

Local & Munl. (1895-) Department.

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G.O., No. 23012.

DATED 28th Nov 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Tellacherry-Coorg Road.

Communicating to the Honorary Secretary, Malabar Chamber of Commerce, letter from the President, District Board, Malabar, regarding the condition of the ----.

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Malabar District Board District Engineer's Office
Calicut, 31st October 1895.

Referral No. 3079 of 95
A.B.E.D.

Office note

To,

The President, District Board,
Malabar.

In continuation of my office note
Referral No. 2600 of 95 dated 1st October 1895,
A.B.E.D.

I have the honor to state that I have
since inspected the District Board road No. 2
and have to report as follows:—

The road from the 15th mile to Britty
at 24th mile is in very fair order for this
time of the year for cart traffic, and the
A system Contractor, Mr. Fletcher has done a
lot of rut filling with laterite jelly on it.
The small ghaut portion of the 23rd mile—
especially furlongs $\frac{21}{8}$, $\frac{22}{1}$ and $\frac{22}{2 \text{ to } 4}$ are badly
cut up and heavy for traffic. These places
as well as all other sectioned portions—
must at once be mantled with laterite
jelly at least 4 inches average thickness,
otherwise they will not be fit for traffic.

Mr. Fletcher

Mr. Fletcher has unfortunately carried out
 sectioning where it was not required and
 too early in the season. Barrelling was
 really necessary and has not been done
 with the result that the road level has
 been lowered from 6" to 1 foot in places
 leaving high berms either side of road,
 as well as the side drains high and dry
 above the roadway and it now represents
 more or less a ploughed field. With
 this exception - I found the section of road
 in a much better state at this rainy time
 of the year than I expected. The road
 from Irity to Kootopoya bridge at 31 miles
 2 furlongs, our boundary with Loong -
 although not so good is also in fair order
 for Cart-traffic except furlongs $\frac{26}{284}$, $\frac{26}{647}$,
 $\frac{27}{243}$, $\frac{27}{647}$, $\frac{28}{3}$, $\frac{28}{548}$, $\frac{29}{2,445}$, $\frac{30}{1,223,546}$ which
 are badly cut up and wearing into deep
 holes in places. Laterite jelly must at
 once be laid over all these places to
 improve matters and drainage properly
 attended to - and the jungle clearing pushed
 on with as it gives the road a neglected
 appearance at present. A good deal of
 laterite

laterite jelly has been laid in places on
 this section also. Both the Sub Collector
 and myself were of the same opinion
 that the reports received were exaggerated
 and we did not find the road generally
 as bad as was expected. I roughly cal-
 -culate that about half the allotment
 has been spent on the road and Mr.
 Fletcher promises me to give matters
 his personal attention as soon as the rain
 ceases. With reference to the Traveller's
 Cart being upset as stated by Mr. Burnett,
 I have only to say that it is to be regretted
 as I have no doubt the road was very
 bad in places between Suinoth and Kooto-
 -poya during the monsoon, and I should
 say it occurred somewhere on the 29th
 mile, but still it is not fair to condemn
 the whole line for the sake of a few
 furlongs during heavy rains. When little
 or nothing satisfactory beyond drainage
 can be done - in fairness to the Contractor,
 I don't agree with Mr. Burnett that
 a Cart travelling over such a road near
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the ghats during the monsoon and at night was so long overdue as to call for special note - as it is only misleading, as I consider $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles per hour is very fair travelling for a cart on a good road. I have instructed the Chirakal overseer to select good granite metal quarries on this line for next year and to prepare and submit data for same, when I hope to be able to place 10 c yds of blasted metal per furlong on the road with the same allotment as this year. Regarding Mr. Burnett's concluding para but one in his letter of the 10th Instant to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Madras, I may state if ample funds are given to me to metal the road, I can do as well and perhaps better than the Coorg road authorities. No comparison can be drawn between the Coorg and Malabar roads as the former is made and thoroughly metalled and ours is not, having only patch work repairs done to it annually. This road bears a much heavier traffic than

than the Calicut - Vayitri - Gundalur road and should I consider be metalled as that one by the D.P.W. when I think every body will be satisfied, and there should be no further room for complaint.

I hear Mr. Fletcher is now busy at work on the road with a large gang of coolies and I trust I shall find matters more satisfactory on my next inspection soon.

Sd/ W. Maylor
Dist Engineer Dist Board
Malabar

P.S.

Mr. Yonge's letter to your address of 19th September '95 and the copy of Mr. Burnett's letter to Government of 10. 10. 95 on the subject are herewith retransmitted for your perusal and kind return.

Sd/ W. Maylor
Dist Engineer Dist Board
Malabar

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For President.

Ref on C No 2720 of 95
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Malabar District Board's Office
Calicut 6th November 1895

From,

J. Hewetson Esq
President, District Board
Malabar

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Dept.,
Madras

Sir,

With reference to G.O dated 25th October 1895 n^o 2051 L. mis, I have the honor to submit for the information of Government copy of office note Ref on C No 3079 of 95 dated 31st October 1895 from the District Board District Engineer reporting on the Condition of the Tellicherry-Coorg road on personal inspection.

The District Engineer has been called upon to submit an estimate for metalling the road which on receipt will be placed before the Board.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obt. Servant
J. Varadaras

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To

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Local & Municipal Dept.

CURRENT No. 33532

From

The President
District Board
Malabar

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Order No. 230 / 28-11-95

To,

The Chief Secretary to Govt. Hon'y. Secretary, Malabar
Chamber of Commerce.
Madras

V.A.
19/11/95

W.S.D.
21/11/95
27/11/95

of 6-4-95

dated 11-11-95

Recd

Ref on C. 2520 / 29
13.10.1895
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Forwarding for information copy
of District Board Engineer's office
note of 31-10-95 reporting
on the condition of the Tel-
licherry - Coorg road and stating
that the estimate for metalling the
road will on receipt be placed
before the Board.

W.S.D. 19/11/95

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Comd. to me on 28/11/95

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