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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th March 1864.*

No. 357. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to the Government of India,
Public Works Department:—

From Colonel R. STRACHEY, R. E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works
Department, to the Chairman of the South-East Wynaad, Planters' Association, dated
Fort William, 13th February 1864, No. 717.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter forwarding the Proceedings
of a General Meeting of the Planters of the South-East District of Wynaad, held on the 21st
December 1863, embodying a series of resolutions bringing to notice the want of communications
in the Madras Presidency generally, and Wynaad specially, and urging the Government of India
to assign the full amount of money to be applied for by the Madras Government in the ensuing
year's Budget Estimate, for the prosecution of public works in that Presidency.

2. In reply I am directed to state that the Government of India has assigned 64 lakhs to
the Madras Presidency for public works for 1864-65, which is one lakh in excess of that allowed
for the current year, and is the largest sum that the Governor General in Council can assign,
having due regard to the general finances. The distribution of this sum must rest with the
Government of Madras, which will doubtless give all proper weight to the claims of the settlers
in Wynaad.

No. 717 A.

Copy of the above, together with a copy of the letter to which it is a reply, forwarded to
the Government of Madras for information.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 358.

ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1864, No. 784.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augusin.

To
The Secretary to the
Government of India
Department Public Works

No 318 of 6th Feb 1863 from Secy
to Govt. Fort Saint George to Secy
to Govt. of India D. P. Works

Sir

Para 2 - In allotting funds for
this Presidency the Govt. of India
allude to its requirements as being
much smaller than those of the other
Presidencies. The correctness of this
assumption the Madras Govt. are
not prepared to admit. On the contrary
looking to the system of Irrigation works
that are to be kept in repair, the cost
of which in truth should be regarded
as a charge against the revenue drawn
from Rinja or Irrigated Lands they
are fully convinced that the require-
ments of this Presidency are very great.
Most of the present allotment or Rs 23,20,000 is small and up in which only Rs 10,000 is left for Original Works in a Country which in area, revenue and population exceeds any of the 2nd Class Countries in Europe. It must moreover be borne in mind that the local funds of the Madras Presidency amount to a much smaller sum than those of Bengal and in consequence many im-
portant works which in other
Presidencies would be provided
for from Local Funds have either
to be entered in the Imperial
Budget or left undone -

In accordance with the
proceedings of a General Meet-
ing of the Planters of the
South East District of
Wynad held on the 21st Dec.
1863 I have the honor to submit
to your notice the following
resolutions -

Referring to para 2 of a
letter No 318 of 6th February 1863
from Secretary to Govt. Fort
Saint George to Secy to Govt.
of India Depart. Public Works
and to the order of the Madras
Government No 7 - 1st December
1863 No 3526 on a letter from
the Chairman of the South
East Wynad Planters asso-
ciation, dated 15th November
1863 (marginally noted) the former
complaining of the insufficiency
of the funds allotted for the proce-
-cution

+ We keep 300,000 Exclusive of Income Tax
Grant and part and Educational Fund

No 7 Order Thereon 1st Decr 1863 No 3526

The Government are fully alive to the importance of the early opening up of the Wynad. Communications, and are prepared to allot for expenditure thereon as much money as may be available after providing for equally important works pressing by requirements in other parts of the Presidency and consequently they see no reason for accepting the offer made in this letter -

cution of Public Works in the Madras Presidency, and the latter whilst acknowledging the necessity of the immediate prosecution of the Public Works in the Wynad district explaining the inadequacy of the funds at the disposal of the Madras Govt.

1 That the roads in the Madras Presidency generally may be said to be conspicuous by their absence -

2 That from the hilly nature of the Country taken up by the European planters the Native Paths available in the plains for bandy traffic are here useless -

3 That the Coffee Estates in the Wynad district alone are now employing as a yearly average 18000 Coolies at an annual outlay for labor alone of 13 lacs of Rupees

4 That the supplies of all kinds necessary for the

the support of these men have to be imported from a considerable distance -

5 That the sole means of transport are Bullocks -

6 That in consequence of the Murrain so prevalent among the Cattle throughout the Country there is serious danger of scarcity of food in the Wynad -

7 The conveyance of our produce to the Coast is also entirely dependent on the Brinjaries Bullocks and serious apprehensions are entertained that much of the Coffee will be detained on the Estates this Season -

8 That lines of roads have been for some years traced which if opened out would satisfy the requirements of the District -

9 That in consequence of the insufficiency of the funds available not one line of road is yet completed -

That

10 That in hopes of the early
Completion of the Communica-
tions so long promised a great
impetus has been given to
the Cultivation of the District
which has increased three
fold in the three last years
11 That considering the
Augmentation to the Re-
venue and the advantages
to the Country generally of
the employment of European
Capital and energy in this
presidency the Planters
venture to hope that their
right to expect, that the Govt.
of India will see fit to
Sanction, the whole Amount
of Money to be applied for by
the Madras Govt. in the ensuing
Budget, will be conceded.

I have Recd
At J. W. Minchin
Chairman of the
South East Wynaad
Planters Assn

No. 717.

FROM

COLONEL R. STRACHEY, R. E.,
SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,

TO

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH-EAST WYNAAD,
PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
Fort William, 13th February, 1864.

General.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,
R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 717 A.

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R. Strachey
Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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 Copy of South Street
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 From the Clergy to
 the Court of Chancery
 Dated 10 Aug 1864
 Received & marked
 10 1864-15 11 March 1864
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 Decree
 The Court
 15 11 March 1864

No 357 358

The undersigned
 their letter to the Chairman
 of the South Street Hyman's
 Plaster Association, and
 the one which it is a reply,
 on the subject of the amount of
 communications in the above
 Hyman's, and Hyman's
 Society.
 The Decree (10 1861)