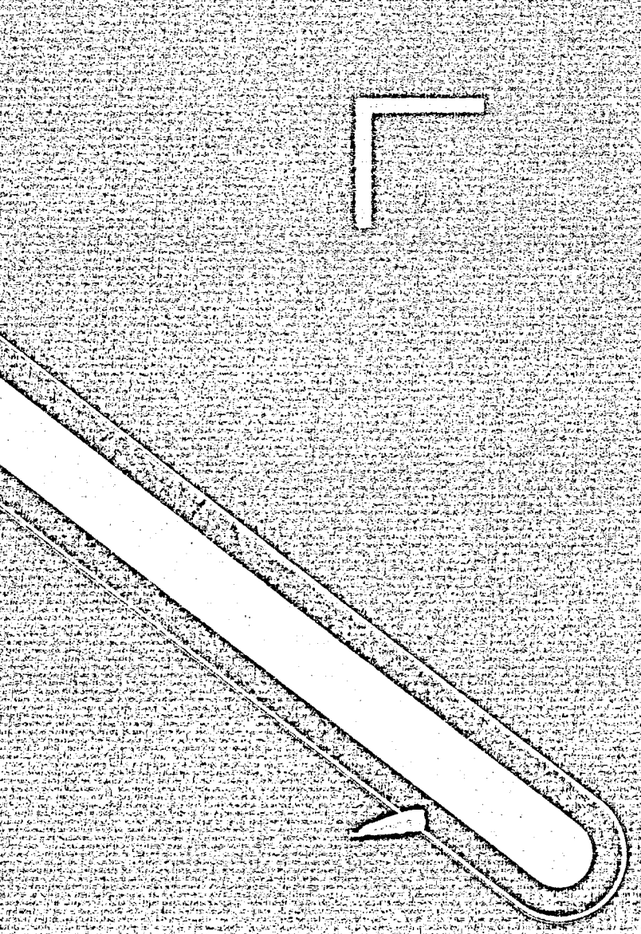


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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
17th April 1872.

No. 185. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th April 1872, No. 529 :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. FAREWELL, S.C., Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 8th February 1872, No. 271 :—

In forwarding, as requested, the enclosed letter* from the President of the Local Fund Board, Neilgherries, together with Extract of their Proceedings, accompanied by a letter from the Executive Engineer, I beg to note that, with one exception, I am unable to concur with the Board's views regarding removing the works enumerated from the list of incomplete works, as it is in my opinion very desirable, when funds are available, that the works named should be completed; a great deal of time and money has already been spent upon them, and they are all well laid out roads, which eventually will become valuable lines of communication and tend much to open out the country, and if removed from the list will probably be lost sight of and cost much to re-open. I will now remark on each item.

* No. 4 of 1st March 1872.

Item 1, *Road from Ootacamund to the Koondahs.*—Rupees 22,228 have already been spent on this work, which it is said must be abandoned in consequence of the failure of Mr. McIvor's bund; the Board are quite mistaken in their views on this subject, since the line can easily be run down on each side to the river, which, when the trace was first designed, it was intended should be bridged.

Item 2 is a road that might fairly be charged to the Cinchona Department. It is much required for easy access to the Government plantations, while it will also be most useful to the planters in the vicinity.

Item 3, on which more than half the estimate has already been expended, runs through a line of country through which no roads now exist, and when completed will be of the greatest advantage to the villagers in its vicinity, and the Mailoor and Deva Sholah plantations.

Item 4 is the only work I would recommend to be expunged from the list, now that most of the Mysore traffic to the hills travels viâ Goodaloor Ghaut, the necessity for the improvement designed before the present more easy communication was completed, ceases.

Item 5.—Though this work may be postponed, it is a very necessary one, and the ghaut cannot be called completed until it is widened as contemplated in the estimate.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The income of the Nilgiri Road Fund for 1871-72 exclusive of the Government grant and the balance is Rupees 12,620, and the maintenance of roads already in existence costs Rupees 33,520.

3. The supply of funds for new works therefore rests entirely with Government, and the question which of the incomplete works should be struck out of the list must rest with them.

4. The Board of Revenue agree with the Local Board that the road from Ootacamund to the Koondahs and the Pykara plantation road should be discontinued so far as the Local Fund is concerned. The first will cost Rupees 12,770

to finish it up to the Poorty river and a great deal more if the stream is bridged, as it must be before the road is of much use. The second is of the nature of a private road.

5. It will only take Rupees 1,500 (in the opinion of the Executive Engineer) to finish the road between Kartairy and Mailoor and the Deva Sholah plantation, and this may remain on the "incomplete" list.

6. The other works mentioned, viz., improvements to the Segur and Gudalur ghauts may be struck out because they have not yet been commenced and are inaccurately described as *incomplete*. The Local Board should submit a fresh application for the former work, if after considering Colonel Farewell's remarks on the subject they still consider it important.

(True Copy and Extract.)

J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1872, No. 507.

The Government approve the Revenue Board's remarks in paragraphs 4, 5, and 6.

(True Extract

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with two enclosures.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Accountant-General.

Rxd. J. Wright.

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