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No. 294. Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Calicut, 26th February 1866, No. 24 :—

- * 1. Letter from the Superintending Engineer, dated 24th February 1866, No. 269, with a Survey.
- 2. Abstract Estimate of the probable cost of opening the new Periah Ghaut.
- 3. Specification Report from Supervisor North Wynad Range.

1. In forwarding the enclosed papers,* I have the honor, respectfully, to urge the importance of the speedy prosecution of the work, and to solicit that provision of the sum named by the Superintending Engineer, as required,

may be made for 1866-67. It is well known that the gradients on the old Periah line are greatly too steep for carts, and that the road-way is very bad. Indeed, I was informed very lately by the Range Officer that the new cuttings interfere a good deal with the old passage. If, as would appear from the Superintending Engineer's letter, some Rupees 20,000 will make the new trace fairly passable for carts within another season, the advantage gained will be indeed more than proportionate to the expenditure, for the opening of the cart road will be a vast benefit not only to North Wynad, but to North Malabar.

2. I was given to understand by the Range Officer that a portion at least of the labor lately disbanded could readily be got together again, if *early* steps were taken, and so important do I consider

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the prosecution of the work, that I would with the sanction of the Board of Revenue and Government gladly advance Rupees 3,000 at once from the District

Road Fund, on the understanding that the sum be re-paid in 1866-67 from the Imperial allotments. Rupees 3,000 remains unappropriated of the Reserve of 1865-66. If necessary an advance might again be made in 1866-67.

3. If this proposition is approved, I would suggest that immediate instructions be sent to the Superintending Engineer, who would issue the necessary orders for the immediate re-commencement of the work. But if much is to be done, action must be prompt so that the short season that remains before the monsoon may be utilized to the full.

From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 21st February 1866, No. 269.

- 1. I have the honor to submit an abstract estimate of the probable cost of opening the new Periah Ghaut, including all work from its commencement, and amounting to Rupees 78,000. Of this sum Rupees 5,000 were laid out in

No. 80 of 1865-66.

1864-65, and the probable expenditure of the current year will be about Rupees 13,000, leaving Rupees 60,000 yet to be found for the work. As already reported, all progress with it ceased on the 3rd February; a date between which and the ensuing monsoon a sufficient sum, if available, to have opened the line throughout to twelve feet in width, might have been spent. I perceive that no entry for the work has been made in the Budget of 1866-67; and having exhausted all I have to say as to its importance, I transmit the estimate to Government, through the Collector, in hopes that his advocacy may result in securing such a grant from the Reserve (say of Rupees 20,000) as will

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realize for North Wynad within another season, all the benefits which a good cart ghaut is calculated to confer on that the oldest-settled planting District of the Presidency.

2. The accompanying Survey will give an accurate idea of the manner in which the new trace has had to zig-zag four times across the old ghaut, to avoid the precipices immediately under the high peak which so clearly marks the position of Periah even from the sea. In this portion of about three miles all the hard work occurs; the remaining five miles will be more easy to work than any other ghaut on the West coast. Mr. Nordmann has yet, however, a little more to do than is shown in the Survey, before he will have completely developed my idea of a new Periah Ghaut. I pointed out to him last November where its foot should properly lie, and I find that he has since verified my conjectures, and will be able to shorten his ghaut by half a mile, and the whole distance to Cannanore by double that length, as compared with the best of the two traces he has already opened. I have added to the original estimate Rupees 1,000 on account of tracing and opening to bridle-path the proposed diversion at the foot; and a similar sum to provide for additional cutting at the head, caused by an error of gradient into which Mr. Nordmann appears to have fallen.

No. 295. ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1866, No. 839.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 37.

As, in conference with the Planters of North Wynad at Manantoddy in 1864, Mr. Ballard being present, His Excellency the Governor decided which lines of communication should be first constructed and which deferred, the Government see no reason to depart from the programme then agreed to by all parties, and the prosecution of the works on the Periah Ghaut new trace must therefore be suspended. Any deviation from a course of action so carefully determined upon could have no other effect than retarding the ultimate completion of the system of communication throughout the plateau which it is the object of the Government to provide.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Collector of Malabar.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Malabar Collectors Office
Calicut 26 February 1866

From

G. A. Ballard Esq.
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To,

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2 I was given to understand by the Range officer that a portion at least of the labor lately disbanded could readily be got together again, if early steps were taken; and so important do I consider the prosecution of the work that I would with the sanction of the Board of Revenue & Government advance Rs. 3000 at once from the District Road Fund on the understanding that the sum be repaid in 1866/67 from the Imperial allotments. Rupees 3000 remains unappropriated of the reserve of 1865/66. If necessary an advance might again be made in 1866/67.

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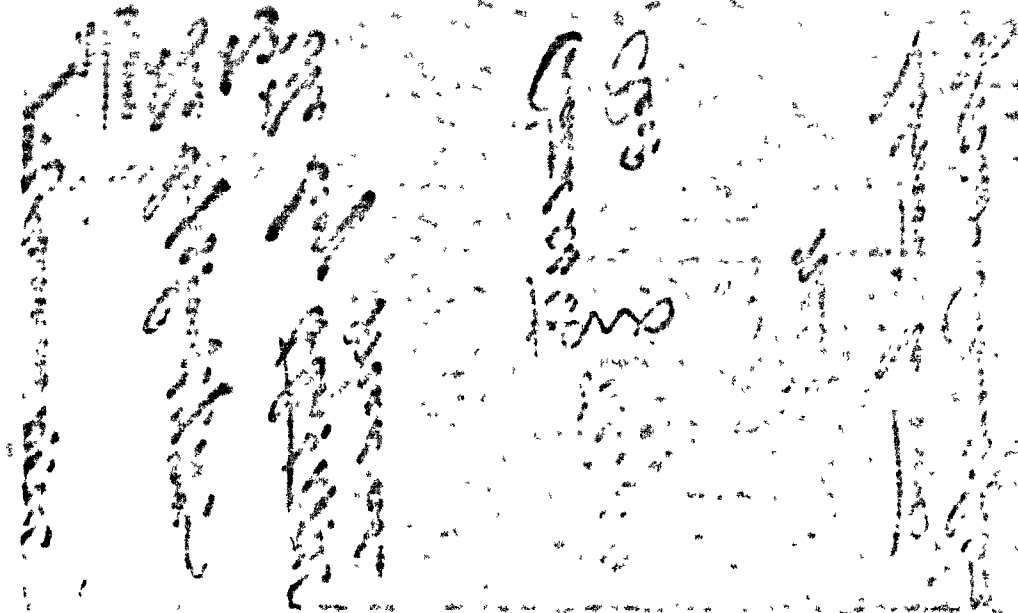
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