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No. 122. Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 21st August 1875, No. 56:—

WHEN I visited Caroor in December 1873, I found a brick obelisk tomb 1½ miles from Caroor, on the right bank of the Ambravutty, situated in a field by a lane; it was locally reported that the British troops occupied the rock pagoda on the Tandony Hill, about 2 miles from Caroor, on the Dindigul Road. With a view of preserving the memory of any officer who may have fallen or died at the storming or taking of the fort of Caroor by a stone tablet (the obelisk tomb being nameless), I addressed the late Lieutenant-Colonel R. S. Wilson, Madras, who I understood was engaged in writing a History of the Madras Army, if he could inform me of the name of any officer who fell or died at that event. I received the enclosed reply from Colonel J. W. Wilson last June, from which it appears that the officer who fell at the taking of the fort of Caroor on the 2nd of April 1783 was named Lieutenant Stanly of the then 102nd Regiment.

2. I have the honor, therefore, to propose that the tomb may be preserved. I enclose a plan of it, and an estimate for repairs amounting to Rupees 10. The estimate does not include the cost of a stone tablet with inscription, which, if approved, may be ordered through the Public Works Department of Trichinopoly, where they are prepared.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. WILSON, Retired List, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, dated Ootacamund, 18th June 1875.

WITH reference to a letter written by you to the late Colonel R. S. Wilson, about a year ago, regarding a tomb at Caroor, I have the honor to inform you that in perusing the records for April 1783 I this day came upon the copy of a letter from Colonel Ross Lang, then Commanding the Army in the Southern Districts, from which it appears that he laid seige to Caroor in the end of March, and that the enemy evacuated the fort during the night of the 2nd April. His loss during the seige was 1 Officer killed, 19 Europeans and 30 Sepoys killed and wounded. The name of the officer was Lieutenant Stanly (*sic* in original) of the 102nd Regiment, which Regiment, I need hardly say, has no connection with that now bearing the same number.

No. 123. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1875, No. 2,544.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 7.

THE Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, will carry out the necessary repairs, and obtain from Trichinopoly and insert a tablet bearing the following inscription:—

"This obelisk commemorates the seige of the Fort of Caroor and its evacuation on the 2nd April 1783. During which operations there was sustained a loss of

1 Officer, Lieutenant Stanly, 102nd Regiment (killed).
19 Europeans } killed and wounded."
30 Sepoys

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2. The Collector will adopt the necessary measures for preservation of the memorial and tablet, making the local* and village authorities responsible for their condition.

* Tahsildar at Caroor.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore with Plan and Estimate.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
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„ Revenue „

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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