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Financial DEPARTMENT.

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No. 77. Read the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Neilgherry Hills, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 20th August 1873, No. 6:—

The Budget Estimate for the Neilgherry Local Fund Circle for 1873-74, sanctioned in G.O., Revenue Department, No. 607, 9th May 1873, allotted 1,500 Rupees to Petty Minor Works, and Rupees 2,620 to Road Fund Reserve. These allotments have been thus disposed:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Pykana Road	585	12	0
Mahanulla Bridge...	1,700	0	0
Avalanche Bridge	940	0	0
Craigmore Toll-bar	150	0	0
Total ...	3,375	12	0

leaving at this early period of the official year only an available reserve upon all heads of Rupees 744-4-0. I should state that the Mahanulla Bridge was completed in April, and the Avalanche Bridge and Craigmore Toll-bar were both completed in May. It was necessary to repair the two bridges to keep open the roads on which they are placed. The traffic on the roads must otherwise have been very much hindered.

2. With Rupees 744-4-0 at their disposal, the Local Fund Board will find itself hampered in the current year. Should the Government have funds at its disposition, I would accordingly suggest allotments for the following objects.

3. The Kolacambie Valley contains about 2000 acres of coffee. It is in my opinion of importance that time should not be lost in opening easy communication between the valley and Coonoor. This might be done either by continuing the Hoolicul Road to Pilloor, or by running a road from Pilloor to Kartairy. In either case the approximate expenditure would be 15,000 to 20,000 Rupees.

4. On the east of the valley are the estates of Mrs. McIvor and Colonel Scott. These estates require communication with the valley.

Communication can be established, at an estimated cost of 4,000 Rupees, between a point to which the owners of the estates are prepared to run a road from their properties and the Planters' road, intersecting the valley which was opened by the planters at their own charge and at considerable cost.

5. It is of importance to the proprietors of the Deva Sholah Chinchona Estate, consisting of 600 acres planted up, that the Deva Sholah Road between the estate and Kartairy should be completed this year as the proprietors intend to export bark. The road is an incomplete road which could be finished for cart traffic for Rupees 1,000.

6. Rupees 600 have already been expended on a road from Bleak House at Coonoor to the Peat Bog Bridge on the Kotagherry Road. Rupees 1,460 are required to complete this work.

Captain Morant informs me only 2,000 Rupees could be spent in the current year on the first of the roads mentioned above. The other sums could be spent.

I beg to propose that Government should grant Rupees 2,000 for the Kartairy, Pilloor, or Hoolicul Pilloor Road, Rupees 4,000 for the Loop Road, Rupees 1,000 for the Deva Sholah Road, Rupees 1,460 for the Kotagherry Road; in all Rupees 8,460. If further funds were available they could be profitably spent this year on the Kotagherry Ghaut.

7. I venture to bring to the notice of the Government a work of public utility which is proceeding at Wellington. The Stewards of the Wellington Races found, after the meeting this year, that they had Rupees 999-3-6 available. They have since collected Rupees 719 by subscription, making the funds up to Rupees 1,717-3-6. With this money a new Race Course has been commenced round the Wellington Cricket Ground.

The cost of the work is estimated at about 4,000 Rupees. The course when completed will form an admirable pleasure-ground for the recreation of the military at Wellington, and on this score may perhaps be thought worthy of some assistance from the Government.

No. 78. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1873, No. 1304.

The Governor in Council sanctions a grant of Rupees 2,460 for the completion of the Deva Sholah and Kartairy Road, and the road from Bleak House to the Peat Bog Bridge, referred to in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Commissioner's letter.

2. The Government are not prepared to entertain the other proposals.

3. The Accountant-General will arrange for the transfer of the amount to the Local Fund Board from the balance available under Provincial Funds.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, Public Works Department.
,, President of the Local Fund Board, Neilgherry Hills.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1873} Gyldrug.

FINANCIAL.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 12th.

Rec'd.

Read.

G. O., 12*th September* 1873, No. 1304.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 77-78.

Neilgherry Circle.—A grant of Rupees 2,460 from Provincial Funds sanctioned for the completion of the Deva Sholah and Kartairy Road and the road from Bleak House to the Peat Bog Bridge.

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

No. 1493-

From The President, Local Fund Board
Nilgiris-

Dated 20th Augt 1873.

FOR ORDERS.

I would grant the sums (aggregate Rs 2460) for the completion of the roads referred to in Letters 5 & 6- and call for reports & Estimates for the other two roads.

It would be very convenient to have a map submitted showing the roads made - surveyed & in the

Philippines - I think we
are doing more than is necessary
& than the revenue we derive war-
-rants.

I be willing to have Rivers
meet. I conclude, he can attend
in the Military Dept. Washington
being a Military Department. I
do not think it a case calling a Cabinet
Meet for the reclamation of State
Funds -

L. D.S.

The only one of the proclamations after
Carpenter which I shd be disposed to
comply with is that in para. 6 of his
letter Completion of road past Blackstock &

I do not think we shd be right
in subsidising Cotton Planters - for that
is really what we do when we make
roads for their exclusive benefit.
If the Cotton industry will not pay without
assistance from Govt - that is, if it is a
bad commercial speculation - it ought
to be let alone -

I shd have been not disinclined
to help the race-course: but
Col. Walker says it "would
be problematical"

for

Sept 6/73

Circular

Note for Council

Lump grant from "Provincial Funds" to Kalgoorlie Circular for 1893-94 ——— £ 56,250

Special in lieu of Bonus Gap ——— £ 360

£ 56,740

No grant has been given either to the Boulder or Coolgardie Municipality.

Balance available after Provl. Funds allotment. 22nd August/93 £ 273,806

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No. 1 Sanction the Davis Hole completion Page 6. a good deal has to be spent on it - It is to be hoped no means only an Estate road & the sum is moderate

The Break Horse junction road is an important public improvement nearly complete

Tol. Mt Hunter Commencing on an expenditure of £20,000 to £30,000 on a Kalgoorlie valley road until the Kalgoorlie plant is complete. Even then Expenditure a 2nd class road - cleaning watercourses &c

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Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from
The President of the Local
Fund Board, Nilgiris,
d/ 20 Augt. 1873. No 6.

Order thereon. Sanctioned
12 Septr. 1873. No 1304

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The Board of Revenue
The P W Depart
President L F B Retzheim
Acct General

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Communication with the
East side of the Nilgiri Mountains
Valley is almost impassable
& some parts are in a dangerous
state — No Cart can pass the
Sotakal Pass — the Valley
in question is very fertile
= ble — & some Tea has been
lately sent, would very speedily
Sotakal Pass to Coonoor
: would be 12 Miles
would require to be metalled
and Bridges built
: Tunnel to Pillar Rock
West side of the Valley
for which the Govt
the Small Valley
take the contingent
of Ooty
Communication with the
Ootacamund & Pillar Rock
Should be proceeded
been well commenced
objectionable —
Any grant
: ing the Road from Burliar

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

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To

The Board of Revenue

Dated Sept. 12
Recd. } 1873, No. 1304.

Nos. 77. 78

Nilgiri Circle. A grant of Rs. 2460 from Road funds sanctd. for the completion of the Deva Shola & Kartairy Road & the road from Bleak House to the Red Hog bridge.

Kaituna, of which nearly
all the Settlement has done
both years ago, should
given us the detailed Est
:mate for the work some
:time long ago and
which a large expenditure
has already been sanc
:ted — The Surv. Gl. be ca
:to report more exactly
the subject.

There is an Estimate read
for connecting Blank Stream
with the new Katesbridge
Road, and so shortening
the distance for Tauranga
Residents, of which the
:tance stated may be
usefully laid out —

The Wellington Race Course
is a most peculiar work of
kind, crossing a stream
and involving the diversion
of the course of another
stream in two places —
merits of the scheme is
problematical —

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