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[Despatch Abstract.]

Works. Approving with remarks the proposals of the Nilgiri District Board to construct a bridge over the Pandey river in the sudterlong valley.

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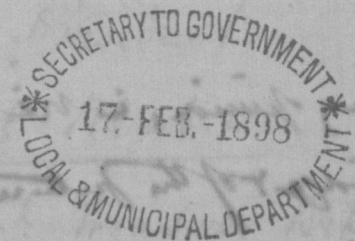
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The President, D.C. Brs. The Nilgiris.

G.O. note. It is presumed that the H. M. has approved the draft order and wishes the proposal to raise the rate of land cess to be added to it.

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The President,
District Board
The Bilgini.

M. Order

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The proposals of the District Board are approved; but no expenditure should be incurred in the work until the plans and estimate have been sanctioned by Government.

V.A.
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H. M. will remember H. S. has interested himself in this work.

As I have been over the ground, I can give any more information that may be required H. T.

The work is now estimated to cost Rs. 12,000, out of which Rs. 3,055 are to be contributed by planters leaving Rs. 8,945 to be provided for from local funds. It is proposed to meet the latter amount from the following sources:-

From savings under ...	Rs. 2,000
From surrenders of allotments made in the next year's budget, Under New Works	Rs. 2,475
Under Repairs - Communications	Rs. 3,450
Civil Buildings	500
Total	6,445

Dated 15th February
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SUBJECT.

Submitting for sanction of Government, proposals for the construction of a bridge by the District Board over the Panay River, in the Ochrolony Valley. At what rate is land cess levied in the Ochrolony Valley? Rs.

At one anna in the rupee of assessed value. Please see page 2 & 4 H. T.

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The balance of Rs. 500. will have to be met from the closing balance of 1898-99, into which the amount expected as saving under contributions for controlling establishments at the Presidency has merged.

V.B.
18/2/98

Now, in my opinion, in view of the cost of this bridge & of the future recurrent cost of the upkeep of the new road, the rate sh^d. be raised to 2 annas, which is that paid on the Nilgiri Plateau part of the District - The D^r & B^r Rest would be asked what the D^r has to say to this.

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Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Nilgiri District Board, held on Tuesday, the 15th February 1898.

Present.

H. A. Smart Esq. President,
Official Members.

1. W. C. Murray Esq. Treasury Deputy Collector.
Non-Official Members and Vice President.

2. J. A. Marjoribanks Esq.

3. A. M. Jones Esq.

4. A. G. Bradwell Esq.

5. L. C. Kirkwood Esq.

6. W. R. Edmiston Esq.

7. L. W. Gray Esq.

8. H. Wapshare Esq.

9. H. G. Smelair Esq.

10. H. Sheldrick Esq.

11. Barton Wright Esq.

12. George Nash Esq.

18. Read Estimate for construction of a bridge of two spans at Pandey River, Ouchterlony Valley Spur Road, at a cost of Rs 12,000, with the file of connected papers:-

Resolution

The plan and estimate (Rs 12,000) are approved.

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and ordered to be submitted to the Government for sanction at an early date so that the work may be commenced at once.

The Plaintiffs interested have agreed to contribute Rs 3055 and the Board resolves to ask the sanction of Government for the transfer of the following funds:-

1897-98. Estimated Savings in 1897-98 on all heads Rs 2000.

1898-99. Saving on the grant for Presidency Establishment.

Rs 500.

Merged in the closing balance. Allocated in the budget for 1897-98.

Transfer from the following grants:-

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| (1) Gudalur Mysore road | Rs 2000. | 10000 3. 11. 11. |
| (2) Gudalur Vayithi | 1200 | 12500 2. 11. 11. |
| (3) Gudalur Sultan's Battery road | 850. | 8800 6. 11. 11. |
| (4) Ootacamund Gudalur road | 1400 | 14250 1. 11. 11. |
| (5) Kundah road | 495 | 4000 5. 11. 11. |
| (6) Kuropeau Ward, Kolagiri Hospital | 500. | 800 4. 11. 11. |

(Sd) H. A. Stuart
President.

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(True Extract)

H. A. Stuart
President
District Board.

Sd

The Club
Ootacamund 15th February 98.

From H. Wapshare Esq.

To, The President of the District Board
the Nilgiris.

Sir,
With reference to the Resolution passed by the District Board at its Meeting to-day regarding the taking over of the Ouchterlong Valley Spur road and the construction of a bridge over the Pandu River, I have the honour to inform you, on behalf of the Ouchterlong Valley Estate, that I will make over to the District Board, without compensation, the existing road up to the bridge together with the land on either side of it, so as to give a total width of one chain where the road passes through uncultivated land, and of half a chain where it passes through cultivated land.

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(Sd) Henry Wapshare

(True Copy)

H. A. Stuart
President
District Board.

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Enclosure II to letter No. 475 of 97, dated 15.2.98. D.B. 98

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From

H. A. Stuart Esq. J.C.S.,

President, District Board,

The Nilgiris,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward copy of a Resolution passed by the District Board at its Meeting of to-day, approving the plan and estimate for a bridge over the Pandy River in the Ouchterlony Valley and for metalling a gravelled road which connects the bridge with what is called the Ouchterlony Valley Spur Road.

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2. In his letter dated 4th of August 1897, No. 475, Mr. Trimmer gave a history of the bridge over this river and explained the circumstances which rendered its reconstruction necessary. To that letter I have only to add that the Ouchterlony Valley has now ceased to be the private estate which it was in former days, that not one anna of District Board Money is spent in the Valley at present, and that while the planters owning estates in the Valley

are willing to make a Contribution towards the cost of the proposed bridge, they consider, and in the opinion of the District Board rightly, consider that the time has come for the extension of Local Fund operations to this part of the District. Unless this bridge is constructed, many estates in the Valley will be cut off from communication with Gudalur or Ootacamund whenever the river is in flood. There is, it is true, a foot bridge in the Hope Estate, but this is a private bridge, and the owners of a number of estates, such as, Glenview, Seaforth, Prospect, Yellamalai, Umbūmalai, Pilla-Malai etc., have no right of way over it; and even if such a right were conceded, a small foot bridge could not be considered a sufficient link of communication for so large a tract of valuable estates.

3. The Government has informed the Board that it is unable to give any grant in aid of the project, but the Board is so convinced of the urgent importance of this bridge that it has, through with some misgiving, approved of the proposal to postpone less urgent works on other roads, in order to provide the necessary funds. The total estimate amounts to Rs 12,000 and the planters interested have consented to contribute a sum of

Rs 3055. Savings under all heads during the current year are estimated to amount to not less than Rs 2000; a sum of Rs 500 allotted for the conversion of the Contagious Ward of the Notagen Hospital into a European Ward is available as it has been decided that such a ward is not necessary. The Contribution towards Presidency establishments will be Rs 500 less than the amount provided in the budget. A sum of Rs 10,000 was provided in the budget for re-metalling certain portions of the Gudalur-Mysore road; the Board has resolved, subject to the sanction of Government, to divert Rs 2000 of this allotment to the proposed new bridge, though this will necessitate the postponement of the complete restoration of this road until the year 1899-1900. It is similarly proposed to divert Rs 495 of the sum of Rs 4000 allotted for metalling the Mündah road. The remaining Rs 3450 can be obtained by postponing less urgent works on the Ootacamund-Gudalur, Gudalur-Vythiri, and Gudalur-Sultan's Battery roads.

4. I have inspected the site of the proposed bridge, where I met a number of the gentlemen who

were interested in its construction. After hearing their representations and seeing the Country for myself, I am strongly of opinion that the Board's conclusion as to its urgent necessity is well-founded, and I would respectfully urge the acceptance of the proposals now made. I beg further to recommend that the sanction of Government be accorded at a very early date, so that the work may be commenced at the beginning of March, and the bridge be completed before the monsoon sets in. A sum of Rs 2000 can be provided from the current years income and the private contributions will be paid as soon as the money is required. There will, therefore, be ample funds for payment of ~~the~~ Such works as may be completed before the 31st of March.

5. Mr. Tamenhara explained in his letter that the land required would be given without compensation. I enclose copy of a letter from Mr. Henry Wapshare giving an undertaking in this sense.

I have the honour to be
 Sir
 Your Most Obedient Servt.

H. Blunt

President

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