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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

9th August 1881, No. 1451.

Local Funds—Roads.

Read the following paper :—

From R. BROUGH SMYTH, Esq., Resident and Mining Engineer, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Devalah, South India, 5th July 1881 [*Current No.* 1750].

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ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1881, No. 1451.

Vide G.O., 27th June 1881, No. 1192, Financial Department.

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Amshoms	4,134	14,579
Total ..	52,324	52,470

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To R. Brough Smyth, Esq., with paragraphs 9 and 10 of Revenue G.O., No. 818, dated 21st May 1881.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Revenue Department.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Govt. of {1881} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

R. BROUGH SYMTH, Esq.,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 9th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 9th August 1881, No. 1451.

AUGUST.

Local Funds—Roads.—Orders passed on letter from Mr Brough Smyth suggesting improvement of the roads leading to the gold fields in the Wynaad and extension of the telegraph to Devalah.

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Can we furnish the information wanted? 18/7

Fort
18th July
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My dear Gibson,

Can your office supply me with the information which you see Mr. Master wants? Runga Charlu's note (also enclosed for your information) shows why we can't do the thing here. So if you can help us, many thanks.

Yours sincerely
J. A. Davies

P.I.O

We can furnish information as in the accompanying Statement for the entire District but not for Nilgiris proper & for the recently annexed amshoms separately.

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Dear Davies -
This is all I can get for you.
Yours
E. Gibson.

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Fort 23rd July 81.

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My dear Mr. Master,

With reference to Current No. 1750 & your note thereon, & a previous note sent me to supply certain information from this office, for which you had also asked Roupell, I write to say that not having all the information here, I wrote over to Gibson to supply me with it if possible from the Board's office, & he sent me the enclosed accoun upon which I have prepared ~~the~~ ~~submitted~~ the figures in the Draft G.O. submitted also in accordance with the Hon'ble the Governor's instructions.

You will see that particulars for the Amokoms & Nilgiris proper separately are not available down here – nor also of the money expended on roads from Provincial Funds, but perhaps what is said in the Draft G.O. will be thought sufficient

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for the purpose. otherwise I dare say you will send an emergent reminder to Rompell for the facts wanting.

Yours sincerely
J. A. Davis

90/ J. A. Davies Esq.

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Sir

I beg to suggest that this paper be sent to the D.r of Rev.e for the preparation of the necessary statement. [illegible] Davies off.g [illegible] [illegible] until Mr. Maclean who is not here just now. We have here only the annual Reports & Budgets which give the details required for the whole & not separately for the Colonies proper &

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X No. 1750 Financial DEPARTMENT.

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From

Mr. Brough Smyth

D. 5th July /81, suggesting improvements of the roads & the extension of the telegraph to Devalah &c.

FOR ORDERS.

The "Madras Mail" of the 9th instant contains a letter from "R. B. K.", doubtless from Colonel Robert Blair Kennedy, for long the Special Executive Engineer of Wynaad, which is of interest in connection with the present question.

C.C.C.

Both as regards

Draft for acceptance with Ch. Sec.'s remarks pointing out also the facts of the case as stated in Col. Kennedy's letter & adding the inform. as to Govt. contrib. & Nil Giri L. F. &

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roads and telegraphic communications action is being taken.

The Board have been directed to call upon the Local Fund Board for a Special Report on the state of the communications with reference to the memorial presented to the late Governor and in the P.W.D. It is understood that the Superintending Engineer 2nd Circle has been asked to report as to the practical aid that may be afforded by the Dept in this direction.

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G.O. 27 June 1881
No 1192 ~~7.D.~~

Which Land Rev: [illegible] from both. Wh. [illegible] & obtain fr. the Com[illegible]

Ascertain [illegible] exactly how the Tele[illegible]

G.O. 21 May 1881
No 878 Rev: Dep

Question stands —

see papers in red tape 17/7

The remarks on Telegraphic communications in the same Memorial are also being dealt with in the D.P.W. — 1457/810

Mr Brough Smyth writes periodically on these matters under the impression apparently that it is his duty to keep the Government awake.

CJM

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FOR ORDERS.

Re 12-7-81

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for 1879/80
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Much has to be
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from P.W. dept.
the R.D. [illegible]
probably knows this
LB

July 4th 1881.

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My dear Roupell,

Will you kindly have a statement made out shewing the Land Revenue and Land Cess paid by the whole of the Nilgiris distinguishing the Nilgiris proper from the recently annexed Amshoms. Also the whole Local Fund Income, distinguishing.

1. Cess.
2. Tolls.
3 Provincial Grant

and Expenditure on roads.

Nilgiris proper.
Amshoms.

including separate provincial money expended by the Local

Local Fund Engineer.

Yours Sincerely
Sd/ C.G. Master.

Statement shewing the Receipts & Charges of Local Funds of the Nilgiri District for 1880-81

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Receipts		Amount	Expenditure	Amount
		Rs		Rs
Land Cess		2,023	On Roads	52,513
Tolls		39,733	On Civil Buildings	12,533
Provincial Grants:	Rs		Local Fund Engineering Establishment	13,255
For Roads	33,280			
For General purposes	11,350	44,630	Toll Establishments	334
			Tools & Plant	4,651
		86,386	Contingencies	600
				83,886
Contributions from the funds of other Circles & Municipalities		2,990	Education	957
Receipts from Endowments, Contributions & Donations		3,040	Sanitation Medical Services & Public and Charitable Institutions	5,231
Miscellaneous Receipts:	Rs		Miscellaneous	1,138
Sale of Medicines	168			
Choultry Rents	60			
Market Rents	105			
Bungalow Fees	460			
Bandy Stand Fees	48			
Refunds	2			
Advances Recoverable	6			
		849		
Total Receipts		93,265	Total Charges	91,212
Opening Balance		11,396	Closing Balance	13,449
Total		104,661	Total	104,661

Land Revenue receipts.

Nilgiris. for 1880-81 - 52,413 Rupees.

N.B. Particulars for Amshoms & Nilgiris proper ~~are not~~ separately are not available.

(From Bd's Office
Jas)

Expenditure on Roads.
according to Funds & Grants.

Actuals 1880–81		Estimate for 1881–82.	
Expended from Govt. Grant of 31,500. Rs.	23,870.	Expenditure of ~~Expended from~~ Govt. Grant.	1451 18,060 13
~~Loc~~. Expended from Loc. Funds (includes 1800 Rs of private contribution.	28,600	Expenditure of Loc. Funds. Does not includ priv. contribution	29,050
Total Expended	52,470		47,110.

Statement showing the Land Revenue (Provincial) and Land Cess Receipts (Local) &c of the Nilgiri District

A	Nilgiri Proper		Recently annexed Amshoms.		Total.	
	Actuals of 1880-81 including arrears and Miscellaneous Rec^ts	Demand for 1881-82 Exclusive of Arrears and Miscell: Receipts.	Actuals of 1880-81 including arrears.	Demand for 1881-82 Exclusive of Arrears etc.	Actuals of 1880-81 including Arrears and Misc. Receipts.	Demand for 1881-82.
Land Revenue	48,190	49,899 ~~49,445~~	4,134 +	15,870 ~~15,325~~ ~~17,251~~	52,324	65,789 ~~66,706~~
Land Cess	1,803	2,936 ~~2,932~~	220 +	867 ~~1,110~~ 867	2,023	3,803 ~~3,943~~

The demand is based on ~~on~~ Pairnash accounts, except for Mekunad. The Revenue Settlement will bring in certainly double the present revenue if not more — The land cess is not quite 1/16 of the demand, certain lands being exempted from it.—

+ It was intended to fix demands according to Survey measurements but that was over-ruled by the Bd. of Rev^ue who ordered that the Pairnash accounts should be followed until the Settlement Officer could decide the proper areas. This & Census work caused delay in the collections.—

B. Income.	Actuals of 1880-81	Estimate* 1881-82.
1. Cess	2,023.	3,600
2. Tolls	39,732	37,000
3. Provincial Grant	44,630 *a	36,670 *b
4. Other Sources	18,275	10,180.
Total.	1,04,660	87,450.

* These estimates are taken from the Budget.

*a. of this, 31,500 Rs were allotted for roads.

*b. of this, 18,060 Rs have been do. do.

C. Expenditure on Roads according to divisions.	Local Funds and Provincial money* expended by Local Fund Engineer. Actuals of 1880-81	Estimate 1881-82
1. Nilgiri Proper	37,891.	31,470.
2. Amshoms	14,579.	15,640.
Total	52,470.	47,110.

* The Provincial Grant is given in a lump sum and this is placed with the Local Fund grants at the disposal of the Local Fund Engineer. It is impossible to trace out from his accounts what proportion of each grant is spent on any given road, or in any particular division of the district (e.g. the Amshoms). The following however supplements Table C:

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Local Fund Board's Office
Ootacamund
22nd July 1881

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Contribution from the Municipalities for Educational Inspection	—
Sale of Medicines &c.	1
Choultry Rents	6
Market Rents	1
Bungalow Fees	4
Contribution from two Municipalities on account of P. W. Supervision	2
Do from Coimbatore Circle Board for the Maintenance of the 2 miles of the Kotagiri Ghat Road	
Private Contribution in aid of Constructing Choultries + Grant for the Establishments	12
Do for repairing roads	1
Bandystand fees	
Surplus Pound Fund	
Refund of Pay of Toll Establishment	
Balance of 1879-80	1
advances recoverable advised by the Acct. General	
Total Rs.	1

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My dear Master

Herewith the statements you asked for regarding Land Cess Receipts &c. The amount collected as Land Cess is absurdly small. I hope shortly to bring this to notice officially with suggestions as to.

the remedy:-

Yours sincerely

R B Smyth

CURRENT No. 1750
Resident & Mining Engineer's Office.
Devālah,
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Resident and Mining Engineer

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From Mr Brough Smyth

Dd 5th July /81
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Suggesting improvements of the roads and extension of the telegraph to Devala &c.

Financial Department.

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