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Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1299 L

DATED 17th July 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bridges.

Requesting the District Board Malabar to submit estimates of the cost of restoring the broken --- on roads Nos. 55 and 57 in the Mapilla country.

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C. No.

D.O. from Private Secretary dated June 1917
This is now with C.S.

FOR ORDERS.

The scheme referred to by H.S. the Governor has not been received here or in the Madras office in this Dept. No such report has been called for, nor, as far as I am aware, was it ordered to be called for. As it is not known what scheme is meant, it is submitted for orders as to whether a telegram need be sent to the D. S. Malabar asking when it may be expected, if so, what form the telegram should take, as no information is available here. It is understood that one or two schemes ^{of this nature} have been submitted in the Judicial Dept., by, I believe, Messrs. Wintersbotham & Fawcett, are being dealt with in that Dept.

[G.]
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1,000-5-11-75

A telegram (put up) has been received from the Dist Bd. saying that the Board has no scheme under consideration for opening up the Moplah Country, as it has no funds to carry it out.

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4/9/96

Refd sent to
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4/9/96

x copy obtained from D.S. office + put up.

Scheme for opening up
roads in Mappala

C.S. V. E.
FOR ORDERS.
H. E. THE GOVERNOR.
THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.
THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE.

Now time to the President Dist
Bd Malabar asking if
any scheme for opening
up the Moplah Country by
roads & being sent up
by the Dist Bd and if
so when it may be
expected. I know that
there is some work but
my house is in the
and I think to complete
the case
1/7/96

Telegram.

Is District board sending
up any scheme for opening
Moplah country with roads. If
it is sent up it is expected

D.O.

Ottacamund.
July 4th 1896.

My dear Stuart.

In yours of the 29th ultimo
you wrote saying that H.R.
wished to know whether any
scheme for opening up the
Moplah Country with roads
had been received from the
Dist Bd Malabar and asking
if none had been, that the
President might be asked
by wire when it might be
expected.

No such scheme has been
received and I am not
aware of one having been
called for.

I have ascertained from
the President of the Dist
Bd that no such scheme
is on the tapis; he adds that
the board has no funds to
undertake such a work.

I think that H.R. when
giving you the instruction
that he did, must have
had in mind a conversa-
tion which took place in
Council when the Moplah
outbreak was being talked
over. H.R. then said that
the proper thing was to
open up roads which he
considered was the best
possible course to follow
in a case such as the

Bliss then remarked that the local Bd had not the money, that we should have to help them from Provincial funds and that this could be considered when the Kiplah report was dealt with.

The end of the talk was that I was instructed to write d.o. to Comterbottom and ask him when sending in Vol II of his report to give an opinion on the question of opening up roads. I did so and he complied with the request. I think what he wrote is in para 33 of the Second report. but as I have not got it to refer to, I cannot be certain.

I however remember that he advocated the complete bridging of certain lines but was not hot on roads. he preferred bridle paths.

I am perfectly certain that I received no directions to call for any report from the local Board. There can be no mistake on the point for I never trust to memory as regards instructions in Council. Whatever orders I get are noted then and time in pencil on a slip which I put into the Council box and when I get back to my room, the slips are dealt with at once.

I forwarded to the Head Clerk, Chief Secretariat with reference to his telephonic message of to day.

W. A. B. B. B.

Manager.

6. 7. 96.

Copy of note by H. M.

As regards roads, the first thing I should do would be to find out what it would cost to repair the broken bridges of which mention is made. I would then give the District Board the money required and would let them set to work on the bridges. at the same time, if the P.W.D. can spare a smart Assth Eng^r, I would set him to work to make out + estimate for new roads, taking them up in such order as may be determined on, after a report to the Coll^r - as soon as one estimate is ready, I would grant the money from

until the District is settled only. The D^r B^d will then have much more money.

Yes because it spends so much on medical and educational works.

Provincial to make the road and so on. But in carrying out the work of making new roads, whether it is entrusted to the P.W.D. or to the D^r Board (which is a matter to be determined on the advice of the C.E.) I would stipulate that the work is as far as possible to be kept out of the hands of contractors. Masonry work must no doubt be given

Copy of note by H. M.

IV (2) (C) Roads

Please see Mr W's 2nd report, para 51, Mr W's first report para 33 and Mr F's report paras 54-58

The roads respectively recommended to be constructed by Mr W + Mr F have been marked on the map in the former's second report, the former in black dotted lines + the latter in red. It will be seen that they only agree as to two roads, one from Anakkayam via Pandalur to Mudikkad, and another from Pandikkad via Tmure and Karuvaramundu to Kalikavu on the Wandur - Sispara road.

Any roads that are constructed will have to be done from Provincial funds + will have to be kept up from the same source. The District Board has the greatest trouble in making both ends meet as it is. At the same time it is said that it seems the best possible remedy for outbreaks to open up the Country by roads. As Mr Gaurcelle says, roads here are far more necessary than on the East Coast where in the dry weather Country bandies can travel pretty well everywhere across Country. Under the Western Ghats the Country off the road is either rough hill or paddy flat or forest.

An instance of the wonderful effect of roads is to be seen in the Northern Circle

Circars. They quickly pacify and civilize wild
peoples. Most of these have been built from
Provincial funds and those in the agencies
are still maintained from them. The
Berhampur - Gwindpur road is now being
constructed from Provincial. It is sub^d
that Provincial should endeavour to find
funds for roads in East Emaud and Wallavanad.

When the survey and settlement are
introduced into Malabar there should be
a great increase in the road cess which
should enable the St Board to maintain
them. The Country to be opened up is
very fertile too and roads would increase
cultivation and so road. cess.

Mr. W suggests bridle-paths but this
is mainly on financial grounds.

Perhaps a bridle-path from the
Mangeri - Angadipuram road through
Anakayam, Pandalur, & Mudikod to
Paudikad would be enough for that part
of the Country, as it is mainly communication
through a fanatical tract, and not the
opening up of a new Country that is wanted.
But beyond Paudikad a bridle-path would
seem to be of very little use. Half the
population would still be wasting its time
carrying the products raised by the other half
into market on its head.

Sub^d the above matter Mangeri
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to Contractors, for masons can hardly be
an indigenous product. But as regards
earthwork, m stalling & grading, I would
have the whole thing done departmentally,
no matter at what cost for supervision.
What is as much wanted as anything
is to get money into the hands of the
Moplahs themselves who are now willing
to work on the miserable wage (for an
able-bodied adult) of 1^s. 6^d a day. Let
them be paid a living wage & I doubt
not that they will be less ready to "go out".
It would no doubt be necessary, in order
that the P.W.D. should carry out a consi-
derable amount of road work without the
aid of contractors, that the assistance
of the Revenue Department should be
invoked for the collection of labour etc. But
this could easily be arranged. May be
roads so constructed might cost more
than if the work were entrusted to
Contractors, though I don't quite see why
they need; but the object in this
case is not economy only.



GOVERNMENT

5th July

Dear

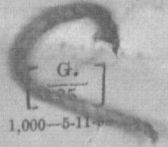
In reply to your letter
of yesterday saying that no
communication has been made
to the St. Board, Malabar, on
the subject of opening up
the Moplah country with
roads, His Excellency desires
me to say that he would

Paudikad road should be pushed on
via Turur to Karmurakundu and that
a branch line should be run northwards
from Karmurakundu to Kalikavu to serve
that part of the terai, and another south-
wards to Melatur to connect it with the
railway line by the nearest way through
Angadipuram to Pattambi station.

The expenditure would be spread
over several years. Mr. H. Swell's other roads
don't seem very necessary just yet. The
next one to be undertaken would seem to
be that from Kalikavu to Nilambur via
Parambathil.

Orders on the whole matter are solicited.

of the cost of
broken bridges on road to
Mangeri



L & M DEPARTMENT

C. No.

1.0 from Private Secretary.

FOR ORDERS.

Copy of Hon. Mr. Blair's
note on Moplah file

There is no objection to such a
note, though I don't think it will
be much good - The Com. is likely
to give us more useful info than
the Dist. Bd. and he (that is, Mr.
Dance) will be up here shortly.
What we want from the Dist. Bd.
is an estimate of the cost of restoring
the broken bridges of which Mr.
Bottom complained - That might
be sent up to the Hon. Mr. Francis
to get the names (a number)
of the roads, if Mr. Francis
cannot recollect them, & to
take a copy of my note on the
subject, which could be attached
to this & sent to H.E. - If he
agrees with me, the time which
we should act in this particular
case will be settled & we can take
action at once.

Submitted for order to the
Hon. in charge L. & M. Dept.

6/7/96.

from the Moplah file which went on
5th inst.

Submitted to H.E. the Governor in
accordance with Hon. Mr. Blair's note
with a copy of his note on the Moplah
file & a spare copy of Mr. Bottom's
report, in which please see para 57
(marked with red tape.)

7/7/96

Perhaps the Hon. Mr. Francis may
send on the Moplah papers
by the time this reaches the office.

WHD

10.7.96

10/7/96

Order No. 1299 Lms 17/7/96.

The Dist. Bd. Malabar is requested to submit
at an early date estimates for of the cost of
restoring broken bridges on road No. 5.

D.O. from Private Secy. re opening
up Hopkirk Country.

From
FOR ORDERS.

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(H. E. THE GOVERNOR)

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E. (1)

(THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE)

H. E. the Governor.

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