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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 4th February 1862.

No. 30. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 22nd January 1862, No. 93 :—

Transferring letter from the Collector of Coimbatore, proposing to open the Neilgherry Forests by the labor of Hill tribes through the means of the Tahsíldár under Major Babington's surveillance. } (Vide Revenue Proceedings, 22nd January 1862, Nos. 185-186.)

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1862, No. 118.

1. The Government observe that, under orders in this Department, dated 23rd December 1861, No. 2,354, Rupees 4,000 has been provided in the Public Works Budget of 1862-63 for improving the roads to the Neilgherry Sholas. This sum will, therefore, be available for the purpose contemplated by the Collector of Coimbatore in the foregoing letter, and the Government have no objection to its being expended under the arrangements proposed by Mr. Thomas in paragraphs 1 and 2.

2. As respects the other sum of Rupees 3,790 asked for by the Chief Engineer in his letter dated 2nd December 1861, No. 7,831, for widening the new trace from Ootacamund, the Government declined to sanction the estimate in their Proceedings No. 2,356, dated 23rd idem, but permission was granted to that Officer to submit a revised Estimate for bridges of simple construction which might be required on that line.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engr. and Secy. to Govt., D.P.W.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 4th January 1862, No. 1 :—

SIR,

1. In reply to orders of Government 9th August 1861, No. 1,598, I beg to inform you, I have considered, in conjunction with Major Babington, Assistant Conservator of Neilgherry Sholas, an inexpensive plan of opening up the forests by the labor of the Hill tribes. I would recommend its being done through means of the Tahsíldár under Major Babington's surveillance.

2. I have examined several lines with Major Babington and know some others, I would recommend the following (in which that Officer concurs with me): first, four and a half miles to the Governor's Shola to be improved at 100 Rupees per mile; trace already cut, and work easy. Second, about four miles from Ootacamund to a Shola south-east of Snowdon, at 300 Rupees per mile. Third, nine miles (more difficult) at 400 Rupees per mile to one of the finest forests on the Hills, called Deva Shola, a wood of probably 3,000 acres. These would be sufficient for the present, and more could not be undertaken with advantage now. This being the working season, and Burgher labor available (most of their crops being harvested), I would recommend early sanction. Major Babington is willing to superintend the work in addition to his other conservancy duties, and I shall also give my careful attention to it.

3. The forest roads at Coonoor are sufficient for the present especially as the Regiment is leaving, and the Coffee Planters are selling the wood off their estates to the community. The present road of about four miles to the large wood at Coonoor would require 25 Rupees per mile per annum to keep it in fair repair.

4. If the 4,000+3,790=7,790 Rupees referred to in No. 7,830, Endorsement of Chief Engineer, 2nd December, be sanctioned, it will be sufficient for all present purposes; it can be at once usefully expended, and the cost gradually recovered from the surplus of forest sales.

Estimate of above.

	450
	1,200
	3,600
	100
Total Rupees.	5,350

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS, *Collector.*

ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1862, No. 93.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for consideration whether the funds required can be made available, and if so, whether the work should be performed by the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Department Public Works.
„ Collector of Coimbatore.

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No 118

The Govt observe that, under orders
in this Deptt dated 23d Decr 1861 -
No 2354, Rs 4000 has been provided
in the Public Works Budget of
1862/63, for improving the Roads
to the Neilgherry Ghats - This sum
will therefore be available for the
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by Mr Thomas in paras 1 and 2.

2. As respects the other
sum of Rs 3790 asked for by the
Chief Engineer in his letter dated
2nd Decr 1861 No 1831 for widen
=ing the new trace from Pilacaud