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Local Funds—Roads.

No. 280. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1875, No. 233 :—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Narsipuram, 28th November 1874, No. 18 :—

As required in Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 1866, of 2nd November 1874, Financial Department, I have the honor to forward a report on the road from Pollachy to the foot of the Poonachy (Anamallay) Ghaut, now under construction, drawn up by the Superintending Engineer, who has just returned from inspection thereof.

2. The up-keep and improvement of this direct road to the Poonachy Saddle-ghaut seems all that is necessary for the traffic present or prospective.

3. Anamallay village, $8\frac{3}{4}$ miles from foot of ghaut, is not even a healthy or desirable place to halt at; there is no accommodation there, and I have never halted at the place for the night without feeling that there was a risk in so doing; whereas Cotoor is an elevated and healthy place, five miles from the foot of this ghaut.

4. It seems also undesirable to bring the road from the foot of Poonachy Ghaut to Anamallay through valuable irrigated land, for which the compensation will be heavy and the advantage doubtful, as it adds two miles to the distance from Pollachy Cusbah Town, which is the direct line from Coimbatore.

5. A copy of the Local Board's Resolution, called for by Government, is enclosed. The road *viâ* Cotoor was repaired by my predecessor in 1867-68 at a cost of Rupees 2,218, and Rupees 1,000 were spent in putting it in good order in 1873 and 1874.

Enclosure No. 1.

From Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, dated 23rd November 1874, No. 68.

With reference to the subject of the road from Pollachy to the foot of the new ghaut to the Poonachy Saddle, which has been lately discussed at two or three Local Fund Board meetings, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Board, that there is a very fair second-class road, with most of the smaller water-courses bridged, from Pollachy direct to the river Aulyaur, about $\frac{1}{4}$ths of a mile from the foot of the ghaut. This road only requires metalling; it passes through Kottamputty, Samatoor, and Somanthorai, leaves Cotoor and Malliyandiputnum about a mile to the west, all very important places with large populations. There are no bridges over the three considerable streams—Oopaur, Paular and Aulyaur; but it is only the last that gives any considerable difficulty in crossing, being both deep and rapid. The distance from Pollachy to the river is fourteen miles, and it is along this road that bandies bring the coffee, etc., from the only two estates remaining in full cultivation on the hills, say from 20 to 25 tons of coffee, or from seventy to eighty bandies per annum.

2. The other road to the foot of the hills is a good road from Pollachy to Anamallay, eight miles; at the fourth, mile crossing the three rivers on the other line in one large bridge, and from Anamallay I have estimated for a road direct to the Poonachy Ghaut, a distance of $8\frac{1}{4}$ miles (at present there is not even a bridle-path) at a cost of Rupees 35,500, without compensation for land

which will be heavy. It, however, has only one large bridge over the Oopaur (a different Oopaur to that before mentioned), costing Rupees 9,000, and another over the Chinnaur at foot of ghaut, costing Rupees 3,000.

3. This estimate has been made by the orders of Government, who, in their Order, No. 2720, of 24th September 1874, placed on record, with reference to the proper route to the ghaut, that "there is no further room for the discussion of any question as to the direction the road should take," that is to go by Anamallay.

4. With regard to distance, it is eight miles of road from Pollachy to Anamally, and the new proposed road is 8¾ miles, total 16¾ miles, of which eight miles have already a maintenance allowance; but it puts travellers 8¾ miles from the foot of the ghaut to the nearest spot where a person can sleep without risk of fever, whilst by the other line it is only five miles to the high ground near Cotoor, where it is perfectly free from fever, and is the line that all local traffic is sure to take.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
President.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

Transferred to the Board of Revenue, through whom the President's letter should have been submitted.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
7*th December* 1874.

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Under Secretary.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., Financial Department, dated 2nd November 1874, No. 1866.

2. The reasons which the present Collector and District Engineer give for considering the existing line from Pollachy *viâ* Cotoor sufficient, and to one *viâ* Anamallay, 8¾ miles of which must be newly made through land much of which is irrigated and valuable, undesirable, seem to be strong. The Local Fund Board, who represent the opinion of the people of the district, are of the same opinion.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1875, No. 396.

His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to accept the opinion of the Local Fund Board and the officers of the district.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with an enclosure returned.
,, Public Works Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Govt. of 1875 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated February, 22nd.

Recd. 2nd.

G.O., 22nd *February* 1875, No. 396.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 260-281.

Coimbatore Circle Board's opinion that the existing road from Pollachy to the foot of the Ponachy Ghaut is sufficient, and that a line via Anamallay is undesirable, accepted.

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For some time there has been a difference of opinion between the Govt in the P.W. Dept and the local officers regarding the proper line of road from Pollachy to Ponachy at the foot of the Anamally hills and in G.O. 5/24 Sept 1874 Lw 2320 P. Co. D. it was stated that the it was a question for decision in the Pub Dept whether the Local Board should or should not provide funds for the road but that there

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was no further room for discussion of any question as to the direction that approach should take.

The local authorities however continue to discuss it and the Board of Revenue in forwarding the papers remark that the name given to the Collector and Dr Engineer seem strong, and that the Local Fund Board who represent the opinion of the people of the district are of the same opinion

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No. 233.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd February 1875.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Narasipuram, 28th November 1874, No. 18:—

As required in Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 1,866 of 2nd November 1874, Financial Department, I have the honor to forward a report on the road from Pollachy to the foot of the Poonachy (Anamallay) Ghaut, now under construction, drawn up by the Superintending Engineer, who has just returned from inspection thereof.

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TRANSFERRED to the Board of Revenue through whom the President's letter should have been submitted.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 7th December 1874.

(Signed) J. STURROCK, Acting Under-Secretary.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, to A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, dated 23rd November 1874, No. 58.

WITH reference to the subject of the road from Pollachy to the foot of the new ghaut to the Poonachy Saddle, which has been lately discussed at two or three Local Fund Board meetings, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Board, that there is a very fair second-class road, with most of the smaller water-courses bridged, from Pollachy direct to the river Aulyaur, about ¼ths of a mile from the foot of the ghaut. This road only requires metalling; it passes through Kottamputty, Samatoor, and Somanthorai, leaves Cotoor and Malliyandiputnum about a mile to the west, all very important places with large populations. There are no bridges over the three considerable streams, Oopaur, Paular and Aulyaur; but it is only the last that gives any considerable difficulty in crossing, being both deep and rapid. The distance from Pollachy to the river is fourteen miles, and it is along this road that bandies bring the coffee, etc., from the only two estates remaining in full cultivation on the hills, say from 20 to 25 tons of coffee, or from seventy to eighty bandies per annum.

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3. This estimate has been made by the orders of Government, who, in their Order, No. 2,720 of 24th September 1874, placed on record, with reference to the proper route to the ghaut, that "there is no further room for the discussion of any question as to the direction the road should take," that is to go by Anamallay.

4. With regard to distance, it is eight miles of road from Pollachy to Anamallay, and the new proposed road is 8¾ths miles, total 16¾ths miles, of which eight miles have already a maintenance allowance; but it puts travellers 8¾ths miles from the foot of the ghaut to the nearest spot where a person can sleep without risk of fever, whilst by the other line it is only five miles to the high ground near Cotoor, where it is perfectly free from fever, and is the line that all local traffic is sure to take.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN,
President.

Enclosure No. 2.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

Submitted to Government with reference to G. O., Financial Department, dated 2nd November 1874, No. 1,866.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
,, the President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore Circle.
with one original enclosure.

Exd. W. H. French.

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N. L. The Government cannot accept the opinion of the Local Fund Board and the [illegible] Officers of the District

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Encl.

Road—from Pollachy to the foot of the Poonachy (Anamallay) Ghaut, in Coimbatore District.—Opinion of President of Local Fund Board that existing line of — is sufficient, and that a road *viâ* Anamallay is undesirable, submitted to Government with remarks.

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