswamy	—	—	Sick absent
50	"	Ramaswamy	—	—	Sick absent
65	"	Dasapah	O	0"5"0	Superintending coolies
68	"	Perroomal	O	—	Sick
85	"	Nauly	N	—	Leave
92	"	Anthony	W	0"4"0	Employed in brickfield
120	"	Manickum	W	0"2"0	Employed in brickfield
129	"	Sevalingum	W	0"4"0	Employed at Waterloo Bridge
130	"	Sungian	O	0"3"0	Employed at upper Norwood
162	"	Francis	W	0"4"0	Employed at Waterloo Bridge
181	"	Vuddamalay	O	—	Making up clothing
189	"	Ellen	W	0"2"0	Major Morant's orderly
214	"	Madury	W	0"3"0	Employed in brickfield
235	"	Venayagum	O	0"3"0	Employed at upper Norwood
240	"	Sawmynathen	W	0"4"0	Employed at Waterloo Bridge
245	"	Dinnayagum	O	—	on Guard
246	Ag Agm	Rungasawmy	M	0"6"0	Superintending coolies
251	Private	Lazar	O	0"5"0	Employed at Engr's Office
284	"	Soobroyen	O	—	on Guard
286	"	Chinniappen	N	0"7"6	Boring rocks
287	"	Chelliappen	N	0"4"6	Boring rocks
268	"	Lollalar	—	—	Sick absent
305	"	Dav			Boring

336	Private	Zeitalabdeen	W	0„4„0	Employed at Waterloo Bridge
346	"	Ramathasalempolly	K	0„4„0	Revetment Works
359	"	Davisjohn	K	—	On Leave
366	"	Nedsawmy	—	—	Sick absent
367	L. Naigue	Mulla Ismail	K	0„9„0	Superintending coolies
369	"	Nanakiah	C	—	Sick
374	Private	Moonisawmy	C	0„2„0	Barracks Orderly
389	"	Madury	O	—	On Guard
396	"	Vellivail	K	0„4„6	Superintending coolies
397	"	Mauree	—	—	Sick absent
399	"	Madurymootoo	W	0„9„0	Employed in brickfield
405	"	Coopoosawmy	W	0„3„0	Employed at Waterloo Bridge
412	L. Naigue	Arunachellum	O	0„3„0	Company writer
414	Private	Ramasawmy	—	—	Sick absent
416	"	Bastian	K	0„4„6	Moving stores
417	"	Sillamon Khan	O	0„5„0	Superintending convicts
419	"	Moonisawmy	W	—	Employed in brickfield
426	"	Kistnasawmy	W	0„0„0	Employed in brickfield
428	"	Munian	—	—	Sick absent
442	"	Moonisawmy	W	0„3„0	Employed at Waterloo Bridge
444	"	Mahomed Caniff	O	0„0„0	On Guard
450	"	Moorgasen	O	0„6„0	Employed at upper Norwood
451	"	Narrainswamy	O	0„5„0	Employed at upper Norwood
454	"	Narrainsawmy	O	0„5„0	Employed at upper Norwood
457	"	Veerasawmy	O	0„5„0	Superintending coolies
—		(Numbered by mistake)		—	Lake Road.
458	"	Ponnoosawmy	O	0„5„0	Employed at upper Norwood
459	"	Manbally	O	0„5„0	Superintending coolies Ava-lanche Road
461	"	Moonisawmy	W	0„4„0	Employed at brickfield
464	"	Narrainsawmy	O	0„5„0	Employed at upper Norwood
465	"	Narrainsawmy	W	0„0„0	Employed in brickfield
469	"	[illegible]sawm	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] stores
471	Private	Kistnasawmy	W	0„2„0	Employed in brickfield
472	"	Lingamootoo	W	0„4„6	Employed in brickfield
474	"	Narsoo	K	0„4„6	Moving stores
493	"	Coopoosawmy	C	0„0„0	Employed in brickfield
513	"	Ramasawmy	W	0„2„0	Employed in brickfield
516	"	Iyasawmy	W	0„3„0	Employed in brickfield
525	"	Mootiah	—	—	Sick absent
537	"	Madury	W	0„3„0	Employed at Waterloo Bridge
554	"	Palaniyandy	W	0„3„0	Employed in brickfield
585	"	Mylamundum	K	0„3„0	Repairing Road
600	"	Koodian	K	0„4„6	Moving Stores
606	"	Mulla Dawood	O	0„3„0	Employed at upper Norwood
620	"	Govindrajoo	C	0„3„0	Employed in brickfield
641	"	Gitthooram	—	—	Sick at corps head quarters
658	"	Venketswamy	W	0„0„0	Employed at Waterloo Bridge
262	L.Nk	Chellapen	O	0„4„0	Hospital Orderly
28	Puckaly	Nulliah	O	—	carrying water
117	Carpenter	Soobarayar Achary	—	—	at corps head quarters
41	Smith	Munjen	O	0„6„0	In Smith's Shop
71	H.Man	Cunnian	O	0„5„0	In Smith's Shop
95	B.Boy	Roopsing	O	0„5„0	In Smith's Shop
1002	Hos.		—	—	
	Asst	J. Philip	O	—	in Hospital

O = Ootacamund
C = Coonoor
W = Wellington
K = Kotaregiri
M = Mettapolliam

(Sd) H. M. Dale Capt
Comdg "7th" Co. S & Miners

J. L. Morant Major R.E.

District Engineer 7/310

Pro: of 28th January/79 No 3108

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No 284

District Engineer's Office
Ootacamund 19th October 1878

From

The District Engineer
Nilgiris

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Ootacamund

Sir

I have the honor to reply your endorsement Memorandum No 4414 dated the 30th ultimo on letter from the Military Secretary to H. G. the Governor with accompaniment herewith returned

2. Regarding the Officers' orderlies appertaining to myself I have the honor to report that on the 29th ultimo I had only one orderly. As a rule I have two at Ootacamund. They are paid for by me out of

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Office of 28 Rupees for 4 lascars. I employ 2 Peons and 2 sappers. The Peons each get Rs 10 per mensem, the difference of Rs 6 being paid by me. I find it impossible to obtain lascars on Rs 7 per mensem who will do any work. I hence employ sappers.

3. The dispersion of the company is rendered necessary by the nature of the work which happens to be now in progress. When the incomplete barracks was in progress at Wellington the men were massed there. When the Government House at Ootacamund is in progress the men are collected here and lines are rented for their occupation. On the 19th ultimo no large work happened to be in progress hence the men were scattered

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European Non commissioned Officers this must also be regulated by the work in hand. During the progress of the incomplete Wellington Barracks I employed 2 European Non commissioned Officers attached to the company and found them very useful. I could now employ with advantage one good European Non Commissioned Officer. Some of them have proved very troublesome and unsteady: they have been tried by courtmartial and sent back to England. Moreover lodgings have to be provided by this Department for European Non commissioned Officers – and their authorized working batta of Rs 1 per diem in this expensive place has to be increased and in some cases (where they are good men) doubled: so that an European [illegible] missioned Officer costs to this Department between 50 and 70 rupees per mensem, and sometimes even more. It is obvious that this charge cannot always be met. Moreover as a rule the European Non commissioned Officers have little effective control over the Native Sappers.

5. I beg to enclose a fresh Distribution Roll in which the rates of working pay are entered. The working Roster for September was received by me from the Officer Commanding the company on the 16th Instant. I will offer a few remarks on such rates as are above the rates at Head Quarters.

The numbers referred to are those in the first column.

No. 2. Jemadar Auingaswamy draws twice the Head Quarters' rate: he has daily to travel 8 miles and maintains a pony. He is a very good and useful man.

No. 3. would at Head Quarters draw only Annas 2 [illegible]

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and is in command of an outstation detachment. He has to work on the Ghaut and manages his men admirably.

No. 5 would at Head Quarters draw Annas 4. He has daily to walk 8 miles to and from his work.

No. 7 would at Head Quarters draw draw Annas 2. He has to daily walk several miles inspecting the Wellington Water course: he is also in charge of the Government cattle at Wellington. He occupies a responsible post.

No. 8 at Head Quarters would get no working batta. I do not see why he should get any here. He does no work for this Department, and is employed on purely regimental duties.

No. 10 would at Head quarters [illegible] travels 8 miles daily, comes early to work and fulfills duties requiring tact & and firmness. He is a good useful man.

No. 13 would at Head Quarters draw 4 annas; he comes early to and goes late from his work.

No. 19 would at Head Quarters draw 3 annas. His batta was increased at Lieutt Henderson's and Overseer J. Vidialinguum's request. He works extra hours.

Nos. 21, 22, 26, 30, 43, 44, 61, 66, 72, 73, 75, 77, 84, 91, 97, 98, 99, 102, 105, 107, 110, 117, 119. Each draws one anna more than at Head Quarters, because they have to walk a long distance to and from the work.

Nos. 23 and 82 would at Head Quarters draw no batta, and I see no reason why they should draw any here.

No. 27 would at Head Quarters be entitled to [illegible] one

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for going 2 miles to and from his work.

Nos. 28, 36, 47, 55, 100, 103 draw special rates, because they are picked men, placed on responsible duties and come early to and go late from the work.

Nos. 31 & 42 would at Head Quarters draw annas 2. They have for 3 years been employed under the Coonoor Native Overseer and have gained experience in supervising coolies. They work extra hours and have had their batta gradually increased.

No. 33 would at Head Quarters draw only annas 2. There is no reason so far as I am aware why he should draw more at Wellington

No. 38. would at Head Quarters

[illegible] do not see

why he should draw anything here.

No. 69 would at Head Quarters draw annas 2. He has to daily travel long distances up the Kotergiri Ghaut. He is provided with a pony. He is a good man and does Sub Overseer's work under the Coonoor Overseer.

No. 70 would at Head Quarters draw annas 4. He works extra hours and is very useful in drawing in the Head Office.

No. 80 would at Head Quarters draw annas 3. He works extra hours, travels long distances, is out in all weathers, and is useful: has long been employed at Kotergiri.

No. 88 would at Head Quarters draw

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the Company is at Head Quarters supposed to pay this man himself. Captain Dale, I submit, should be made to reimburse this Department for the batta of this Company's writer which has for a long time past been debited to this Department.

No. 123 would at Head Quarters draw nothing. I see no reason why he should draw anything here

No. 126, 127 and 128 draw nothing at Head Quarters. They travel 8 miles a day and are very useful in the Blacksmith's shop.

6. I venture to take this opportunity of pointing out the extremely unsatisfactory manner in which I obtain assistance from the Officer commanding the Company. He never visits the men

He has never once visited the detachment
(of 15 to 20 men) at Katergiri. The consequence
is that irregularities prevail which it
is impossible for me to check. I will give
one example:– It is customary for Capt
Dale to submit his monthly work pay
bill to the Pay Examiner without
consulting me. About the 15th or 20th
of the succeeding month after the work-
ing pay has been disbursed I
receive a copy of his pay roll. [I
enclose one as a sample]. This is the
first intimation I obtain of what the
men are receiving from this Depart-
ment. His pay roll has then to
be compared by my Office clerks with
the rolls received from my Subordi-
nates. The Officer who commanded
the former company here received my
rolls and himself checked them with
those he received from his Officers
&c. This practice was declined by the
present

I wrote to Captain Dale, after receivin
his pay roll pointing out that som
men had had class batta drawn for
them when they were not employed
on class work. He replied that the
Subadar at Wellington had been dir
-ed not to draw this in future.
Nothing was said as to the refun
-ing of the batta already overdraw
and the whole onus of being to
matter is placed on the Subadar. In
the abstract of working Roster for
September just received I
again find at least 3 Privates for whom
class batta has been drawn, althoug
they were not employed on class work,
and 10 privates for whom extra
batta has been drawn without any apparent
reason. I submit that these
irregularities would not be so likely
to prevail if the men were visited

on their work by the company Officer. In mentioning all this I do not in the least wish to cast any reflection on the Native Officers and men forming the company. They are all good men, and if properly commanded would seldom go wrong. The Jemadar at Ootacamund is a particularly useful man. Indeed but for their good behaviour the company would soon go to pieces. I may add that I complained to Colonel Pendergast R. B. L. C. of this and of other things when he was here just before he left for Malta: he thanked me for doing so and said he had spoken to Captain Dale who he believed would behave differently in future; but in case I had further to complain he requested me to communicate with his successor. This after a time I was reluctantly compelled to do; and Maj[illegible] and Lieu[illegible] A. E. [illegible]

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commanding the Sappers at Bangal visited Ootacamund, and arranged for the relief of the present Officer by an Officer from Secunderabad. But something prevented this being carried out.

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7. The information regarding the site the Officer commanding the company has been requested to supply.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant
J. L. L. Morant. Major. R

District Engineer

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No. 4767.

Forwarded to the Military Secretary to His Grace the Governor with reference to his No. 213 dated 26th Septr 1878.

E H Ford Col. R.E.
Secy: to Govt. P.W.D.

22nd Octr 1878.

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Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

By order.
For the Hobart, Major
Mil. Secy to H. G. the Govr.

Govt. H.
23rd Oct 1878 }
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Roads and Buildings

~~From~~

Pro: of 28th January/79 No. 310

The District Engineer
Nilgiris

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department
Ootacamund

No. 224

Dated 19th October 1878

Number of Enclosures. 3

Information of the "I" Company Queen's own Sappers & Miners – Submits the – called for in his Endorsement Memorandum No. 4414 dated the 30th ultimo on letter from the Military Secretary to His Grace the Governor

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PW 2868/78

From

The Military Secretary
to H.G. the Governor

D/ 23rd }
R/ 23rd } October 1878.

b.E.

Forwarding correspondence regarding the working pay of the Company of Sappers and Miners on the Nilgiris

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AG No: 252/21/11/78

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No. 449

Ootacamund,
22nd September 1878.

From
Captain H. M. DALE,
Commanding "F" Company,
Queen's Own Sappers and Miners.

To
The District Engineer
Neilgherry Range
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Distribution Roll of the Company under my command showing how and where each man was employed on the 19th Instant, as requested in your letter No. 1013 dated 13th September 1878.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

H M Dale Captain,
Commanding "F" Company,
Queen's Own Sappers and Miners.

FROM

CAPTAIN H. M. DALE,
Commanding "F" Company,
Queen's Own Sappers and Miners.

To

The District Engineer
Neilgherry Range
Ootacamund

NO. 449

Dated 22nd September 1878

Received

SUBJECT.

Distribution Roll of the "F" Company Queen's Own Sappers & Miners
Showing where the men were Stationed and how Employed
on the 19th September 1878.

No.	Rank and Names		Where Stationed	How Employed
143	Subadar Major	Narrainsawmy Bahadur	C	Superintending
335	Jemadar	Rungasawmy	O	Engineer's Office -
69	Havildar	Soondroyen	K	Superintending works
410	.	Neerappen	—	With "G" Company at Cyprus -
247	.	Ramoodoo	O	Superintending bricklayers at Upper Norwood -
728	.	Kistnasawmy	—	Sick at Corps Head Quarters -
399	.	Veerasawmy	W	Superintending water channels -
592	Naigue	Suckroodeen	O	Orderly Naigue -
018	.	Mootoosawmy	W	Superintending brickmakers
791	.	Shaik Ahmed	O	Superintending convicts -
765	.	Venkitsawmy	O	Pay Naigue
1988	.	Chinnymootoo	C	Superintending coolies on Kotagherry road -
89	.	Chinnymootoo	W	Superintending works at Waterloo bridge -
54	.	Armogum	C	Employed in brickfield -
53	Bugler	L. Fraser	C	Employed in brickfield
58	.	J. Mears	O	Sick -
979	Privates	Mootooveeren	—	Sick absent
798	.	Appoodoo	C	Employed in brickfield
949	.	Shaik Hoosain	C	Superintending coolies in cantonment
2037	.	Veerasawmy	—	Sick absent
2190	.	Ramasawmy	K	Moving stones
2198	.	Moonesawmy	K	Moving stones
2216	.	Cunnian	O	Barracks Orderly -
2232	.	Cooppoosawmy	—	Furlough
2234	.	Arunacollum	W	Employed in brickfield -
2268	.	Moonesawmy	K	Moving stones
2270	.	Soobrayen	O	Employed at Upper Norwood -

No.	Rank and Names		where Stationed	How Employed
2311	Private	Durmalingum	O	Superintending coolies on Coonoor road.
2340	"	Lazar	K	Employed on Mettapollium road.
2351	"	Cauleedasen	O	Major Morant's orderly +
2357	"	Venkitachallum	C	Superintending coolies, Lady Canning's seat,
2384	"	Sebastian	–	Furlough –
2426	"	Permaul	C	Employed at Waterloo bridge
2470	"	Iyannen	O	Sick –
2569	"	Syed Ahmed	O	In confinement
2600	"	Syed Jacoob	O	Superintending coolies on A.B.C. ground
2608	"	Ellapen	O	Making up Clothing for the men.
2713	"	Elliah	O	Captain Dale's orderly –
2719	"	Narainsawmy	W	Employed in brickfield –
736	"	Venketsawmy	C	Superintending coolies on Ooty road
756	"	Aluar	O	Employed as Smith in Engineer yard
69	"	Venketsawmy	W	Employed in brickfield –
71	"	Mahomed Ismall	K	Repairing road –
73	"	Ramasawmy	K	Moving stones
783	"	Mooneesawmy	W	Superintending coolies at Burliar.
2794	"	Mahomed Eleff	W	Employed in brickfield –
2795	"	Soobansing	O	Superintending coolies, bazaar road.
2840	"	Juggarnathen	–	Sick at Corps Head Quarters –
2855	"	Cunniah	–	Sick absent –
2856	Lance Naique	Dodopah	C	Employed at Waterloo bridge
2921	Private	Anthony	O	In confinement –
2970	"	Samoodrum	–	Sick absent
49	"	Mooneesawmy	–	Sick absent
52	"	Ramasawmy	–	Sick absent
65	"	Dodopah	O	Superintending coolies, Kandal road.
68	"	Permaul	O	Sick –
85	"	Caulee	K	Leave
92	"	Anthony	W	Employed in brickfield
120	"	Marrickum	W	Employed in brickfield
129	"	Seevalingum	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge

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No.	Rank and Names		where Stationed	How Employed
130	Private	Sengien	O	Employed at Upper Norwood –
162	"	Francis	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
181	"	Vaddamallay	O	Making up Clothing – x
189	"	Ellen	W	Major Morant's orderly x2
214	"	Maduray	W	Employed in brickfield –
235	"	Veenayagum	O	Employed at Upper Norwood –
240	"	Sawrymuthen	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
245	"	Arunayagum	O	On Guard – x
246	Acting Naique	Rungasawmy	W	Superintending coolies –
251	Private	Lazar	O	Employed at Engineer's office
284	"	Soobrayen	O	On Guard – x
286	"	Chinnayapen	K	Boring rocks
287	"	Palanyapen	K	Boring rocks
288	"	Lallah	–	Sick absent.
305	"	Dawood Shariff	K	Boring rocks.
326	"	Zailabdeen	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
346	"	Caungasavahatty	K	Revetment work –
359	"	Dansgoven	K	On Leave
366	"	Arreesawmy	–	Sick absent
367	Lance Naique	Shaik Ismall	K	Superintending coolies –
369	"	Karakirh	C	Sick –
374	Private	Mooneesawmy	C	Barracks orderly. x2
389	"	Maduray	O	On Guard – x
396	"	Vellanail	K	Superintending coolies –
397	"	Maurice	–	Sick absent.
399	"	Maduraymootoo	W	Employed in brickfield
405	"	Coopoosawmy	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge x
412	Lance Naique	Ponnachallum	O	Company writer –
414	Private	Ramasawmy	–	Sick absent
415	"	Bastian	K	Moving rocks –
417	"	Sillaman Khan	O	Superintending convicts
419	"	Mooneesawmy	W	Employed in brickfield
426	"	Kistnasawmy	W	Employed in brickfield –

No.	Rank and Names		where Stationed	How Employed
428	Private	Marrian	—	Sick absent
442	"	Moonesawmy	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
444	"	Mahomedauniff	O	On Guard – ✗
450	"	Moorgasen	O	Employed at Upper Norwood.
451	"	Narrainsawmy	O	Employed at Upper Norwood.
454	"	Narrainsawmy	O	Employed at Upper Norwood.
457	"	Veerasawmy	O	Superintending coolies, Lake road.
58	"	Poonoosawmy	O	Employed at Upper Norwood
59	"	Mankolly	O	Superintending coolies, Sivasspotah road –
61	"	Moonesawmy	W	Employed in brickfield –
64	"	Narrainsawmy	O	Employed at Upper Norwood.
65	"	Narrainsawmy	W	Employed in brickfield
9	"	Cundasawmy	K	Moving stones
1	"	Kistnasawmy	W	Employed in brickfield –
59	"	Ungamootoo	W	Employed in brickfield
71	"	Aurboo	K	Moving stones
2	"	Cooposawmy	C	Employed in brickfield
13	"	Ramasawmy	W	Employed in brickfield
16	"	Iyasawmy	W	Employed in brickfield
525	"	Arokiem	—	Sick absent
537	"	Maduray	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
554	"	Palaniandy	W	Employed in brickfield
585	"	Mylamundum	K	Repairing road –
602	"	Coondien	K	Moving stones
606	"	Shaikdavood	√ O	Employed at Upper Norwood.
620	"	Govindorajoo	C	Employed in brickfield
641	"	Girthareram	—	Sick at Corps Head Quarters
658	"	Venkatsawmy	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
26	R. Lascar	Chellapen	O	Hospital orderly
28	Puckally	Neelliah	O	Carrying water
117	Carpenter	Sooleraya achary		At Corps Head Quarters
41	Smith	Munjunee	Ō	In Smith's Shop –
71	H. man	Cunnian	O	In Smith's Shop

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No.	Rank and Names		where Stationed	How Employed
95	B. Boy	Roopsing	√ O	In Smith's shop –
1008	Hospital Assist.	J. Philip	O	Looking after sick in Hospital

O = Ootacamund
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Ootacamund
21st September 1876

H. W. Dale Captain
Commanding Detachment
Queen's Own Sappers & Miners

Pro of 28 January/77 No 3104

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No. 451

Ootacamund, 22nd September 1878.

From

Captain H. M. DALE,
Commanding "F" Company,
Queen's Own Sappers and Miners.

To

The District Engineer
Neilgherry Range
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a note from you forwarding a Demi official (both of this day's date) from Colonel Foord, R.E. to your address.

I beg to offer the following explanation with regard to the delay in submitting the Distribution Roll - and I trust it will be deemed sufficient to remove the imputation conveyed in Colonel Foord's Demi Official against me, of having failed to obey the orders of Government.

Your letter No 1013 dated 13th September 1878 forwarding the copy of the memo of the Chief Engineer, D.P.W., only reached me on Monday the 16th September— The following day I wrote to order a detailed statement of how each man of the detachments at Coonoor and Kotagherry were employed on Thursday the 19th— I received this information on the evening of Friday the 20th; the Roll was made out in my Office yesterday, the 21st— and forwarded to you with my letter No. 449 of this day's date (22nd)—

I request that you will be so good as to forward this letter or a copy of it to Colonel Foord, that he may see that no unnecessary delay has been occasioned by me—

Colonel Foord's letter is returned herewith as requested—

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
A.M. Dale Captain
Commanding "7" Company
Queen's Own Sappers & Miners—

Pro: of 28: January /79 No. 310 W.

From

Captain H. M. Dale,
Commanding "F" Company,
Queen's Own Sappers and Miners.

To

The ~~District~~ Engineer
Neilgherry Range
Ootacamund

No. 451

Dated 22nd September 1878

Received

Subject.

Explaining delay in submitting Distribution Roll.

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Working Roster of the "F" Company, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, for the Month of September 1878.

Regimental No.	Rank and Names.		Class.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total of each Man.	Total of each Class.	Remarks.
		Artificers																																			
26	Regtal Lascar	Chellapen	3rd	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	.	60		
41	Smith	Mungeenee	.	.	/	½	/	/	/	/	.	/	½	/	/	/	/	.	/	½	/	/	/	/	.	/	/	/	—	—	—	—	—	—	58½		
71	Hammerman	Cunnian	.	.	/	½	/	/	/	/	.	/	—	—	—	—	—	—	/	½	/	/	/	/	.	/	/	/	—	—	—	—	—	—	37½		
95	Bellows boy	Roopsing	.	.	/	½	/	/	/	/	.	/	½	/	/	/	/	.	/	½	/	/	/	/	.	/	½	/	—	—	—	—	—	—	47½	203½ @ -/2	Rs: 25-7-0

374	. Mooneswamy	.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 19 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 .	30	
389	. Madivay	.	. 1 . 1 1 1 — 1 1 1 . 1 1 . 1 1 1 . 1 1 . 1 — 1 . 1 .	25½	
396	. Vettivail	.	. 1 1 1 1 1 1 — 1 1 1 . 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 3 . 3 3 3 3 3 3 . 3 .	61	
399	. Maduranootoo	.	. 1½ 1 . 1 1 . ½ . 1 1 ½ — 1 ½ . 1 1 1 — ½ 1 —	13½	
415	. Bustian	.	— ½ — 1½ 1 1½ 1½ 1 1 1½ 1½ 2⅓ . 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ — 2⅓ .	41	
417	. Sillamon Khan	.	. 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 ½ ½ ½ . 1 .	55	
426	. Kistnasawmy	.	. 1½ 1 1 . 1 . ½ ½ — 1 . 1½ 1 . 1 — 1 ½ 1 —	12½	
457	. Veerasawmy	.	. 1 1 1 . 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 — 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 .	57½	
459	. Moongalee	.	. 1 1 1 . 1 1 — 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 .	57½	
469	. Cundasawmy	.	. 1½ 1 1½ 1 1 1 — 1½ 1½ 1 . 1½ 1 1 1½ — 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ — 2⅓ .	45	
471	. Kistnasawmy	.	2 1½ 1 1 1 1 1 1 ½ ½ — 1 — ½ 1 1 1 — 1 ½ 1 —	16½	
474	. Nursoo	.	. 1½ 1 1½ 1 1 1 — 1½ 1½ 1½ . 1½ 1 1 1½ 1½ 2⅓ . 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ . 2⅓ 2⅓ . 2⅓ .	51½	
492	. Cooppasawmy	.	. 1½ 1 1 . 1 —	4½	
573	. Ramasawmy	.	. 1½ 1 1 1 1 . ½ — 1 . 1 . 1 1 1 1 . 1½ 1 —	14½	
585	. Mylamuthum	.	. 1½ 1 1½ 1 1 1 — 1½ 1½ 1 . 1½ 1½ 1 1 1½ 2⅓ . 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ . 2⅓ .	54	
602	. Condian	.	— 1 1 1 — 1½ 1½ 1 — 1½ 1 1½ 1½ 2⅓ . 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ —	43½	
606	. Shaik Dawood	.	— 1 1 . 1 — 1 1 1 . 1½ 1 1 1 1 — ½ 1 1 1 — 1 .	24	
658	. Venketswamy	.	— ½ 1 1 1 1 . ½ ½ 1 1 1 1 . 1½ 1 . 1 1 . 1½ 1 —	16½	1228 2407 @ 1/2

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Working Roster of the "E" Company, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners
for the Month of September 1878

Regimental No.	Rank and Names	Class.	Number of Working Days (1–31)	Total of each Man.	Total of each Class.	Remarks.
2426	Private Perumaul	3rd	. 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ . 1½ 1½ 1 1 1 1 . 1½ 1 1 1 1 . 1½ 1 . 1 1 . 1 .	27	1179	
2600	. Syed yacoob	.	. 1 1 1 1 . 1 . 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 —	52½		
2608	. Yellapen	.	— ½ . 1 . 1 . 1 1 . 1 — ½ — 1 —	10½		
2713	. Elliah	.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 .	45		
2719	. Narrainswamy	.	— 1 1 — 1 1 . 1½ 1 1 1 1 . 1½ 1 —	12		
2736	. Venketswamy	.	. 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 .	69		
2756	. Alwar	.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 —	19½		
2759	. Venketswamy	.	. 1½ 1 1 1 1 . ½ — ½ 1 — 1 ½ 1 1 . 1 . 1 ½ 1 —	14½		
2771	. Mohamed Ismail	.	. 1½ 1 1 1 . 1 . ½ — 1½ 1½ 1½ . 1½ 1 1 1 1½ 2⅓ . 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ — 2⅓ .	49½		
2773	. Ramaswamy	.	. 1½ 1 1 1 1 1 — 1½ 1½ 1½ . 1½ 1 1 1½ 1½ 2⅓ . 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ 2⅓ — 2⅓ .	51		
2753	. Mooneswamy	.	. 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ . 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ . 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ . 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ 1½ . 1½ .	37½		
2795	. Soosai Sing	.	. 1 . 1 1 1 — 1 . 1 1 1 1 . 1 . 1 1 1 1 — 1 . 1 1 1 . 1 .	47½		
68	. Perumaul	.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1½ —	15½		
120	. Manickum	.	. 1½ 1 . 1 1 . ½ . 1 1 ½ — 1 ½ 1 1 1 1 . 1 ½ 1 —	15½		
130	. Singum	.	— 1 1 — 1 . 1 — 1 1 . 1 1 1 — 1 —	15		
189	. Yellen	.	. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 1 1 . 1 .	26		
235	. Veerappen	.	— 1 1 1 . 1 . ½ —	7		
284	. Soobrayen	.	. 1 . 1 1 1 — 1 1 1 . 1 1 . 1 1 1 . 1 1 . 1 1 1 1 . 1 . 1 .	50		
359	. Savarayen	.	. 1 1 1 1 1 1 — 1½ 1 . 1½ 1 1 . 1½ 2⅓ — 2⅓ 2⅓ . 2⅓ — 2⅓ .	40		

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374	.	Mooneswamy	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	30
389	.	Madasa[illegible]																																	
1369	Color Havildar	Soodroyen	3rd	.	1	1	1½	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1½	1½	1	1½	1½	1½	1	1½	1½	1½	.	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	.	1½	.	124
2099	Havildar	Veeraswamy	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	90
1592	Naique	Fuckeroodeen	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	45
2791	.	Shaik Hamed	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	:	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	.	60
2988	.	Chowrimootoo	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1½	1½	1½	1½	.	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	.	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	.	1½	.	32
89	.	Chowrimootoo	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	.	78
54	.	Annoopum	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
246	.	Rungaswamy	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	.	78
367	Lance Naique	Shaik Ismail	.	.	1½	1	1½	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1½	1½	1	.	1½	1	1	1½	1½	1½	.	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	.	1½	.	88½
412	.	Annachellum	.	1	1	.	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	.	1	1	.	34½
53	Pensr	L. Frazer	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	.	22½
1798	Private	Appoodoo	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	.	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	.	1	1	.	1	.	12½
1949	.	Shaik Hoosain	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	.	62½
2190	.	Ramaswamy	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	.	1	—	—	—	—	1½	1	1½	1½	2⅓	.	2⅓	2⅓	—	—	—	2⅓	.	2⅓	.	37½
2198	.	Mooneswamy	.	.	1	1	1½	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1½	1½	1	1½	1½	1	1	1½	1½	2⅓	.	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	.	2⅓	.	55½
2216	.	Cunnian	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	45
2232	.	Cooposawmy	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5½
2268	.	Mooneswamy	.	.	1½	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1½	1½	1	.	1½	1½	1	1½	1½	2⅓	.	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	.	2⅓	.	54
2270	.	Soobroyen	.	.	1	1	1	1	1½	1	.	½	—	—	1½	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	½	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	19½
2311	.	Durmalingum	.	.	1	1	1	1	.	1	.	1	.	1	1	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	.	55
2340	.	Lazar	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	½	½	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	1	1	1½	2⅓	.	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	2⅓	.	2⅓	.	52½
2351	.	Cauleedasen	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	:	1	.	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34
2357	.	Venkatachellum	.	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	1	.	75

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Working Roster of the "F" Company, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, for the Month of September 1878.

Regimental No.	Rank and Names.		Class.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total of each Man.	Total of each Class.	Remarks.
2018	Naique	Mootoosawmy	2nd	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	.	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	3	3	3	3	.	32		
2794	Private	Mahomed Esoph	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	3	3	3	3	.	31½		
214	.	Maduray	.	.	1	.	1	1	1	1	.	½	—	—	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	18		
235	.	Vanagapum	.	.	1	1	1	1	½	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10		
245	.	Savarinoyagum	.	—	—	—	1⅓	1⅓	1⅓	—	—	—	—	½	1⅓	.	1⅓	.	1⅓	½	1⅓	.	1	1	.	1	½	1	.	1	1	.	1	.	23		
257	.	Lazar	.	—	—	½	1	1	1	—	—	1	½	1	1	1	—	—	1	½	1	1	.	1	—	—	½	.	1	1	1	.	1	.	28⅓		
287	.	Putchiapen	.	.	1	1½	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	1½	1½	1	.	1	1	1	1½	1½	2	.	2	2	2	2	2	2	.	2	.	43⅓		
346	.	Canagasavabady	.	.	1	1	1½	1	1½	1	—	—	—	—	1½	1½	1	—	—	1	1	1	1½	2	.	2	2	2	2	2	2	—	—	—	39⅓		
405	.	Cooposawmy	.	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	1	.	1	.	1	½	.	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	.	1	1	.	1	.	20½		
442	.	Mooneswamy	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	.	1	1	.	1	½	.	1	.	1	.		½	—	—	1	1	.	1	.	16½		
444	.	Mahomed Aneef	.	—	—	½	1	1	1	—	—	1	.	1	1	1	—	—	1	½	1	.	1	1		1	1	.	1	—	—	—	1	.	28⅓		
516	.	Iyasawmy	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	½	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	.	11½		
537	.	Maduray	.	—	—	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	.	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16		
554	.	Pulenyandy	.	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	.	1	.	1	1	1	.	3	3	3	3	.	30		
620	.	Govindarajoo	.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	353⅓ @ /3	Rs: 66-4-0

374	:	Mooneesawmy	.	1 1 1 ½ 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 [illegible]			
451	.	Narrainsawmy	.	. 1 1 . 1 1 — ½ 1½ 1½ 1 1½ ½ 1½ 1 1 . 1 . 1 ½ 1 —	17½		
454	.	Narrainsawmy	.	. 1 1 . 1 1 1 . 1 ½ 1 1 . 1 . 1 ½ 1 1 1 — 1 ½ 1 —	20¾		
458	.	Ponnoosawmy	.	. 1 ½ 1 . 1 1 . 1 ½ 1 1 1 — 1 ½ 1 1 1 — 1 ½ 1 —	20		
461	.	Mooneesawmy	.	1 1 ½ 1 1 1 1 . ½ ½ . 1 1 1 . 1 ½ 1 1 1 1 . 1 ½ 1 —	18½		
464	.	Narrainsawmy	.	. 1 ½ 1 1 . 1 — ½ 1 1 1 1 — ½ 1 1 1 — 1 1 1 —	19½		
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Working Roster of the "F" Company, Queen's Own Sappers and Miners, for the Month of September 1878.

Regimental No.	Rank and Names.	Class.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	Total of each Man.	Total of each Class.	Remarks.
–	Subadar Major Narrainsawmy Bahadur	–	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	@ -/8	Rs 8-8-0
–	Jemadar Rungasawmy	–	.	2	1	2	2	2	2	.	2	1	2	2	2	2	.	2	1	2	2	2	2	–	2	1	2	2	2	2	–	2	.	61⅓	@ -/6	. 23-0-0
1447	Havildar Ramoodoo	1st	.	1	½	.	1	1	1	—	—	½	1	1	.	1	.	1	.	1	1	1	—	—	1	½	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	21¾		
2856	Lance Naigue Dasapah	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	.	1	1	.	1	.	21½		
2234	Private Annacolum	.	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	—	—	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	17		
2756	. Alwar	.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	.	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3¾		
65	. Dasapah	.	—	—	½	1	1	–	1	—	—	1	–	1	1	1	.	1	½	.	1	1	1	.	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17½		
85	. Caulee	.	–	1	1	1½	1	1½	1	—	—	—	—	—	1½	1	.	1	1½	1	.	1½	1½	.	1½	2	2	2	2	1½	.	1½	–	35½		
92	. Anthony	.	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	.	33		
129	. Seevalingum	.	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	–	½	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	.	1	1	.	1	.	22		
162	. Francis	.	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	–	1	½	1	1	1	1	–	1	.	23½		
240	. Sammynadan	.	–	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	–	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	–	1	1	–	1	.	22		
286	. Chinnappen	.	–	1	1	1½	1	1½	1	—	—	—	—	—	1½	1	.	1	1½	1	1½	1½	—	—	1½	2	2	2	2	1½	.	1½	.	35½		
305	. Dawood Sheriff	.	–	1	1	1½	1	1½	1½	—	—	—	—	1½	1½	1	–	1½	1	1	1½	1½	2	.	1½	2	2	–	2	—	—	1½	.	36¼		
326	. Zainoolabdeen	.	–	1	1½	½	1	1	1	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	–	1	½	1	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	1	1	–	1	.	23		
450	. Moorgasen	.	.	1	1	–	1	1	1	.	1	½	1	–	1	1	.	1	½	1	1	–	1	.	1	½	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	20¾		

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1 Subadar major for 17 days @ 8 annas = Rupees 8-8-0
1 Jemadar for 61⅓ days @ 6 annas = Rupees 23-0-0
First Class for 458¼ days @ 4 annas = Rupees 114-9-0
Second Class for 353⅓ days @ 3 annas = Rupees 66-4-0
Third Class for 2407 days @ 2 annas = Rupees 300-14-0
503-3-0
Artificers for 203⅓ days @ 2 annas = Rupees 25-7-0
Total Rupees 538-10-0

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5th October 1878.

A. W. Dale Captain
Commanding "7" Company
Queen's Own Sappers & Miners

Pay and allowances - Working Pay

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

B/m. 252
21-11-78

No. 6000

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
14 Nov. 1878.

READ the following paper:—

From the Military Secretary to His Grace the Governor, dated 23rd October 1878.

Order. These papers disclose matters which call for consideration and appear to demand inquiry.

I. Men of the Company of Sappers and Miners on the Nilgiris are detached very widely, even one man being sent singly to Mettapollium.

II. The detached parties are said to be never visited by the Officer Commanding the Company but it is presumed that his

inspection

inspection returns or reports will show exactly how this is.-

III.- The proportion of sick appears very large.-

IV. Privates receive rates in excess of regulation on work which does not admit in many cases of the supposition that it is earned at piece work, some men are receiving 4 as. 6 p. a day for "moving stones", and the authorized scale of working pay does not appear to rule the remuneration at all.- (Articles 429 & 433 Pay Code for India Vol. II)

V. Men doing duty as barrack and hospital orderlies are allowed working pay for which there appears to be no authority.

2.- The District Engineer's letter gives grounds in justification of the grant, in some cases, of extra rates not admissible under military rules, but the Government are not aware of any authority

authority for the statement that European Non Commissioned Officers must be allowed double batta on the Hills.-

3.- The points alluded to, excepting the 2nd, are matters for consideration in the Public Works Department, and will accordingly be transferred to that Department for disposal.-

4.- The second point with of para: 6 of the District Engineer's letter will be referred through the Acting Commander of the Forces to the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners for such notice as he may think proper

(True Extract)

Colonel
Under Secretary to Gov.
P. W. D.

To The Adjutant General
with para: 6 of the District Engineer's letter

— Public Works Department,
with papers.-

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Roll of the "7" Company, Queen's own Sappers & Miners, shewing the amount of working pay drawn by each Sapper on the 19th September 1878.

No	Rank	and Name	Class	Amount Rs	a	p	Remarks.
-	Subadar Major	Narrainswamy Bahadur.	-	[illegible]	8	-	
-	Jemadar	Rungaswamy	-	1	-	-	
1369	Color Havildar	Toudrayen	3rd	-	12	-	
2410	Havildar	Nireapen	-	-	-	-	
1447	.	Ramoodoo	1st	-	6	-	
2728	.	Kistnaswamy	-	-	-	-	
2099	.	Veeraswamy	3rd	-	6	-	
1592	Naique	Fuckeroodeen	3rd	-	3	-	
2018	.	Mootooswamy	2nd	-	3	-	
2791	.	Shaik Homed	3rd	-	5	-	
2765	.	Venkataswamy	-	-	-	-	
2988	.	Chinnimootoo	3rd	-	3	-	
89	.	Chinnimootoo	3rd	-	6	-	
54	.	Arumogum	3rd	-	2	-	
246	acting Naique	Rungaswamy	3rd	-	6	-	
2856	Lance Naique	Dasapah	1st	-	4	-	
367	.	Shaik Ismail	3rd	-	9	-	
369	.	Canakiah	-	-	-	-	
412	.	Arunachellum	3rd	-	3	-	
53	Bugler	L. Frazer	3rd	-	2	-	
58	"	J. Mears	-	-	-	-	
979	Private	Mootooveeran	-	-	-	-	
1798	.	Appoodoo	3rd	-	-	-	
1949	.	Shaik Hossein	3rd	-	5	-	
2037	.	Veeraswamy	-	-	-	-	
2190	.	Ramaswamy	3rd	-	4	6	
2198	.	Mooneswamy	3rd	-	4	6	
2216	.	Cunnian.	3rd	-	3	-	

No.	Rank and Name		Class	Amount Rs	a	p	Remarks
2232	Private	Coopooswamy	3rd	-	-	-	
2234	.	Annacolum	1st	-	4	-	
2260	.	Mooneswamy	3rd	-	4	6	
2270	.	Soobroyen	3rd	-	3	-	
2311	.	Sunnalingum	3rd	-	5	-	
2340	.	Lazar	3rd	-	3	-	
2351	.	Canledsen	3rd	-	4	-	
2357		Venketachellum	3rd	-	6	-	
2384		Sebastian	-	-	-	-	
2426	.	Perumaul	3rd	-	2	-	
2470	.	Iyannen	-	-	-	-	
2569	.	Syed Hamed	-	-	-	-	
600	.	Syed Yacoob	3rd	-	5	-	
	.	Yellapen	3rd	-	-	-	
	.	Elliah	3rd	-	3	-	
	.	Narrainswamy	3rd	-	2	-	
36	.	Venketswamy	3rd	-	5	6	
2756	.	Alwar	1st	-	5	-	
2759	.	Venketswamy	3rd	-	2	-	
2771	.	Mahomed Ismail	3rd	-	3	-	
2773	.	Ramaswamy	3rd	-	4	6	
2783	.	Mooneswamy	3rd	-	3	-	
794	.	Mahomed Esoph	2nd	-	3	-	
2795	.	Soosan Sing	3rd	-	5	-	
40	.	Juggonathen	-	-	-	-	
2855	.	Chinniah	-	-	-	-	
921	.	Anthony	-	-	-	-	
2970	.	Samasoodrum	-	-	-	-	
49	.	Mooneswamy	-	-	-	-	
52	.	Ramaswamy	-	-	-	-	
65	.	Dasapah	1st	-	5	-	
68	.	Perumaul	3rd	-	-	-	
				11	12	6	

No.	Rank and Names		Class	Amount Rs	a	p	Remarks
85	Private	Caulee	1st	-	-	-	
92	.	Anthony	1st	-	4	-	
120	.	Manickum	3rd	-	2	-	
129	.	Seevalingum	1st	-	4	-	
130	.	Soojien	3rd	-	3	-	
162	.	Francis	1st	-	4	-	
181	.	Wuddamullay	3rd	-	-	-	
189	.	Yellen	3rd	-	2	-	
214	.	Maduray	2nd	-	3	-	
235	.	Vanayyum	3rd	-	3	-	
240	.	Sammynaden	1st	-	4	-	
245	.	Davanayyum	2nd	-	-	-	
251	.	Lazar	2nd	-	5	-	
284	.	Soobroyen	3rd	-	-	-	
286	.	Chowryapen	1st	-	7	6	
287	.	Putchiapen	2nd	-	6	-	
288	.	Lallah	-	-	-	-	
305	.	Dawood Sheriff	1st	-	7	6	
326	.	Zainoolabdeen	1st	-	4	-	
346	.	Canagasavaboday	2nd	-	4	-	
359	.	Davasagayum	3rd	-	-	-	
366	.	Areeswamy	-	-	-	-	
374	.	Mooneswamy	3rd	-	2	-	
3[illegible]9	.	Maduray	3rd	-	-	-	
396	.	Vettivail	3rd	-	4	6	
397	.	Mauree	3rd	-	-	-	
399	.	Maduramootoo	3rd	-	2	-	
405	.	Coopooswamy	2nd	-	3	-	
414	.	Ramaswamy	-	-	-	-	
415	.	Bastian	3rd	-	4	6	
417	.	Sillamon Khan	3rd	-	5	-	
419	.	Mooneswamy	3rd	-	-	-	
				17	0	6	

No.	Rank and Name		Class	Amount			Remarks
				Rs	a	p	
426	Private	Kistnasawmy	3rd	-	-	-	
428	·	Marian	–	-	-	-	
442	·	Moonesawmy	2nd	-	3	-	
444	·	Mahomed Reef	2nd	-	-	-	
450	·	Moorgasen	1st	-	5	-	
451	·	Narrainsawmy	1st	-	5	-	
454	·	Narrainsawmy	1st	-	5	-	
457	·	Veerasawmy	3rd	-	5	-	
458	·	Poonoosawmy	1st	-	5	-	
459	·	Muniyalu	3rd	-	5	-	
461	·	Moonesawmy	1st	-	5	-	
464	·	Narrainsawmy	1st	-	5	-	
465	·	Narrainsawmy	1st	-	-	-	
	·	Cundasawmy	3rd	-	4	6	
	·	Kistnasawmy	3rd	-	2	-	
364	·	Ungamootoo	1st	-	4	-	
492	·	Nursoo	3rd	-	4	6	
573	·	Coopoosawmy	3rd	-	-	-	
516	·	Ramasawmy	3rd	-	2	-	
525	·	Iyasawmy	2nd	-	3	-	
537	·	Arokeum	–	-	-	-	
554	·	Maduray	2nd	-	3	-	
505	·	Pulneyandy	2nd	-	3	-	
402	·	Myelamuthum	3rd	-	3	-	
506	·	Condien	3rd	-	4	6	
620	·	Shaik Dawood	3rd	-	3	-	
641	·	Govindrajoo	2nd	-	3	-	
650	·	Jordari Ram	–	-	-	-	
	·	Venketsawmy	3rd	-	-	-	
		Followers.					
26	Bhistal Lascar	Chellapen	3rd	-	4	-	
28	Puckally	Nelliah	–	-	-	-	

No.	Rank and Name		Class	Amount			Remarks.
				Rs	a	p	
41	Smith	Mungeenee	3rd	-	6	-	
71	Hammerman	Cunnian	·	-	5	-	
95	Bellows boy	Roopsing	·	-	5	-	
117	Carpenter	Soobroya Achary	–	-	-	-	
1008	Hospital Assistant	J. Philip –	–	-	-	-	
	Europeans.						
	Sergeant	J. Fitzgerald	–	-	.	.	attached to D.P.W.
	Corporal	A. Deane	–	-	.	.	not on the Nilgiris.
		Total Rupees		23	7	-	

Ootacamund
25th October 1878

A.W. Dale Captain
Commanding "7" Company
Queen's Own Sappers & Mine

Memorandum –

Owing to the paucity of Non Commissioned Officers at the Head Quarters of the Company, and to prevent the Guard duties falling too heavily on those few, during the time that there were two Privates in confinement pending orders from Divisional Head Quarters either for their trial by Court Martial or release, a Private who has been recommended for promotion was made pro tem: acting Lance Naique and was plac in command of the guard in turn with the Non Commissioned Officers available for the duty – It happened that this man's turn for guard came round on the 19th September 1878 –

With reference to the absence under the Head of Sickness - All those returned as "Sick" are under treatment in the Hospitals at the different stations. Those returned as "Sick Absent", are absent from the Company on sick leave for varying periods, at the recommendation of the Medical authorities - Those returned as "Sick at Head Quarters" are at Bangalore, as in the opinion of the Medical authorities, the climate of the Hills is too trying for those particular men -

The dispersion of the Company is at request of the District Engineer - Company being at the disposal the Public Works' department for work on the Neilgherry Range, it has been presumed that the District Engineer has full authority to dispose of the men for work where their services are most needed - always provided that they are not removed beyond the Range of which the District Engineer has charge. For this reason very requisition from the District Engineer for the employment of the Sappers at different places where required, has been met by the Officer Commanding the Company - For instance last year, an emergent demand for Sapper labour, was made by the District Engineer, to repair the bridge

at Tipporcadoo, and a small party was sent down under a Havildar - So long as the health and discipline of the men have not been materially affected by the dispersion, the exigencies of the service have been allowed to override the ruling contained in para 994, Madras Army Regulations - Each Detachment is commanded either by a Native Commissioned or Non Commissioned Officer -

No European Non Commissioned Officers have been supplied - Two are borne on the rolls of the Company, but they are employed in the D.P.W., not on the Nilgiris, and are always ret as "at Regimental Head Quarters" - The main objection to their being attach to the Company on the Nilgiris, is that they are not sufficiently unde discipline - The only place where they can be stationed, is at Wellington, and even there are only to a certain extent under discipline owing to the nature of their employment - A a rule the best men are drafted into the D.P.W., and the worst are left wi the Corps - The small gain of their supervision would be more than counterbalanced by their bad example to the Natives -

The delay in submitting this return arose from my being absent at Coonoor on duty as a member of Board to carry out the examination of Class No. 28 in the Special Army Examination - I only returned on the night of the 23rd October 1878.

H. M. Dale Captain
Commanding "F" Company
Queen's Own Sappers & Miners -

Ootacamund
25th October 1878.

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No. 505

Ootacamund,
25th October

From

Captain H. M. Dale,
Commanding "F" Company,
Queen's Own Sappers and Miners.

To

The District Engineer
Neilgherry Range
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the recei
of your letter No. 1160 dated 17th October 1878, and to forward herewith a Roll showing the
amount of Working pay drau
for the men of the Company un
my command on the 19th Septem
1878, and a Memorandum giving the further information called for by His Grace the Governor -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

H. M. Dale Captain,
Commanding "F" Company,
Queen's Own Sappers and Miners.

P.W.

Procgs 28 January 1879 No 3107

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FROM
CAPTAIN H. M. DALE,
Commanding "F" Company,
Queen's Own Sappers and Miners.

TO
The District Engineer
Nilgherry Range
Ootacamund

No. 5705

Dated 25th October 1878

Received

SUBJECT.

Supplying further information re feeding the Sappers on the Nilgiris.

No. 290

Ootacamund 28th Octr 1878

From

The District Engineer
Nilgiris

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Ootacamund

Sir

In continuation of this Office letter No. 284 dated the 19th Instt, I have the honor to forward for your information the enclosed original letter and its accompaniment received from Captain H. M. Dale.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

J. E. Morant Major RE

District Engineer

P.W.

No 4906

Forwarded to the Military Secretary to His Grace the Governor in continuation of Endorsement No: 4767 of 22d October 1878.

A. Ford Col R. E.
Secy to Govt P.W. Dept
29th Octr 1878.

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[illegible] Sheet: 10/4 Octr.

Roads and Buildings

No 12231

From

The District Engineer
Nilgiris

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Departt
Ootacamund

No 296

Dated 28th October 1878

Number of Enclosures 2

Enclosed original letter and its accompaniment received from Capt Dale forwarded to the — for his information in continuation of this Office letter No 284 dated the 19th October 1878

Forwarded

No 21/22 34/310 Supg Engr's Office
Coimbatore 15th January/79

From Read the following papers —

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Departt
Madras.

Enclosures
Letter No 449 of 22d Septr/78 from Capt H. M. Dale Commanding "F" Company Queen's own Sappers & Miners to Distt Engr Nilgiri Range with Distribution Roll.
Do - No 457 of 22nd do. from do - to - do - with Detailed Statement.
Pro: of the Madras Govt No 6000 d/14th Novr/78 from the Mily Secy to His grace the Governor with Nilgiri Dt Engrs letter No 284 of 19th Octr/78 & accompaniments.
1. Letter No 505 of 25 Octr/78 from Capt Dale to Dt Engr Nilgiri Range with a letter from the Dt Engr to the Chief Engr & the Roll mentioned therein —
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Sir,

With reference to Memorandum No 5196 dated 18th November 1878, I have the honor to report that early in December I visited Ootacamund and made enquiries from Major Merrat, the Executive Engineer there and Captain Dale, Commanding the Company of Sappers and Miners in the Nilgiris, as regards points Nos I III IV and V referred to in G. O. No 6000 dated 14th November, I was not able to see the medical officer at Coonoor as he was on leave. Dr Price who is acting for him on a reference from me reported that he was unable to give any opinion regarding the causes of the proportion of sick being so large as he had no information, but in January I visited Coonoor and inspected the lines myself this is the cause of the delay in my answering your memorandum.

2. Referring to the several points marked in the G.O. I beg to report as follows:-

1st Men being detached very widely. This has been done by the Executive Engineer many of them being employed as maistries or Head Coolies on roads &c in charge of civil coolies and has been done for some time, the Officer Commanding has made no objection to it notwithstanding that I find it is against the Madras Army Regulations. There being no large works in progress it has been necessary to employ the men in detachments, but I do consider they have been scattered more than they should have been.

2d The Barrack accommodation on Hills for the Sappers was as follows:-

Lawrence asylum - 50 quarters the
are the property
of the Asylum
and probably
will not be availab
in future.

Wellington 30 quarters.

Coonoor — 20 — Do —

Coonoor Ghaut - 10 — Do —

The quarters at Wellington and Coonoor are well situated, the water supply and drainage is good (in this the Acting Medical Officer agrees with me). Those on the Coonoor Ghant are also good but ~~none~~ are not now required there they have not been used for some time. When detachments have been sent to places where there are no quarters huts for them in the bazaar have been hired by the D.P.W. There are quarters for Sappers built at Norwood (Government house) but these are not now available. I would urge that quarters for forty men should be built to accommodate.

3rd I can say but little with

regard

regard to the large pro-portion of sick, the Gov= quarters are all that could be wished and Captain Dale had no complaint to make with regards to the quarters hired for the men, but being situated in the bazaa I think it may be taken for granted that they ar not so healthy as regula lines which could be regu-larly inspected and kept clean. The health of a company on the Hills cann be expected to be so good a that of one on the plains especially as on the Hills the men have frequently to go long distances to and from their work in the cold and wet mornings and evenings

4th The men have received working pay in excess of that laid down by regulation and it appears that both the Executive Engineers and the Officer Commanding considered it was for them to determine and agree in the rates to be paid. I may add that the Executive Engineer has no copy of the Pay Code for India and was not aware of the rates laid down in it.

The men, as a rule, were allowed 1 anna a day extra in consideration of the distances they had to go, and also paid for extra hours, the time from leaving their quarters in the morning

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to returning to them at night being taken as the number of hours they are at work. The following shows how the rate of 4½ annas a day was arrived at for moving stores.

Working pay 3rd Class — 2 As
Travelling batta — 1 Anna
3
Add for ½ day extra hours (2 to 4 hours) 1½
4½ Ann

there were many other men paid at rates calculat in the same manner.

5th Barrack and Hospita Orderlies were allowed working pay, this has been allowed for a long time. The reason given for it was to avoid constantly changing the men sent out to work, it was necessary not to change the men on orderly duty and it was considered hard that these men should be constantly on duty and get no working pay and therefore for this and because they often had long distances to go they were given pay although they had no claim to it. With regard to the high rates of working pay I must point out that the amount paid has not increased of late years.

In 1875 the monthly average was Rs 650
1876 —— Do —— do —— " 721
1877 —— Do —— do —— " 579
1878 —— Do —— do —— " 577

In the 2 last years therefore there has been a considerable reduction to the 2 years before.

3. The company of Sappers and miners has been removed from the Hills their services being required at Bangalore in consequence of other companies having gone on field service, but I trust that soon another company may be sent to the Hills for work there as their services will be most valuable and the Commandant I believe considers it good training for the men.

4. I consider that the working pay given has been in excess of what it should have been and consider that the pay &c according to regulation is sufficient the men being paid according to the hours

they work marching time being included no man should however receive more than 10 days pay in a work. The sappers should not be scattered a few picked men (selected by the Commanding Officer and approved of by the Executive Engineer) might be employed as maistries or gang men and paid 1st Class pay.

5. Only Non-Commissioned Officers should be allowed to live away from quarters and this only under special circumstances and with the sanction of the Commanding Officer. European Non-Commissioned Officers are not required on the Hills as a rule they are useless

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working with Sappers except in large bodies and but few are to be trusted on detachment alone.

6. I regret that there appears no definite rules laid down regarding the duties of the Officer Commanding the Sappers and the Executive Engineer. There should be no difficulty however in arranging any differences that may arise and I think it may be safely left the Commandant of Sappers and Miners and the Superintending Engineer to do so.

7. I would urge that quarters for 40 men should be built in Ootacamund in place of those lately built at Norwood and

now not available for Sappers.

8. I would suggest that the opinion of the Commandant of the Queen's Own Sappers and Miners should be asked regarding the sufficiency or insufficiency of the working pay as laid down in the Indian Pay Code for Sappers working in the Hills.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.

Major R.E.
Supdg. Engineer, 4th Circle

From
The Supdg. Engineer
4th Circle
Pro of 28th January/79 No 310 ...
To The Chief Engineer
P. W. Depart.
Madras

No. $\frac{71}{22}$
Enclosures 4.
Dated 15th } January/79
Recd }

CE No 5196 of 18.11.78 –
GO – 4585W of 3.12.78 –
" 4595W of 29.11.78 Origl –

Sappers and miners on Nilgiris –

Reports the causes of the pro:portion of sick among them being large –

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. 41/310

Letter from the Supdg. Engineer Fourth Circle
No. $\frac{71}{22}$ d/ 15th January 1879.

FOR ORDERS, if any are now required, the Company of Sappers having been removed, and it being understood that His Grace does not approve of a Company being stationed on the Nilgiris, for at least the present.

E A Bird Col: R.E.
Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

21 – Jany 1879.

There is no large work now in progress suitable for employing Sappers without detaching them singly – & therefore see no reason for the Company going to the Hills if work is wanted for them – they can be usefully employed in Presidency works & works of similar nature

as in Canal explained ... next year ...

Similar nature

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FOR ORDERS.

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No. 310 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28th Jany 1879.

Read the following :—

From

The Supdg Engr Fourth Circle } (H.C. No. 71/22 d/15th Jany/79)

Recorded.

There being no large work now in progress suitable for employing Sappers, without detaching them singly, His Grace the Governor in Council sees no reason for a Company going to the Hills. Should work be wanted for them, they can be usefully employed elsewhere

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S. E. Fourth Circle
Military Dept.

Dest. 17-2-49-

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Summary

1 Subadar major for 17 days @ 8 annas = Rupees 8-8-0
1 Jemadar for 61⅓ days @ 6 annas = Rupees 23-0-0
First Class for 458¼ days @ 4 annas = Rupees 114-9-0
Second Class for 353⅓ days @ 3 annas = Rupees 66-4-0
Third Class for 2407 days @ 2 annas = Rupees 300-14-0
513-3-0
Artificers for 203⅓ days @ 2 annas = Rupees 25-7-0
Total Rupees 538-10-0

Ootacamund
5th October 1878.

Alex Dale Captain
Commanding 7 Company
Queen's Own Sappers & Miners

Pay and allowances - Working Pay

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B/ No. 253
21-11-78

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 6000

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
14 Novr 1878.

READ the following paper:—

From the Military Secretary to His Grace the Governor, dated 23rd October 1878.

Order. These papers disclose matters which call for consideration and appear to demand inquiry.

I. Men of the Company of Sappers and Miners on the Nilgiris are detached very widely even one man being sent singly to Mettapollium.

II. The detached parties are said to be never visited by the Officer Commanding the Company but it is presumed that his inspection

inspection returns or reports will show exactly how this is.-

III.- The proportion of sick appears very large.-

IV.- Privates receive rates in excess of regulation on work which does not admit in many cases of the supposition that it is earned at piece work, some men are receiving 4 as. 6 p. day for "moving stones", and the authorized scale of working pay does not appear to rule the remuneration at all.-

(Articles 429 & 430 Pay Code for India Vol. II)

V.- Men doing duty as barrack and hospital orderlies are allowed working pay for which there appears to be no authority.

2.- The District Engineer's letter gives grounds in justification of the grant, in some cases, of extra rates not admissible under Military rules, but the Government are not aware of any authority

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authority for the statement that European Non-Commissioned Officers must be allowed double batta on the Hills.-

3.- The points alluded to, excepting the 2nd, are matters for consideration in the Public Works Department, and will accordingly be transferred to that Department for disposal.-

4.- The second point with the of para. 6 of the District Eng letter will be referred through the Acting Commander of the Forces to the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners for such notice as he may think proper

(True Extract)

Colonel

Under Secretary to Gov

P. W. D.

To The Adjutant General
with para: 6 of the District Engineer's letter

— Public Works Department,
with papers.-

No.	Rank and Names		where Stationed	How Employed
2311	Private	Durmalingum	O	Superintending coolies on Coonoor road.
2340	"	Lazar	K	Employed on Mettapollium road -
2351	"	Cauleedasen	O	Major Morant's orderly
2357	"	Venkatachallum	C	Superintending coolies, Lady Canning's seat,
2384	"	Sebastian	—	Furlough -
2426	"	Permaul	C	Employed at Waterloo bridge
2470	"	Iyanen	O	Sick -
2569	"	Syed Homud	O	In confinement
2600	"	Syed Yacoob	O	Superintending coolies on A.B.C. ground
2608	"	Ellapen	O	Making up Clothing for the men.
2713	"	Elliah	O	Captain Dale's orderly -
2719	"	Narrainsawmy	W	Employed in brickfield -
736	"	Venkatsawmy	C	Superintending coolies on Ooty road.
756	"	Aleear	O	Employed as Smith in Engineer yard
59	"	Venkatsawmy	W	Employed in brickfield -
71	"	Mahomed Ismall	K	Repairing road -
73	"	Ramasawmy	K	Moving stones
2783	"	Moonesawmy	W	Superintending coolies at Barrack -
2794	"	Mahomed Esoff	W	Employed in brickfield -
2795	"	Soobansing	O	Superintending coolies, bazaar road.
2840	"	Juggonathen	—	Sick at Corps Head Quarters -
2855	"	Cunniah	—	Sick absent -
2856	Lance Naigue	Dodopah	C	Employed at Waterloo bridge
2921	Private	Anthony	O	In confinement -
2970	"	Samoodrum	—	Sick absent
49	"	Moonesawmy	—	Sick absent
52	"	Ramasawmy	—	Sick absent
65	"	Dodopah	O	Superintending coolies, Kaitel road.
68	"	Permaul	O	Sick -
85	"	Caulee	K	Leave
92	"	Anthony	W	Employed in brickfield
120	"	Manickum	W	Employed in brickfield
129	"	Seevalingum	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge

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No.	Rank and Names		where Stationed	How Employed
130	Private	Sengum	O	Employed at Upper Norwood -
162	"	Francis	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
181	"	Vaddamallay	O	Making up Clothing -
189	"	Ellen	W	Major Morant's orderly
214	"	Maduray	W	Employed in brickfield -
235	"	Venayagam	O	Employed at Upper Norwood -
240	"	Sawmynathen	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
245	"	Oomanoyagum	O	On Guard -
246	Acting Naigue	Rungasawmy	W	Superintending coolies -
251	Private	Lazar	O	Employed at Engineer's office
284	"	Soobroyen	O	On Guard -
286	"	Chinnyapen	K	Boring rocks
287	"	Patchapen	K	Boring rocks
288	"	Lellah	—	Sick absent -
305	"	Daood Sheriff	K	Boring rocks.
326	"	Zainalabdeen	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
346	"	Cunnagasavalatty	K	Revetment work -
359	"	Dausguru	K	On Leave
366	"	Aureesawmy	—	Sick absent
367	Lance Naigue	Shaik Ismall	K	Superintending coolies -
369	"	Karnakirk	O	Sick -
374	Private	Moonesawmy	O	Barracks orderly.
389	"	Maduray	O	On Guard -
396	"	Vellavil	K	Superintending coolies -
397	"	Maurice	—	Sick absent.
399	"	Madurymootoo	W	Employed in brickfield
405	"	Comprosawmy	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
412	Lance Naigue	Veerachallum	O	Company writer -
414	Private	Ramasawmy	—	Sick absent
415	"	Bastian	K	Moving rocks -
417	"	Sellamah Khan	O	Superintending convicts
419	"	Moonesawmy	W	Employed in brickfield
426	"	Kishnasawmy	W	Employed in brickfield -

No.	Rank	and Names.	where Stationed	How Employed
428	Private	Marrian	–	Sick Absent
23 442	"	Mooneesawmy	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
2 444	"	Mahomedsaniff	O	On Guard –
450	"	Moorgasen	O	Employed at Upper Norwood.
451	"	Narrainsawmy	O	Employed at Upper Norwood.
454	"	Narrainsawmy	O	Employed at Upper Norwood.
457	"	Veerasawmy	O	Superintending coolies, Lake road.
2 58	"	Poonoosawmy	O	Employed at Upper Norwood
2 59	"	Mankally	O	Superintending coolies, Sweetspotgel road –
2 11	"	Moonesawmy	W	Employed in brickfield –
2 14	"	Narrainsawmy	O	Employed at Upper Norwood.
6	"	Narrainsawmy	W	Employed in brickfield
9	"	Candasawmy	K	Moving stones
1	"	Kistnasawmy	W	Employed in brickfield –
7	"	Urgamootoo	W	Employed in brickfield
78	"	Aurboo	K	Moving stones
272	"	Coopoosawmy	C	Employed in brickfield
13	"	Ramasawmy	W	Employed in brickfield
16	"	Iyasawmy	W	Employed in brickfield
525	"	Arokiem	–	Sick absent
37	"	Maduray	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
554	"	Palaniandy	W	Employed in brickfield
585	"	Mylamundum	K	Repairing road –
602	"	Kondien	K	Moving stones
606	"	Shaikdawood	O	Employed at Upper Norwood.
620	"	Govindrajoo	C	Employed in brickfield
641	"	Girtharirum	–	Sick at Corps Head Quarters
658	"	Venkatsawmy	W	Employed at Waterloo bridge
26	R. Lascar	Chellapen	O	Hospital Orderly
28	Puckally	Neelliah	O	Carrying water
117	Carpenter	Sooboroya achary	–	At Corps Head Quarters
41	Smith	Munjunee	O	In Smith's Shop –
71	H. man	Cunnian	O	In Smith's Shop

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No.	Rank	and Names	where Stationed	How Employed
95.	B. Boy	Roopsing	O	In smith's shop –
1008	Hospital assist.	J. Philip	O	Looking after sick in Hospital

O = Ootacamund
C = Coonoor
W = Wellington
K = Kotergherry
M = Mettapollium

Ootacamund
21st September 1876

A. M. Dale Captain
Commanding Detachment
Queen's Own Sappers & miners

Pro of 21 January/77 at 31075

No 138 of 8/78

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No. 451

Ootacamund,
22nd September 1878.

From
Captain H. M. Dale,
Commanding "F" Company,
Queen's Own Sappers and Miners.

To
The District Engineer
Neilgherry Range
Ootacamund

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a note from you forwarding a Demi Official (both of this day's date) from Colonel Foord, R.E. to your address -

I beg to offer the following explanation with regard to the delay in submitting the Distribution Roll - and I trust it will be deemed sufficient to remove the imputation conveyed in Colonel Foord's Demi Official against me, of having failed to obey the orders of Government -

Your letter No. 1013 dated 13th September 1878 forwarding

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To

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Sappers employed on the Nilgiris Correspondence regarding them — recorded with remarks