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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 135. Read the following letter from the Officiating Commissioner of Coorg, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 19th September 1866, No. 250-2:—

1. I have the honor to request that you will submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying correspondence* relative to a Despatch from the Secretary of State to the Government of India, Public Works, No. 34, dated 9th July 1866, a copy of which was transmitted to His Excellency with Public Works Despatch No. 11 of the same date, in which the importance of constructing a pack-bullock road from near Veerajenderpett through Kiggutnaad in Coorg to the Wynaad frontier, to be continued thence to the Manantoddy and Bawally bridge road, is prominently noticed.

* From Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 785, dated 28th August 1866.
Paragraph 15, Public Works letter, dated 15th November 1865, from Commissioner of Coorg, entered in Public Works Proceedings Government of India, January 1866.
Paragraphs 127—131. Memorandum by Major Sankey on the state of the communications in Coorg.

2. The approximate length of the entire road is stated to be about fifty miles, thirty-five in Coorg, and fifteen in Wynaad, and I request that I may be favored with an intimation whether, in the opinion of the Madras Government, the advantages to North-east Wynaad likely to result from its construction are such as to render it desirable that the road should be undertaken during the ensuing season or at a later period.

3. Should the Government of Madras be willing to undertake at once the portion of the road passing through North Wynaad in Her Majesty's territories, requisite measures will be taken by me to have the project, so far as it relates to that portion falling within Coorg territory, submitted in a definite form for the orders and sanction of the Viceroy in Council, and provision will be made for having the project included in the Budget of that Province for 1867-68.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Communications,) to the Commissioner of Coorg, dated Simla, 28th August 1866, No. 785 C.

In continuation of my letter, No. 35C, dated 15th January last, regarding Major Sankey's Memorandum on the state of communications in Coorg, I am directed to forward, for your information, copies of the Despatches from the Secretary of State marginally noted, and with reference to the remarks therein made on the subject of the construction of the pack-bullock road from Veerajenderpett to the Wynaad frontier, to request that you will, after ascertaining from the Government of Madras its willingness to carry out its portion of the road, submit for orders a project for the portion which lies within the Province of Coorg.

No. 34 of 1866, to Government of India.
No. 11 of ,, to Government of Madras.

Extract from a letter from the Commissioner for the Affairs of Coorg, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, No. 442-23, dated 15th November 1865.

Paragraph 15.—The remarks in paragraphs 127 to 131 are deserving of attention. All the lines mentioned, however, are traversable by bullocks, and I marched over them myself with little difficulty, considering the obstacles presented by the smaller hills and the intervening rice lands.

Their development on an extensive scale may, I think, be safely postponed, but among them I would draw attention to a proposed line from Veerajenderpett to Wynaad viâ Kiggutnaad, which is as important to South Coorg as the Mercara-Codlipett line is to North Coorg. I think this should take precedence of all the other lines mentioned. The road would be about forty miles long, and would confer a great benefit on the two Districts of Coorg and Wynaad, while by keeping on the eastern side, where bamboo jungle prevails, its construction would be less costly than that of roads in the hilly regions of Coorg. At the same time I would suggest, that the data given in paragraph 135 of the Memorandum should be tested, before embarking on a net-work of roads suited only for bullock traffic.

Extract from a Memorandum by Major Sankey on the state of the communications in Coorg.

Paragraph 127.—*Extended communication urgently required.*—Having now shown generally the condition of the existing works in Coorg, and what rectifications are urgently called for, I now turn to a matter of very nearly equal importance, namely the communications needed to keep pace with the rapid spread of European enterprise in nearly every part of the Province, taking, as my starting point, the observations of the Superintendent contained in paragraph 64 of last year's Administration Report marginally quoted.

Paragraph 64 of Coorg Administration Report for 1864-65.—"I have also proposed that the Mercara Tul Cauvari road should be carried on to Sooleah on the existing road to Mangalore. This extension would open out the slopes of the Western Ghauts for Coffee cultivation. This line should also be connected with Veerajenderpett by a cross road along the valley of the Cauvari past Nalknad, and it has already been recommended that the main road should be extended from Veerajenderpett to a point near the Brumaghiri Hills on the Wynaad frontier, by which Coorg and Wynaad would be placed in direct communication with each other. I cannot urge too strongly on the Government the necessity of carrying out these roads."

Paragraph 128.—*Sooleah Bagamungalum and Nalknad and Veerajenderpett Roads.*—The Bagamungalum Sooleah road has already been sufficiently alluded to. That proposed from Veerajenderpett viâ Nalknad to Bagamungalum, would, if added, open up probably the finest forest land in the country, and with the Sooleah road supply a thorough independent western communication, valuable alike for commercial and administrative purposes.

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No. 136.

ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1866, No. 3,176.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 30.

These papers will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division in continuation of G. O. No. 3,049, dated 22nd September 1866, with a request that he will hasten

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th October 1866.

the submission of the estimate for the proposed road from Bawhully to the Coorg frontier, and provide for the work in his Budget lists for the ensuing official year.

Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 3,177, dated 5th October 1866.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th October 1866.

No. 3,177.

No. 137.
To

THE OFFICIATING COMMISSIONER OF COORG.

SIR,

CIVIL WORKS, No. 30.

With reference to your letter of the 19th September 1866, No. 250-2 of 1866-67, I am to state that the attention of the Madras Government has recently been drawn by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State to the expediency of extending the Manantoddy and Bawhully road to the Coorg frontier, and the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division has been called upon to hasten the submission of the required estimates with a view to an allotment of funds being provided for the work in the Budget of the ensuing official year.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

№ 785 C.

Government of India

Public Works Department

Civil Works

Communications

To

The Commissioner of Coorg

Simla 28th August 1866.

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№ 34 of 1866 to Govt. of India

№ 11 of 1866 to Govt. of Madras

the province of Coorg.—

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed C. H. Dickens Lt. Col. R.A.
Secretary to the Govt. of India

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/ Copy /
Chas Sandys
Offg. Commissioner

Genl. P. W. D. No. 2502/2 1866/67

Coorg Commissioner's Office

From

The Officiating Commissioner of Coorg.

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Madras.

Dated Bangalore 19th September 1866.

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Paras 15 P. W. Letter dated 15th November 1865 from Commissioner of Coorg entered in P. W. Proc. Govt of India - January 1866.
Paras 127–131. Memo: by Major Sankey on the state of the Communications in Coorg

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No. 1
Enclosure in a letter from the Offg. Commissioner for Coorg to the Secretary to Government Public Works Department Genl. No. 2502/2, dated 19th September 1866.

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Extract from Public Letter to India No. 135

City of Canganore to Mangalore via Cottiyoor, Kootthuli, Veerajendrapett, Kiggutnaad, Tellicherry, Cannanore, Kuppa, Nileshwar, Kasergode, Manjeshwar, Bangalore and Madras.

Entry of Canganore to

Wynaad and I request that I may be favored with an intimation whether in the opinion of the Madras Government the advantages to North East Wynaad likely to result from its construction are such as to render it desirable that the Road should be undertaken during the ensuing season or at a later period.

3. Should the Government of Madras be willing to undertake at once the portion of the Road passing through North Wynaad in Her Majesty's Territories, requisite measures will be taken by me to have the project so far, as it relates to that portion falling within Coorg Territory submitted in a definite form for the orders and sanction of the Viceroy in Council, and provision will be made for having the project included in the Budget of that Province for 1867-68.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

Chas Saunders

Offg Commissioner.

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P.G. 1866 Despatches
Pro. of Govt. for October
1866 No. 3900

From The Officiating Commissioner of Coorg

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.
Madras

Dated 19th September
Despatched 20—
Received 25—

Enclosures No. 1

General No. 250
Dept. No. 2
1866-67.

Submits the correspondence marginally noted relating to the construction of a pack bullock road from near Veera-rajenderpett thro' Kiggutnad in Coorg to the Wynaad frontier to be continued thence to the Manantoddy & Baweally Bridge road, and makes certain suggestions regarding the undertaking of the work during the ensuing season.

No. 135

Encl. 24th Sept. 1866 Ord. 10th Oct.

Encls. 3176 & 3177 - 5th Oct. 1866

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No. 3176

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 5th Oct. 1866

Read the following

From the Offg Commissioner of Coorg

(Here enter No. 250. 19th September 1866.)

These papers will be communicated to the Surveyor Engineer of the 7 - Divn in continuation of G. O. No. 3049 dated 22nd Sept. 1866 with a request that he will hasten the submission of the estimate for the proposed road from Baweally to the Coorg frontier and provide for the work in his Budget lists for the ensuing official year.

Ordered that the following letter be sent

No. dated

To The Surveyor
7th Division
Despatched 6th Oct.

To

No 3177

The Officiating Commissioner of Coorg

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Fort St George
5th Octr 1866

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Rec.d from the Madras Govt.

Dated 5th October 1866.

The Suffr. Engr. to Govt
minuted with certain papers
on the subject of Road from
Baurkully to the Coorg
frontier and instructed
to review the Submission
of the Estimates for the
work and to provide for
it in his Budget for 1867
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