

Local & Munl. (1895) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 2418 L.

DATED 12 Dec 1895

[Despatch Abstract.]

Provincial Grant.

Stating, with remarks, that the President, District Board, Nilgiris, may take credit in the district board's budget for 1896-97 for a grant from Provincial funds of Rs. 81,000 for public works and Rs. 18,000 for general purposes.

BACK PAPERS.							
G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.							
G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Extract from the Proceedings of a meeting of the District Board, Nilgiris, held on Thursday, the 31st October 1895.

Present.

J. D. Rees Esq. President.
Official Members.

1. Mathew Young Esq. Head Post Collector.
2. A. M. Jones Esq. Treasury Dy. Collector.
3. C. G. Orr Esq. District Forest Officer.
4. Surg. Lt. Col. J. G. Cook. District Medical and Sanitary Officer.
5. Surg. Lt. Col. J. Lancaster. Civil Surgeon.

Non-official Members.

6. J. A. Narjoribank Esq.
7. H. D. Wilbraham Esq.
8. H. Wapshare Esq.
9. Mr. R. B. Maruthachala Mudaliar Esq. Sahib.
10. J. Lichenwood Esq.
11. W. A. Cherry Esq.
12. H. G. Sinclair Esq.
13. H. Sheldrick Esq.
14. E. G. Windle Esq.
15. L. W. Grey Esq.
16. Mr. R. B. Abdul Rahiman Hajee Fakier
Dr. Ahmed Sait. M. Khan Sahib.
17. W. L. Edmiston Esq.

5. Read G. O. No. 1357 L. dated 1st Nov 1895, transferring the maintenance of

Enclosure one to letter No. 5486 dated 14 November 1895

the Nilgiri Section of the Gudalur
Vayitri Road, to the Nilgiri District
Board with full grants-in-aid, from
Provincial Funds.

Resolution.

The Board has accordingly to take up
5½ of miles of this road that lies in
the district, for maintenance. The rate
of maintenance per mile is Rs 300 and credit
will be taken from Provincial Funds for
Rs 1650, minus the income from the Devala
Soll Bar situated on this line of communi-
cation, which was Rs 220 for the current
year.

(Sd) J. D. Rees.

President,
Dist. Board,
Nilgiris

(True Extract)

[Signature]

for President

Dist. Board
Nilgiris

JRD

1/15-11/95

LOCAL FUND DEPARTMENT.

Nilgiri District Board's Office,

Ootacamund, 14 November 1895.

Ref. No. 548(a),
75

From

J. D. REES, Esq., C.I.E.,

President, District Board,

Nilgiris,

To

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

SIR,

In continuation of this office letter,
Ref. on. current No. 548 dated the 18th October
1895, on the subject of the maintenance
by the District Board of the Nilgiri Section
of the Gudalur Vayitri Road, I have the
honour to forward copy of Board's Resolu-
tion passed on the subject at a meeting
held on the 31st October 1895.

2. The amount of Provincial grants, for which
credit is being taken in the District Board's 1895
Budget is Rs 7650. at Rs 300 per mile for 25½ mile
of the above road that lie in this district.
3. The income from the Devala Soll Bar in
was Rs 220 during the current year and it is
may, perhaps, be desirable to leave this "might"
small uncertain income out of account in
computing the amount of grant from Provincial
Funds.

I have the honour to
Sir,
your most obedt
[Signature]
for President,
Dist. Board
Nilgiris

JRD

1895.

Local & Municipal Dept.

From CURRENT No. 3415 L

THE PRESIDENT,

DISTRICT BOARD,

NILGIRIS,

To The Chief Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Madras

Ref. on curr. No. 548(A)
95

Dated 14
Despatched 15
Received 15
November 1895.

CHIEF SECRETARY
18 NOV. 1895
ENCLOSURE

SUBJECT.

Regarding the amount of Provincial Grant for which credit is being taken in the Nilgiri District Board's Budget in account of the maintenance of the Nilgiri Section of the Madras-Vayalar Road (with Endorsement)

Transferred to the Financial Department in continuation of Endorsement No 1636 dated 14th November 1895.

Ag. Asstt. Secretary
Fort Saint George
November 1895

To The Financial Department

Local Fund Department

Ref. on curr. No. 7086,
95

From

3008. Financial

J. O. Rees Esq. C.S.D.

President District Board,
Local & Municipal Dept.
Nilgiris.

CURRENT No. 3324 L

To

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

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter

(Vide page 12)

Ref. on curr. No. 708 dated the 24th October 1895; Enquiring the amount of Provincial Grant that may be taken credit for, in the Nilgiri District Board's Budget for 1896-97, I have the honour to state that an approximate fore-cast of the requirements of the district leads me to the conclusion that a Provincial Grant of Rs. 102,230 (Rs. 18,000 for "General Purposes and Rs. 84,230 for "Communications") against Rs. 92,000 in the current year's Budget will not be excessive.

General purposes.
Rs. 18,000
Communications.
Rs. 74,000
Rs. 92,000.

2. The amount required for "General Purposes" might remain stationary and the increase viz Rs. 10,230 occurs only under "Communications". This increase appears at first sight large but of the amount no less than Rs. 7,650 is already promised by Government (Vide G.O. No. 135)

dated 1st August 1895 for the up-keep of the Gudalur Vayitri Road and will all be expended on that ~~nearly~~ ^{newly} transferred road. Leaving this therefore out of account, an increased provision of Rs 3400 is asked for (viz double the existing maintenance rate viz Rs 200 per mile) for the maintenance of the Seventeen miles of the Gudalur-Sultan's Battery Road. This was considered necessary after full consideration and discussion by the Board which voted the increase without a dissentient voice. From personal inspection I can vouch for the necessity of an increased grant to keep up properly this important ~~through~~ communication which serves a district in which a good deal of coffee exists and in which more is being opened out. An effort should be made, I think, to develop this district which is suffering severely from the after effects of the gold mining collapse. In coffee is our present hope and a good road will greatly stimulate good action. In the monsoon when I saw it, the road is in some places no better than a bog.

The requirements of the district annually increase and must increase if its present prosperity continues.

In this connection I ^{would} beg to point out that

7650
3400
11050

the Ootacamund-Gudalur Road which costs the very large sum of Rs. 15510 per annum for maintenance, is in fact to a great extent a Provincial communication for which a special Provincial Grant is due, and with the transfer to it of the Gudalur-Vayitri-Road, ~~and~~ ^{another} Provincial line of communication, the responsibilities of the Board have been very considerably increased.

The district is becoming more and more a labour field for Coimbatore and the Southern Tamil districts. Canerese coolies have almost ceased to frequent it, owing to the prosperity and progress of Mysore, and ^{a few} not planters now go as far as Sinnerelly in some cases for labour. The requirements of the Nilgiris are not entirely local, but are intimately connected with those of other parts of the Presidency. Again its size is no measure of its needs. More money changes hands on one coffee estate than in many villages on the plains and now that coffee sells for upwards of £100 a ton, the out put is increasing and the wealth and importance of the district proportionately increase and call, I submit, for some recognition that its income is small is beside the mark, though in Income tax, Shikari and indeed in most branches it is progressing

Then small
are plantations
contributing?
Why small?
how the whole
cost?

If more taxation can be got out of the district well and good. The increase of the Land-tax is a step in that direction. But, at the full tide of prosperity of the Coffee industry, I think good metalled through Communications, should be maintained in all the chief planting centres, and, it is in order to ensure this necessary provision, that I have, with the full approval of the Board, invariably opposed the diversion of any of its funds to the construction of cart roads, which are not of general importance to the public. Already the Board has too many small roads on hand, and none once taken up, can well be given up. The Provincial grant now asked for will, if granted, be devoted to important main roads and to bring it down to amount at present proposed I have with the sanction of the Board, made reductions in the case of Communications which appeared to me to be receiving more attention than their public importance justified.]

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your most obed^t Servant,
H. J. P. O. S.

fa President,
of Board
Melgiris

L.R.D.

1895

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3324

From
The President,
St. Board, Nilgiris

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Local and Municipal
Department,

Refoncar No. 408
Dated 8
Despatched 9
Received
SECRET
42 NOV 1895
DEPARTMENT OF MADRAS

Encl. (nil)

Subject

furnishing an approximate
forecast of the requirements
of the District, in regard
to aid from Provincial
Fund during 1896.

(with endorsement)

No. 1636

3000
Financial

Transferred to the Financial
Department, in continuation of
- endorsement No. 1561 of 1st Nov 1895

W. D. Hillier
Ag. Assistant Secretary

V. A.
14/11/95

For St. George
14/11/95

Recd 16/11/95

Cus 2779/95

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No.

Re-transferred to the Local
and Municipal Department with
reference to G.O. dated 18th November
1895, No. 903.

C. A.
14/11/95

W. D. Hillier
Ag. Assistant Secretary

To
The Local & Muni. Dept.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Local & Municipal Dept.

CURRENT No. 34502

From

The Financial Department.

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No. 1802

Dated 22.11.95

Received 23.11.95

Enclosures 3324 & neld

SUBJECT

transferring letter from the President Board, Nilgiris, furnishing an approximate forecast of the requirements of the in regard to aid from Provincial Funds in 1896.

Extract from the note by the Honorable Mr. Bliss C.I.E. on Financial Current No 2778 of 1895.

- As to the grant to the Nilgiri District Board, I don't know how the Rs. 7000 below mentioned is arrived
- (1) at. Please explain-Also was there ~~any~~ not an understanding that, from the amount of the Provincial grant, the sum that could be raised by increasing the land cess should be deducted? I think there was-Please look up the point.
 - (2)

(Initialled) H.W.B./14-11-95.

Note.

The L & M Department reports that, out of the grant of 1.25 in the current year's budget, 1.05 has already been utilized as follows, and the balance of .20 may be allotted before the close of the year-

Nilgiris	.74
Bellary	.05
Godavari	.01
Ganjam	.10
Chingleput	.15
	<u>1.05</u>

In 1896-97 an additional grant of Rs. 7000 will be required for the Nilgiris-Vide para. 2 of G.O. No 1357 L dated 1st August 1895.

Note for H.M.

- (1) The maintenance allowance of the Nilgiri Section - 25½ miles - of the Calicut-Gudalur road at Rs 300 per mile amounts to Rs 7,650. Deducting from this, Rs 350 the average receipts from tolls in the three years ending with 1894-95, the net sum required is Rs 7,300 or Rs 7000 in round figures and it is proposed to allot this amount with reference to para 2 of G.O. No 1357 L dated 1st August 1895.
- (2) From the note of H.E. the Governor in G.O. No 2575 L, dated 10th December 1894, it will be seen that out of Rs 15,000 required for the maintenance of the Ostacamund Gudalur road, Rs 7000 was paid as a grant from Provincial Funds in 1895-96, on the understanding that the rate of land cess was doubled as an additional revenue of Rs 3000 was expected from this source; but as the Gudalur division was excluded from this increase, the actual additional income decreased from the increase of the land cess was only Rs 4,800.

V.B.
2/12/95W.B.
2/12/95

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From

LOCAL FUND DEPARTMENT.

Nilgiri District Board's Office,

Ootacamund ^{24 October} 1895.Ref. curr. No. 708
95

CURRENT NO. 2779

From

J. D. REES, Esq., C.I.E.,

President, District Board,

Nilgiris,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Dep.
Madras,

SIR,

I have the honour to request, that you will kindly communicate to me so far as may be possible at this stage, the amount of the grant, which Government is prepared to allot from Provincial Funds, during 1896-97, (in the same manner as was communicated for the current year) so that I may be in a position to prepare the Nilgiri District Board's Budget for the coming year.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

your most obedt. servt.

J. D. Rees
for President

J.D.R.

1895.
Local & Municipal Dept.
From CURRENT No. 31402

THE PRESIDENT,
DISTRICT BOARD,
NILGIRIS.

To
The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Local & Municipal Dept.
Madras

Ref. curr No. 708
95

Dated 24 OCT. 1895
Despatched 24 OCT. 1895
Received 2 Nov 1895
Regd 2.

ENCLOSURE (nil)

SUBJECT.

Requesting to communicate
possible the amount of
grant, which Govt is prepared
to allot from Provincial Funds
during 96-97, for the upkeep
of Nilgiri District Board
operations

CURRENT No. 27

No 1561

Transferred to the Financial
Department.

W. R. R.

Ag. Under Secretary.

V.R.
20/10/95
Fort Saint George
12 October 1895
From

To the Financial Department.

Recd. 2/11/95

E. R. C.

4/11

No. 903, FINANCIAL, 18TH NOVEMBER 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

Endorsement, in the Local and Municipal Department, dated 1st November
1895, No. 1561.

ORDER—No. 903, Financial, dated 18th November 1895.

It is observed that, excluding the special grant of .32 lakh for the Berhampur-
Govindpur road, no more than .86 was spent in 1894-95 on local fund public
works. A sum of 1.25 lakh will be placed at the disposal of the Local and Muni-
cipal Department in 1896-97 for all such works and included under adjusting heads.

(True Extract.)

W. D. Phillips
Chief Secretary.

To the Local and Municipal Department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. A. Raitt.

**Govt. of {1895} Madras
FINANCIAL.**

Madras Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 3509

Issued

Recd.

Encl. 5-8-C

22 enclosure

G.O., No. 903, 18th Nov. 1895.

NOVEMBER,

Local Fund Public Works.

Placing at the disposal of the Local and Municipal Department a sum of 1.25 lakh for expenditure during 1896-97 on —.

[5]
800-27-5-95.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

Current No. 3415 of 1895, dated 14th November, from the Presdt Dist Bd. Nilgiris.

Current No. 3450 of 1895, dated 22nd November, from the Financial Department.

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Order.

*Think it should suffice to give them
income of Rs 7000 if they want
more they should supplement their own
raising more money from taxes. It is truly
sensible that they should want to spend
Rs 7000 p.a. on a road, the rate in the
middle of which yields Rs 120 only per ann.
under Rs 1000 a day (i.e. 2 1/2 cents
per ann. at 4 annas) — there must be
an increase of Rs 10000 to the Presdt Bd.
of Rs 10000 in this road & the Presdt Bd.
submit right without delay.
In this connection, what is the
state of the land? Is it all gone?
the title goes there may be a bet between
the 2 Suddars? Who keeps up the
road?*

*road & at what cost? Please find out
at once.*

do
6/12/95

The President will be informed & that credit may be taken in the District St. Board's budget for 1896-97, for a grant so or from Provincial Funds of Rs 84,000 for Public works and Rs 18,000 for general purposes.

V.R.
2/12/95

15/12/95
3/12/95

R.
4/12/95

Grant for 1895-96 Rs 74,000

New Grant for the Nilgiri section of the Gudalur, Nilgiri Road (vide G.O. No 1257L dated 1st August 1895)

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Grant for the increase of the maintenance allowance of the Gudalur Suddars Battery

To
The President, Dist Board, Nilgiris.
Financial Department.
Accountant General.

The tolls come to Rs 3020 a
great deal less than an
quarter of the cost of keeping
up the road. They should either
increase the tolls or decrease
the cost of upkeep which seems
to me excessive considering
how tight the traffic must
be for the tolls to yield no
more

MS
11/12/95

Specimens 2. 6. 12. 95.

The yield of the Sandy under-
ton gate was Rs 1610, & that of
the Black Bridge gate Rs 1410,
in 1894-5, these being the only two
gates on the Poby-Gundalur road.
The road is kept up by the St.

Board at a cost of Rs. 14,250 or
Rs. 500 per mile

668 7/12/95

C.S.
Order No. 2418 Luis. 12-12-98

The President will be informed
that credit ^{may take} ~~may be~~ taken in the D.C.
Bd's budget for 1896-97 for a grant
from Provincial Funds of Rs 87,000
for Public works, Rs 18,000 for
purposes.

purposes
2. If ~~more money~~ ^{increased funds} are required by the Bd., they should supplement their ^{its} resources by raising more money from tolls. It is observed that the toll gate on the Jodahar - Varigiri road yields only Rs. 1000 ^{or under 1000 a day} per annum, while it is proposed to spend Rs. 7000 on its ^{that line of Comm.} upkeep.

appears to ^{be} ~~be~~ that there
is something defective
from ~~the management~~

in the levy of tolls on
the road, & the President, D.C. Bd., should
see to this point
which ~~is~~ ^{is} without delay.

On the Ootacamund - Gudalur road
the tolls only amount Rs 3020, or
much
are ~~about~~ ^{less} than one quarter
of the cost of the up-keep of the road.
The tolls should either be increased.

or the expenditure on up-keep ~~be~~ ^{be} increased,
which seems at present to be excessive,
judging from the
considering how light the traffic
amount of tolls levied on
must be for the toll receipts to be
sufficient.

2D
(from orders) 12/12/95

WWS

12/21/95

To
The Presd, Dist Bd, Nilgiris
Financial Department.
Accountant General

Copy 13/12/95

Provincial Grant to Nilgiri
Dist Bd. for 1896-97.

From orders.

C.S.

H.M.

With a note in hand.

24/12

for copying

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No. No.

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ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT

MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT.

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