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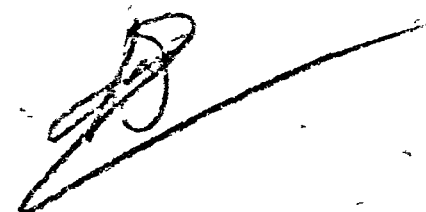
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th April 1865.*

No. 524. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Department.—

Postponing the purchase of land required }
for the Coonoor Ghát project until } (Here enter 22nd April 1865, No. 410.)
funds are available.

No. 525. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1865, No. 1,151.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 87.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer,
7th Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department

22nd April 1865.

No. 81. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq, Collector of Coimbatore, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Erode, 31st March 1865, No. 40.

In my letter to Government, dated 26th May 1864, I requested sanction to acquire, on behalf of Government, under the provisions of Act VI of 1857, certain land required for the new Coonoor Ghaut. This land consists of portions of two coffee estates on the Ghaut, and the reason why the application to acquire it under the Act was made, was that the owners demanded what was considered exorbitant rates of compensation, namely, for the upper estate, "Ben Hope," now Mr. Herklot's, Rupees 15,000, and for the lower one, "Coorumbaddy," now Mr. Sanderson's, Rupees 9000. These two gentlemen were formerly partners, but they have lately dissolved their partnership. Government, in their Order of the 6th June 1864, No. 649, refused to comply with the requisition to take up the land, and pointed out that it appeared to them that the purchase of the land should be deferred until the construction of the new Ghaut had been determined on. Subsequent correspondence, regarding the land required for that portion of the Ghaut, which will have to run through the two coffee plantations, took place, and Government, in their Order, dated 6th July 1864, No. 773, repeated the opinion formerly expressed, that "it is not desirable that the trace should be cut along that part of the line, until the adoption of the line throughout, and the construction of the new Ghaut, shall have been finally resolved on."

Here then all correspondence regarding the land terminated. The trace through the estates has been pegged out, and I believe that the estimate for the Ghaut has been completed, minus the cost of the land through the coffee estates. I trust that Government will, on perusal and consideration of the following remarks, see reason, under the altered circumstances of the case, to modify their former order, and allow the land to be taken up under Act VI of 1857.

A. With the exception of that portion of the land through the coffee estates, the remainder of the Ghaut has been dug 18 feet wide, for a great part of its entire distance (16½ miles) from top to foot, at a gradient of one foot in nineteen.

(B.) The upper 4 or 4½ miles starting from Coonoor are fast approaching completion, and will, in all probability, be open for traffic by the end of the present official year. The execution of the whole work, and the energy displayed in carrying it on reflect, I consider, the highest credit on Lieutenant Law, the Executive Officer. The earth work of the Ghaut may in fact be said to be more than half finished. The only break in the whole line is that portion through the coffee estates; if this gap is filled in, we may expect by the end of July to see a great part of the Ghaut available for parties riding, and about one-half of it open for light wheeled traffic.

The accompanying surveys exhibit the direction the new Ghaut takes through the coffee estates, the quantity of land required for its construction, and the length of the trace.

Ben Hope.

Extent of land A. 6, C. 6, P. 11.

Length of trace, yards 853.

Coorumbaddy.

A. 3, R. 2, P. 20, Syds. 213 yards 1054.

With regard to the Coorumbaddy estate, it will, I think, be necessary to take up the land lying between the new trace and the old Ghaut, amounting to A. 17,

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R 3, P. 26, yards $3\frac{1}{2}$, as the face of the hill is generally steep, and the earth excavated from the new Ghaut will, when thrown over the lower side of the road, run down the Hill side, destroying the coffee plants below. I would strongly urge the completion of the new Coonoor Ghaut on Military grounds.

1. On account of the great accessibility to Wellington, which will thereby be insured.

Invalids proceeding there will be enabled, on its completion, to leave Coimbatore at 5 P. M., and to reach it in good time next day, without having undergone any over exertion.

2. A pair of bullocks (two pair are now required) will be able to drag a laden cart up the new Ghaut, without difficulty, and the cost of carriage will thereby be materially reduced, a point of no small consideration with reference to the present cost of carriage for Commissariat goods.

3. With increased facilities of getting up the Ghaut, and a consequent reduction of charges, an increased demand for goods will follow, with the certain prospect of the means of carriage increasing.

This, in itself, is a most important feature in the case, as the facilities for moving troops will thereby be multiplied.

4. With the existing difficulties in getting up the present Ghaut, there are from 70 to 100 bandies engaged in carrying goods to Coonor, &c., and doubtless this number would be doubled within 6 months from the time the new Ghaut is opened.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, 22nd April 1865, No. 410.

No funds having been provided in the Budget Estimate of the ensuing year for the Coonoor Ghaut project, the purchase of the land referred to in the foregoing letter must be postponed until funds are available.

(True Extract).

J. H. Burns
For Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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