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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 13th January 1873.

No. 59. Read the following letter from the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 31st December 1872, No. 13:—

At the request of the Local Board I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government the requirements of this district which cannot be met from the road cess. An important but fever-stricken and hilly taluq has to be opened out for traffic, and even for safety to travellers and for the transport of Government Treasure in peril from robbers and wild animals; work has to be done there at high rates, and is proceeding at a very slow pace. It is quite out of expectation that such work can be carried out in a life-time. The road cess of this not over-rich district barely keeps up the existing roads. Much of the road cess of this province was formerly expended in developing the resources of the Neilgherry Hills.

2. The Local Board learn that large Provincial grants are made to the rich and flourishing district of Malabar; and, if this district is to advance, the Local Funds should, the Board think, be aided for such projects as opening out the taluq of Collegal. Many other so-called roads of the district require bridges and other extensive repairs and improvements; these, being carried out at the rate at which funds are available, will take ten to twenty years to complete.

3. The Local Board are of opinion, when new roads in difficult countries are to be opened out, such as the Hassanoor Ghaut Road to Collegal, sanctioned by Government* at an estimate of Rupees 1,46,800, besides the projected continuation of the Bhurghoor Ghaut Road from Bhowany to Collegal, estimated at over a lakh of Rupees, a contribution from Provincial Funds is requisite, such as is made to the province of Malabar, if the work is to be done in the present generation.

* In G. O., No. 741, of 25th April 1871, Revenue Department.

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1873, No. 53.

The necessities and special circumstances of Coimbatore will receive consideration when the allotment of Provincial Funds is being made, and the needs and claims of other districts are also before Government.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Govt. of [1873] Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF COIMBATORE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 13*th*.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 13th January 1873, *No.* 53.

JANUARY.

Nos. 59-60.

Intimating, with reference to the letter from the President of the Coimbatore Local Fund Board, bringing to notice the requirements of the district which cannot be met from the road cess, that the necessities and special circumstances of Coimbatore will receive consideration when the allotments of Provincial Funds is being made, and the needs and claims of other districts are also before Government.

No 13.

Coimbatore Local Fund Board

Office, 31st December, 1872.

From,

A. Wedderburn, Esquire,

President of the Local Fund

Board, Coimbatore

To,

The Honorable, W. Hudleston,

Chief Secretary to Government,

Madras.

Sir,

At the request of the Local Board,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Govern-
-ment the requirements of this District which
cannot be met from the Road Cess. An
important but fever stricken and hilly
Taluq has to be opened out for traffic,
and even for safety to travellers, and for
the transport of Government Treasures
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-ing roads.— Much of the road cess of this Province was formerly expended in develop-
-ing the resources of the Neilgherry Hills.—

2. The Local Board learn that large provincial grants are made to the rich and flourishing District of Malabar, and if this District is to advance, the local funds should, the Board think, be aided for such projects as opening out the Pass of Pollegal.— Many other so called roads of the District require bridges, and other extensive repairs and improvements: these being carried out at the rate at which funds are available will take 10 to 20 years to com-
-plete.—

3. The Local Board are of opinion when new roads in difficult countries are to be opened out, such as the Nassanoor Ghaut road to Pollegal sanctioned by Government[x] at an Estimate of Rs 1,46,800, besides the pro-
-jected continuation of the Bhurghoor Ghaut road from Bhowany to Pollegal, estimated at over a lac of rupees, a contribution from Provincial funds is requisite such as is made to the Province of Malabar, the work is to be done in the present gen-
-ration.—

I have the honor to
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt
W. Beech
For President

[x] In G.O. No 741 of 25th April 1871. R.D.

Fin.l Department.

No. 2

From the President Local Fund Board
Commissioners.

Dated 31. Dect. 1872.

FOR ORDERS.

We consent to issue at
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due Consideration when
the allotment of Port
Funds is being made &
the wants & claims of the
Districts are before us. Fin.l

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

Financial

To
The Collr. of Coimbatore

Dated Jan'y 13.
Recd.

Encl.

G O 13 Jan'y, 1872, No. 53.

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In returning with reference to the letter forwarding the Viceroy's telegram to the Govt. of India, the Collr. of Coimbatore's L.T. bearing on the requirements of the District which cannot be met from the Road Cess, that the necessities & special circumstances of Coimbatore will receive consideration when the allotment of Provl. funds is being made & the needs & claims of other Dts. are also before Govt.