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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

2nd May 1881, No. 764.

Local Funds—Roads.

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 2nd May 1881, No. 764.

With reference to your letter, No. 105 A.G., dated the 5th March last, regarding the grant solicited from Cinchona revenues of Rs. 30,000 for the road between Ootacamund and Neddiwattum, I am directed to remark that the Government of India appear, in some degree, to have misunderstood the application made in my letter, No. 300, dated 21st February 1881. I am to explain that the proposal therein made was in accordance with the principle which has been recognised by the Government of India in other cases that, where the Government occupy a position analogous to that of private landholders, they should contribute specially for purposes which are provided for ordinarily by the landholders interested; that roads in this Presidency are, as a rule, made and maintained from Local Funds raised under Act IV of 1871 by a cess on occupied land and a percentage or rental, neither of which is paid by Government; and that it seems only reasonable that where the Government, as Cinchona planters, are deriving a very large annual net income from their planta-

tions, they should contribute specially to the maintenance and improvement of the road on which they depend for carrying their large amount of produce to market. The road in question, in its present unmetalled condition, becomes almost impassable for cart-traffic in the monsoon months, thereby exposing the Government to the risk of serious loss, as has indeed been practically exemplified by the damage sustained from damp by consignments of bark perforce detained at the plantation from inability to remove them.

Net Profits credited to Imperial.

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1877-78.	
Receipts	3,58,752
Expenditure	69,772
Net Profit ..	2,88,980
1878-79.	
Receipts	4,00,354
Expenditure	73,683
Net Profit ..	3,26,671

2. For the above reasons, and in view of the circumstance that the Provincial Funds cannot make the necessary provision for the work in addition to the considerable grant which they are already compelled to make to the Local Fund of the District to maintain it in an effective condition, while the income of the fund itself in this poor district is utterly inadequate to meet the demands on it, and to prevent further risk of serious loss, I am directed earnestly to request that the Government of India will be pleased to reconsider their refusal to comply with the application of this Government for a special grant from Imperial Funds towards this very necessary work.

R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of (1881) Madras.
FINANCIAL.

To
THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

Dated May, 2nd.

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Local Funds—Roads.—Requesting reconsideration of the refusal to comply with the application of the Madras Government for a special grant from Imperial Funds for the road between Ootacamund and Neddiwattum.

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To the Secretary to the Govt of India,
Public Works Dept.

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Net profits credited to Imperial

1877-78 Receipts — 358,752
Expenditure — 69,772
Net profit — 288,980

1878-79 Receipts — 400,354
Expenditure — 73,683
Net profit — 326,671

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road on which they depend for carrying their large amount of produce to market. Furthermore, the road in question, in its present unimproved condition, becomes almost impassable for cart traffic in the monsoon months, the Govt thereby exposing to the risk of serious loss, as has indeed been practically exemplified by the damage sustained from damp by ~~large~~ consignments of Bark which are perforce detained at the plantation, given inability to remove it. ~~them~~

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[from order]

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