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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

13th April 1881, No. 634.

Provincial Services.

Read the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th February 1881, No. 349 [Current No 609].

Read the following letter from N. A. ROUELL, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Nilgiris, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 8th February 1881, No. 4:—

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of the Board and Government, copy of letter, dated 5th instant, No. 210, received from the Local Fund Engineer, Nilgiris, reporting on the land-slips which occurred on the Coonoor New Ghât early in December last.

2. Mr. O'Shaughnessy deserves credit for the rapidity with which the obstructions were removed. On the fourth day after the land-slips, cart traffic was resumed along the entire length of the ghât.

3. The rainfall detailed in paragraph 6 of the enclosure was doubtless very heavy, but I apprehend not unprecedented. It appears to me that the only safeguard against such occurrences as those under report must be found in the reconversion into woodland of a belt of land from 200 to 300 yards wide, according to the character of the growth, immediately above the ghât. Such woodland already exists in sufficient abundance in many places, but where it has been cleared the precipitation of rain-water is so intense that the catch-drains and culverts become choked and are practically useless for the protection of the road. Land-slips having once appeared will unquestionably recur unless some such plan as that above indicated be adopted. Extensive stone revetments would involve very heavy outlay and would very imperfectly fulfil their purpose unless the catch-drains and culverts were kept open.

4. Under the Settlement scheme recently proposed for this district, cases of encroachment upon Coonoor Ghât lands are being considered and will be treated with special regard to the security of the ghât roads. For a considerable distance elsewhere land will have to be taken up under Act X of 1870 (An Act for the Acquisition of Land for Public Purposes), and the compensation payable will, I fear, be heavy. The safety of the roads, however, is of paramount importance, and I see no other way of avoiding future accidents.

5. Mr. Jamieson, to whom I wrote for his suggestions as to the best trees and shrubs for the protection belt, has not yet replied.

6. If the Government will be pleased to adopt the proposal of a ghât protection-belt, in the necessity for which Mr. O'Shaughnessy fully concurs, the probable cost of such a scheme can then be ascertained and reported.

7. The Local Fund Engineer encloses a bill for Rs. 1,030 spent in clearing away the land-slips and putting the ghât in good order. As this expenditure is altogether extraordinary and the means of the Local Fund Board are slender, I have the honor to request the Government may be moved to make a special grant of the amount.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Local Fund Engineer's Report.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Statement of the Number and Extent of Land-slips.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Estimate.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The extraordinary expenditure (Rs. 1,030) incurred in removing the obstructions to traffic on the Coonoor Ghât caused by land-slips during the heavy rains of November should, in the Board's opinion, be met by a grant from Provincial Funds.

3. The Commissioner's proposals for protecting the ghât roads by marginal woodland belts might receive consideration in the Public Works Department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 13th April 1881, No. 634.

The Governor in Council sanctions a grant of Rs. (1,030) one thousand and thirty, from the Provincial Grant for Local Fund Works, for meeting the extraordinary expenditure referred to in the foregoing papers.

2. The proposals of the President, Local Fund Board, Nilgiris, for protecting the ghât roads by belts of woodland will, as suggested by the Board of Revenue, be referred to the Public Works Department for consideration.

(True Extract.)

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with 3 enclosures returned.
,, Public Works Department.
,, Accountant-General.

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Govt. of [1881] Madras
FINANCIAL.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 13th.

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G.O., 13th April 1881, No. 634.

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Provincial Services.—A grant of Rs. 1,030, from the Provincial Grant for Local Fund Works, for meeting the extraordinary expenditure incurred in removing the obstructions to traffic on the Coonoor Ghât caused by landslips during the heavy rains of November 1880, sanctioned. The proposals for protecting the ghât roads by belts of woodland, referred to the Public Works Department for consideration.



No. 349.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with three original enclosures to be returned.

Copy to the President of the Local Fund Board, Nilgiris.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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To
 THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVT.,
 FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated February 28th.

Printed March th.

Received March 10

PROCEEDINGS, 28TH FEBRUARY 1881, No. 349.

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FEBRUARY.
 No. 349.

Land-slips—which occurred on the Coonoor New Ghât in December 1880.—Submitting for the orders of Government letter from the Commissioner of Nilgiris forwarding one from the Local Fund Engineer reporting on the — and enclosing a bill for Rs. 1,030 spent in clearing away the land-slips and putting the ghât in order.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter

of the Board of Revenue
 of 28 February 1881. No 349

Order thereon.

13 April 1881 No 632

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of the 28th February 1881, No. 349, from the Board of Revenue, Madras, regarding the land-slips on the Coonoor New Ghât. I have the honor to inform you that the Government have sanctioned a grant of Rs. 1,030 (one thousand and thirty) from the Provincial Grant for Local Fund Works, for meeting the extraordinary expenditure referred to in the foregoing papers. —

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be referred to the Public
Works Deptt. for con-
sideration. -

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has told the P.W.D. that
nothing I do with it.

If this be so. I don't
see why any report should be
made to P.W. on the
protective bill question
unless it be simply
for the opinion of
Experts on the subject.

How do I see why if
Govt makes a special
loan to help the P.W.
I make the repairs

Board of Revenue
with 3 P.W.D. returned
Public Works Deptt.
Accountt. General.

not passed yet.

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it will be increased
by the percentage for
Govt. expenditure in
the Govt. work. If the Govt. had
themselves still no
power to get the grants,
then of course it is
right to do - but if
they do so. I see much
interest in the work of the
Govt. I see? They do they
change themselves with
and repairs.

I have long been
in the Govt. work
Govt. as a grant in
aid - but in that case
I don't give the Govt.
percentage - I see.

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Gobt. of {188 } Madras.

is accepting responsibility
for extra repairs.

It must be some
distinct firm a photo of
in the matter.

That is suggested
by way of safe guards
like the way of it - &
except on the question
of suitability, I don't
see that F.W. has anything
to do with it. unless
Govt. still accept ultimate
responsibility for maintaining
the ghat. L.B.

To

Dated

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Recd. No. 609.

Note. The grant is

under charge of the

local firm & should

absolutely be left

including a grant in
aid (S.O. 17 April

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2. The Engineer
appears to consider
that in estimating
actual cost, he
must include
cost of supervision.

Clas

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Sum.

Happens that Govt.
practically retains the
liability for the grant
mainly but must
the Engineer. L.B. &
the L.F. S. I presume
therefore that the Govt.

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repairs charge has
been covered by the
previous Govt. Grant.
& has this grant
for extra work.

L.R. 31/3

Financial Dept.

from or what Bears

Under disposal docket

Papers to be read in
Proceedings.—

Nº 609 & 81

to Hon. Mr.

to Messrs.

to Messrs.

to Messrs.

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Prov. Services. A grant of
Rs 1030 from the Prov. grant
for L.F. works, for meeting the
extraordinary expenses incurred
in removing the obstructions
to traffic on the Conoor ghāt
caused by land-slips during
the heavy rains of Nov. '80, &c.
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ghāt roads by belts of wood
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