12-8-07

L. & M.
Gov-5-3-96.

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 110 L

DATED 18th January 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Road.

Declining, with remarks, to reconsider the decision arrived at in G.O.No.1357 L dated 1st August 1895 regarding the --- from Calicut to Gudalur.

12.8

BACK PAPERS.

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT
26 SEP 1895

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OOTACAMUND.

26. Sept–

My dear Price

Get reqd 26/9

H.E. The Govr. wants to see the letters about maintenance of Calicut Gudalur Road, about which Romilly has written to you officially (copy here)

Yours sincerely
[illegible]

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

3600 L

WHS

From

The P. W. D.

No. 3917 C

Dated 9/12

Received 11/12.

Enclosures 3

SUBJECT.

Transferring ~~with notes by~~ papers relating to the above subject H.E. the Governor & the Hon. Members the protest from the Wynaad Planters' Association against the transfer of the Calicut Gudalur road to Dt Boards.

(For orders)

H.E. the Governor

For Orders

Resubmitted to His Excellency the Governor with reference to the notes of the Hon'ble Members

KR
19/12/95

WWS
19. xii. 95

JL
20/12/95

Order.

~~The Govt. sees no reason to reconsider the decision arrived at in G.O. No. 1357 L. of 1. 8. 95.~~

~~2. With reference to Para 6 of the letter under reply, the Hon. Sec. Wynaad Planters' Association will be informed that no such correspondence can be traced~~

(for orders)

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No. 110 (16/1/96) Letters 18-1-96

The Govt. regret that they ~~[illegible]~~ must decline to reconsider the decision arrived at in G.O. No. 1357 dated 1st Aug. 1895.

2. If however the Local Bd. is shown to be unable to make a sufficient allotment for the due upkeep of the road the question of a grant in aid from Provl. Funds will be considered.

3 The Hon. Secy. W. P. Assocn. will be informed that no correspondence such as that alluded to in para 6 of their [illegible]

To The P.W.D. for information
P.W. Dept.
Hon. Secy. Wynaad Planters' Assocn.
Despd. 21/1/96

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[G. / 25]
1,000—5-11-95

DEPARTMENT

C. No.

FOR ORDERS.

A draft order regarding the question of the transfer of the Calicut Gudalur road to L. Fund to which the Wynaad Planters Assn. takes exception is submitted for approval.

The Hon Messrs. Bliss and Grose are apparently agreed as to not reconsidering G.O. No. 1357 / 1.8.95 and H.E. is in the minority.

The Hon Mr. Grose and H.E. the Govr. agree that if the L. Bd. cannot find sufficient funds to keep the road in proper order the grant should be made from Provl. funds. The Hon Mr Bliss is in the minority on the point.

It seems therefore necessary to circulate the draft

14/1/96

Just so — I never considered this point of view which was not before me — [illegible] we must see how the L. Bd's budget works out — Let it be taken up early)

16/1/96

Draft order for approval

Transfer of Calicut Gudalur Road to L. Funds

FOR ORDERS.

3600 L.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE.

1107

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following :—

Endorsement in the Local and Municipal Department, No. 1527 dated 28th October 1895, on letter from the Wynaad Planters' Association dated 25th September 1895.

From the Suptg. Engineer, IV Circle, No. 449 W., dated 19th November 1895.

Note by the Chief Engineer, P.W. Department, dated 27th November 1895.

FOR ORDERS.

W.
28/11

I am thoroughly in accord with the C.E. as to the general principles wh. should guide the ordinary expenditure on public roads, but I cannot concur with his views expressed in the latter part of his para 8. I think that as regards this particular road very good reasons exist for making an exception in this case. This road has been constructed at very great expense by Govt. and it is clearly shown that the Local Board are absolutely incapable of devoting a sufficient sum for its repair wh. would prevent it from falling into complete ruin, & so throwing away all the money spent on its construction. It lies in a part of the country wh. is exposed to a rainfall of some 200 inches, and is cut up by a peculiarly destructive form of traffic. viz: heavy logs of timber on country carts with narrow tires. It cannot signify now

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what the object of its original construction was. The fact remains that it is there now — but that it will simply disappear if handed over to the Local Board. Anyhow I think the D.P.W. should maintain it, till such time as the Malabar district has been re-settled, and it is shown that the Local Board can afford to keep it in order.

W.
2 Dec

I am decidedly in accord

with the C.E. & would maintain the G.O. of Augt. 1, '95 – When the Mal. Dt. Bd. budget comes up care must be taken that an adequate allotment is made to this road. That Bd. has been spending heavily on sanitation & other funds, but in view of the recent order to spend half land cess & whole amt. of tolls on roads, I think money should be forthcoming – Just, the Bd. must run into debt until the resettlement of the district improves its financial position. As to the actual execution of the work, the L. F. Engr. should certainly be able to see ~~to it~~.

BD
6/12/95

This work is proper for the L. & B.D. but the exceptional circumstances of the road necessitate the provision of an adequate allotment for it. If the Local Board cannot give it money enough a Grant in aid must be given from Prov. Funds.

JG
6/12/95

I am convinced that the District Board should receive this assistance.

W
21 Dec

H.E. 29/11 R 7/12

H.E. the Governor.

FOR ORDERS.

Protest from the Wynaad Planters' Association against the transfer of the Calicut-Gudalur road to the District Boards.

Local & Municipal Dept.
(1) ~~The Hon'ble Mr Blyss~~
CURRENT No. 3600 L
(2) ~~The Hon'ble Mr Ghose~~

No 3917 C of 9th December 1895

10 DEC. 1895

Transferred with notes by His Excellency the Governor and the Honourable Members, to the Local and Municipal Department with reference to its endorsement No. 1527 d/28th October 1895.

Col. R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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P.W.D.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Departmet, dated 27th November 1895:-

After full consideration, it was decided in G.O. No. 1357 L., Local and Municipal, dated 1st August 1895, to retransfer to the District Boards concerned, the maintenance of the road from Calicut *via* Vayitri to Gudalur.

2. The Wynaad Planters' Association request a reconsideration of this decision on the ground that the Executive Engineer's report on which it was based was misleading, that the Malabar District Board is unable to keep its portion of the road in good order, and that it would be a gross waste of public funds to allow the road to revert to its former condition.

3. The Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, now combats the statement that his previous report was misleading, and he quotes from General Sankey's report embodied in G.O. No. 1416 W. dated 6th June 1892 to show that the primary object with which the Government undertook the improvements to the road was to enable the Gold Mining Companies to transport their heavy machinery from the coast to the Wynaad.

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4. It is abundantly clear that the Executive Engineer's original report was correct in every particular and that there is no foundation whatever for the charges of inaccuracy brought by the Association.

5. It seems however idle to go into the objects with which the reconstruction of the road was undertaken. The work has been completed, and as Mr. Romilly states it is now only a question of money to keep it in good order. If the money is forthcoming the District Boards should be just as well able to maintain the road as the P. W. D., and as before stated in my note printed with G.O. No.1357 L. Local and Municipal, dated 1st August 1895, the maintenance of district roads is the primary duty of the District Boards' Engineering establishments.

6. It is also clear that it is for the District Board to decide what proportion of their income can be allotted to a particular road, and the amount given to the one in question will no doubt be sufficient for ordinary traffic; if for the benefit of the planters a higher allotment is necessary the planters themselves should provide the funds; there is no ground whatever for a demand for such provision from the public treasury.

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7. The comparison with the Coonoor Ghat is altogether irrelevant; the latter has to carry an enormous through traffic due to the peculiar position of Ootacamund, and its maintenance in a high state of efficiency is required on account of interests altogether separate from those of the owners through whose lands the road passes; no such interests exist in the case of the Gudalur-Calicut road, and the demand of the Association that it should be kept up by Government at an expenditure greater than that which the District Board will think proper to devote to it, amounts simply to a request for a subsidy from Provincial Funds.

8. That the road will not be maintained by the District Boards in the same condition as it is maintained by this Department is exceedingly probable, but the same consideration would apply to every road in the Presidency; the question is whether any circumstances exist which would justify a departure, in the case of this particular road, from the principles followed in regard to all others. I can see none, and cannot recommend any deviation from those principles.

9. With regard to para 6 of Mr.

Romilly's

Romilly's letter, no correspondence on the subject can be found in the records of this or of the Military Department.

E.W.

20.11

Madras.

27th November 1895.

C.W.M.S.
28/11/95

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End.

№ 525 P.E.

Executive Engineer's office,
West Coast Division,
Calicut, 13th November 1895.

From,
H. A. O'Connell, Esq.,
Executive Engineer,
West Coast Division,

To,
The Superintending Engineer,
Fourth Circle, Coimbatore.

Sir,

With reference to your № 511/W.C., dated 8th November 1895, forwarding for remarks a letter from the Wynaad Planters' Association, I have the honor to reply as follows:—

2. The letter states that my report was misleading in that I stated that the primary object with which Government undertook the improvements to these roads was to enable the Gold mining Companies to get their heavy machinery on four wheeled vehicles from the Coast to the Wynaad.

3. With reference to the above statement, I would draw attention to para 3 of Colonel Sankey's memorandum in G.O. No. 1416 W., dated 6th June 1882, in which he states that "The

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8. In para 3 of the letter from the Honorary Secretary, Wynaad Planters' Association, he states "as a matter of fact the great abandonment of Coffee Estates took place before 1885." I do not suppose therefore that Government undertook the improvements to the roads on account of the traffic from the Coffee Estates. He also states that in 1885 the price of Coffee began to rise and I suppose he wishes it to be inferred that the roads were undertaken because the price of Coffee rose in that year. I don't think Government would act so precipitately.

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10. Government have lately ruled that half the road-cess plus all tolls are to be in future spent by District Boards on their roads. This will, I think, give the District Board more money for their roads. I also believe that when the re-settlement of the Malabar District is accomplished, the revenue and therefore the road-cess will be largely increased and I do not think that the District Board will find any difficulty in keeping these roads in order.

I have &c.,

(Sd) Hugh O'Connell,

Executive Engineer,

West Coast Dn.

Copy–

No. 449/W dated 19th November 1895.

Enclos: 2.
1 Chief Engr's endt No. 3272C d/2-11-95
1 Letter from Wynaad Planters Association.

Copy – Submitted to the Chief Engineer P. W. D. with reference to his Endorsement No. 3272C, dated 2nd instant herewith returned –

Supg. Engineer, 4 Circle.

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P. W. CU[illegible]T No. 9179

From

The Supg. Engr.
4th Circle.

Recd: 21.11.95

En: 1

Dated 19th }
Desp. 20th } November 1895

No. 449
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Enclos: 2

Road from Calicut
to Gudalur -

Subnits West Coast Dn. offr's
Remarks regarding the transfer
of —— from the P. W. Deptt.
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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Local & Municipal Dept.
CURRENT No. 2793 L

From

The Wynaad Planters' association.

No.

Dated 25/9.

Received 27/9.

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Praying to reconsider G.O. of 1-8-95 No. 1357 L reg: the road from Calicut to Gudalur.

Re the road from Calicut to Gudalur.

2793 L

For orders.

H.M. & H.E. the Governor

W 9/10/95 Please see papers in original of G.O. No. 1357 dated 1-8-95.
May this be referred to the P.W.D. for remarks?
11/10/95.

I should say so.
12/10/95

Yes
20 Oct

N/ End.
1527
23/10/95

Referred to the D.P.W. for remarks.
W 21.10.95
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To the Public Works Dept

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P. W. CURRENT No. 4179

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~~From~~

The Supg. Engr.
4th Circle.

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(from orders)

To the Public Works Dept.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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P. W. CURRENT No. 8314

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P.W.D., FOURTH CIRCLE. No. 10566 4-NOV. 95 Enclo:

From

The Wynaad Planters' Association.

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE, P.W.D., FOURTH CIRCLE. No. 157 N.C 15 NOV. 95 Enclo: 3

No. 1527

Referred to the Public Works Department for remarks.

W Francis

Ag. Under Secretary

Fort St. George
Dated 28th October 1895

Recd: 29.10.95

No.

Dated 25 September 1895.

Received

Enclosures

To

The Public Works Deptt.

No 3272 C d/2nd November 1895

Referred to the Supdg. Engineer IV Circle, for favour of early remarks.

Col. R.E.

Chief Engineer P.W.

SUBJECT.

Praying ~~to~~ that ~~reconsider~~ G. O. of ~~1st. August 1895,~~ d/1-8-95 No. 1357 L. regarding the road from Calicut to Gudalur may be reconsidered

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WYNAAD PLANTERS'
ASSOCIATION.

MELIORA SPERAMUS

Meppadi
SOUTH WYNAAD.
25.IX.95.

Local & Municipal Dep
CURRENT
26 SEP 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The Chief Secretary to Government

Sir

Under instructions from this Association I again have the honor to address you with reference to G.O. No. 1357 L. Local & Municipal and G.O. 2nd Sept 1895 No. 1579 L Misc.

1. We cannot help thinking that the opinion arrived at by the Chief Engineer of the Public Work Departt, which has doubtless influenced the G.O, is based on a very misleading report sent in by the Executive Engineer of the West Coast division — I am therefore instructed to point out certain misstatements in that report in the hopes that it may lead Govt. to reconsider its decision —

2. in para 5 the Ex Engr. states that the primary object with which Govt "undertook the improvements to these roads, viz to enable the Gold mining "Companies to get their heavy machinery on four wheeled vehicles from the "coast to the Wynaad — therefore no longer exists" — I am instructed to point out that this statement is absolutely misleading — No doubt pressure was brought to bear on Govt. in 1881-2 to construct a road in their interests by the Gold Mining Companies, but as a matter of fact these companies had got up all their machinery before the new road was commenced; most of them had ceased working before the end of 1884 and all of them had ceased before the end of 1888 — The first part of the road ~~was~~ Calicut to Vayitri, was commenced in 1885 and the second part Vayitri — Gudalur in 1889.

3. with regard to para 6. the Ex Engr. says "with regard to the coffee indus "I believe that many estates have been abandoned and that the traffic "along these roads is small and light compared to that anticipated

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FOURTH CIRCLE

WYNAAD PLANTERS'
ASSOCIATION.

MELIORA SPERAMUS

SOUTH WYNAAD.

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No papers can be traced in the Military department. (Please see the reply of the [illegible] in [illegible] of the Military [illegible] on the request [illegible] slip put up). [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] may be found in the General Records of this office – vide Reference slip put up –

in G.O. 1579 L / 2-9-95

6. I am further instructed to enquire if there was not considerable correspondence with the Commander in Chief (then Sir F Roberts) and with the army department with regard to the construction of this road as a military route –

7. We would point out that on a former occasion the P. W. Dept tried to hand over the upkeep of the Ootacamund Ghaut road to Metapollium, to the district Board, but were forced in a very short time to resume it – We have nothing to add to our letter of the 2nd Aug, as to the inability of the Malabar District Board ~~keep~~ to keep its portion of the road in good order, but we again wish to point out that now that the road has been constructed, it is a mere question of money to keep it in order and that in our opinion it would be a gross waste of public funds (amounting to ten lakhs of rupees) to allow the road to revert to its former condition –

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I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedt. Servt.

George Romilly

Hon Sec

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