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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st November 1864.

No. 260. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department:—

Observing that the defects brought to notice by the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, in the postal arrangements between Goodaloor and Manantoddy will be considered in the Revenue Department. } (Here enter 11th November 1864, No. 1,282.)

No. 261. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1864, No. 2,134.

Miscellaneous.

The Postal Establishment between Manantoddy and Goodaloor were strengthened under the authority given in the Proceedings of Government, dated 17th February 1864, No. 290, copy of which will be furnished to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division through the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department, with Order No. 290.
„ the Public Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
11th November 1864.

No. 63. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department:—

Referring paragraphs 1 and 2 of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, bringing to notice the want of a local Treasury and Medical assistance at Goodaloor, and of postal communication between that place and Manantoddy. } (Dated 20th October 1864, No. 3013.)

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1864, No. 1282.

The question of establishing a local Treasury at Goodaloor was disposed of in the Proceedings of Government 2nd July last, No. 1141, Revenue Department. In regard to the provision of Medical aid, the Government must await the result of an inquiry which the Magistrate has instituted, with the view of ascertaining to what extent the residents of the locality and neighbourhood would be willing to contribute towards the establishment of a Civil Dispensary. Mr. Ballard will be requested to expedite his report.

2. The defects brought to notice in the postal arrangements between Goodaloor and Manantoddy will be considered in the Revenue Department, where those arrangements were originally sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Magistrate of Malabar.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 20th October 1864.

No. 352. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coimbatore, 23rd September 1864, No. 121 :—

SIR,

1. I take the opportunity of His Excellency the Governor's visit to Wynad to bring to notice again several matters which affect the working of this Department in that Táluq.

2. *First.*—The want of a local Treasury, and of medical assistance at Goodaloor, and of postal communication between that place and Manantoddy. The former I at present remedy, supplying the Sub-Engineer in charge of South Wynad with money through the Ootacamund Treasury, less than half the distance off. But there is a risk in sending large sums monthly along so lonely a track, under the charge of Lascars only (for I do not suppose Police escort is always available). The second want will, I believe, be brought forcibly to notice by a report of the Zillah Surgeon at Calicut, who has lately been inquiring into the cause of the late excessive sickness and mortality at Goodaloor. The third existed to such an extent last year as seriously to interfere with the transaction of business between the Wynad Range Officer and his Subordinate in charge of Karkoor Ghât, and was one of my chief reasons for wishing South Wynad to be made an executive range. Two days' tappal of my own, which went astray between Manantoddy and Goodaloor last December, did not eventually reach me till a month after date, if all the packets ever did reach me. The District post on the line was in fact worse than useless, probably owing to the impossibility of getting it served on the pittance allowed for runners by orders from the central authority at Calcutta.

3. *Secondly.*—The same want of adaptation of salaries to special circumstances, prevailing in the Public Works Department, owing to which the Wynad Ranges are made Penal Settlements for Officers and Subordinates who, having gained a good reputation elsewhere, are sent to retrieve the credit of the Department in them. Less than 50 per cent. addition to salaries and allowances of men in the position of Messrs. George and O'Shaughnessy will not pay them for coming to Wynad (especially if married); and if the increase cannot be given in any other way it should be given by temporary promotion to such rank as will carry the increased pay with it. Any individual considering himself superseded thereby being at liberty to volunteer for Wynad. At this very moment Mr. Overseer Potter, selected by me for his presumed special competence, is not allowed to draw the extra Rupees 20 of a Wynad Overseer, because he was already in receipt of a special allowance of that amount at the station from whence I transferred him. (*Vide* original Memorandum from Controller of Public Works Accounts, herewith forwarded.) Overseers and members of Office establishments employed in Wynad should *ipso facto* be entitled to the same increase of 50 per cent. The cost of living on the Neilgherries is compensated to many by the climate enjoyed. In Wynad the one is an aggravation of the other, for half the year, and the want of communications sums up the list of evils.

4. In connection with this latter subject I have to bring to notice the loss which Captain Kennedy has sustained by removal from command of his Company (ordered elsewhere), to do duty with the Company at Luckady, in order that his valuable services may be retained for the works of the Tambracherry Ghât. I request permission to make up to him this loss (Rupees 150 monthly) from the Ghât estimate, from which he at present draws only Rupees 100. They can well afford the deduction.

No. 353. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1864, No. 3,012.

1. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this letter will be referred to the Public Department.

2. With reference to paragraph 3, the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, will be requested to submit, for the consideration of Government, a *definite* proposition for adapting, to special circumstances, the salaries and allowances of the Officers and Subordinates employed in the Wynad Ranges.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th October 1864.

No. 2,968, dated 15th October 1864.

3. Paragraph 4 has been disposed of in the Orders marginally noted.

4. Colonel Walker's attention will be called to paragraph 5, Section 3, Chapter XV of the Public Works Code, and he will be reminded that every letter should be confined to one subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
" Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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