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No. 2,957.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th October 1874.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th September 1874, No. 38 :—

ON my application for a special allotment of Rupees 10,000, to open up a direct communication with the Collegal Taluq by Byloor and Lokunhully, the Government in Public Works Order No. 582, of 5th March 1874, suggested that such a grant might with much greater propriety be made for completing the main arterial lines of communication from Ajjeepoorum southwards to Coimbatore and Erode by the Hassanoor and Burghoor Ghauts. In reply, I informed Government that I would be perfectly content if the line from Collegal *viâ* Ajjeepoorum and Hassanoor Ghaut to Coimbatore were speedily opened out; and I expected that my application for the special allotment of Rupees 10,000 from Provincial Funds would be disposed of. The Government, however, have passed no orders on the subject, while in the Local Board's Budget and Incomplete Works' List no allotment was provided for this line for want of funds.

Copy of G. O., No. 582, of 5th March 1874, Public Works Department, to be returned.
Copy of letter to Government, No. 7 of 18th March 1874.

2. The Superintending Engineer now informs me that his Range Officer has spent upwards of Rupees 2,000 in anticipation of an allotment, evidently under Section 31 of the Local Fund Rules. I beg, therefore, to solicit the orders of Government, through the Board of Revenue, on my application for the special allotment.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.
(A true Copy and Extract.)

J Grose
Secretary.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
„ the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore Circle,
with copy of Government Order, returned.

Exd. W. H. French.

No. 7. Coimbatore Local Fund

Boards Office, 18th March 1874.

From,

The President of the

Local Fund Board, Coimbatore

To,

The Chief Secretary to

Government, Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the G.O. No. 582 of 5th March 1874, (Public Works) para 2, I have the honor to point out that the projected road from Bodinayakanur to Collegal is not a local bye road, but the directest line of road from Nassanoor to Collegal; it saves the detour of 10 miles by Ajjeepoorum, and opens out a Cultivated valley.—

2. Traffic from Collegal to Salem is never likely to ascend to the table land of Burghur to descend to the low country to= =wards Erode; there is no line of trade what= =ever that way, but the whole trade toils

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from Nowdhully, down along the line of the Bargoor river, to Caravenpoorum.— If there had been any advantage in the Bargoor Ghaut line, it would have been availed of ere this, as the whole trade is on pack bullocks, for which the Bargoor Ghaut line is perfectly practicable.—

3. I was not Collector of this District, when the Bargoor Ghaut line was projected, and my predecessor, Mr Grant, was never in that part of the District at all, never was at Collegal, during his whole term of office, nor apparently acquainted with the trade, between Collegal and Salem.— Trade must go up a ghaut; when the mart is on the plateau, but it does not ascend, to descend again, more especially when it had no concern with that direction at all.—

4. The wonderful thing is, with such a road, or track, between Collegal and



Caravenpoorum, that there is any trade at all, but it has always existed, and toils on the old paths just as it used to struggle over rocks, and through jungles, between Cuddapah and Madras. Pack bullocks can go any where, but it is a serious obstacle for wheeled conveyance, to ascend and descend some 3,000 feet in 25 miles.— Moreover, as I before said, there is no current of trade in that direction. I regret the result, but cannot disguise the fact.—

5. However, though there is a manifest advantage in shortness of the line, to Collegal via Lokanthully, I am perfectly content if the line, via Nijjepoorum is speedily opened out.— This completes communication between Collegal and Coimbatore, via the Nagamoor Ghaut, the trade on which is increasing

though not up to native calculation, seeing
that the Toll, which first sold for Rs 500
in 1871, & brought Rs 1,500 last year, had
to be let for Rs 1000, this year.—

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your most obedt Servt

A Henderson

President.—

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

Read

To

The Board of Revenue.

Recd

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Road from Collegal to Coimbatore

With reference to the application of the President of the Local Fund Board for a special allotment for the road, it observed that no funds are available for allotment in the Irrn. Dept. The P. W. Dept. is requested to consider whether a grant can be made from the amount allotted for distribution in that Dept.