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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
27th March 1866.

No. 605. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th March 1866, No. 1,752:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 15th February 1866, No. 54.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings noted, I have the honor to submit copy of a Memorandum on the roads in Wynad, which was addressed to the Chief Secretary, and considered in the Proceedings of Government, dated 17th November 1865, No. 3,474, Department of Public Works.

2. I believe that considerable progress has been made on the most difficult portions of the Karkur ghaut and its approaches since the date* of my Memorandum above said.

* 18th October 1865.

3. From personal observation, I can state much excellent and most important work has been done since October last on the Tambercherri ghaut, and between Lakadi (head of the Tambercherri ghaut) and Chalipoya on the road viâ Sultan's Battery to the Mysore frontier. I understand considerable progress has been made in opening the line beyond Chalipoya; and Captain Kennedy is now actively engaged in carrying out the most necessary improvements thence to a few miles from the frontier; and opening the last four miles on which a good deal of heavy work is required.

4. I learn that minor improvements have been effected on the Teriot road; but the Range Officer informs me that the trace of this line will have to be altered in parts to avoid flooding in the monsoon.

5. The new Peria trace has been advanced considerably, and indeed I believe might be still made passable for carts during this season if funds can be found for the prosecution of the work.

Vide paragraph 13 of the Memorandum above quoted.

The Range Officer however informed me two or three days ago that he had been ordered to stop operations. In the present state of things this will be most inconvenient and injurious to the interests of the northern portion of this District. Besides the steepness of the gradients the road way of the old ghaut is very bad; and I imagine that in many places passage is difficult from the cuttings of the new ghaut line. With the excellent new line so nearly made practicable it would indeed be waste of time and labor to work on the old ghaut now; and I would most strongly urge a re-consideration of the Government order staying the prosecution of this important work. The interests of North Wynad, Tellicherry, and Cannanore depend more on it than on any other of the Wynad works; and so (comparatively) little remains to be done on it to bring it into use that necessary expenditure is more immediately desirable.

6. I hope to recur to the subject of Wynad communications in my annual report; and although I shall not then be able to say that what may be looked upon as the very elements of the communication of the District have been completed, I shall certainly have the satisfaction to report that more has been done during the current season, than in any previous one since my connection with Malabar.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
27th March 1866.*

7. On the subject of the waste lands and public bungalows, I hope to write shortly.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Memorandum.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 19th October 1864, No. 1,919, Revenue Department.

2. The Board observe that the Collector's Memorandum was disposed of by Government in the Proceedings in the Department of Public Works quoted by him.

No. 606.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1866, No. 988.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 71.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1,732.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th March 1866.
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3. From personal observation, I can state that excellent and most important work has been done since October last on the Tambaracherri ghat and between Lakadi (head of the Tambaracherri ghat) and Chalipoya on the road via Sulanga Battery to the Mysore frontier. I understand considerable progress has been made in opening the line beyond Chalipoya; and Captain Kennedy is now actively engaged in carrying out the most necessary improvements thence to a few miles from the frontier; and opening the last four miles on which a good deal of heavy work is required.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
.. the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
.. the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Submitting letter from Collector of Malabar
reporting on roads in Wynad

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