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*Public Works* DEPARTMENT.

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23rd May 1866.

Read again letters from the Collector of Malabar, dated 19th March and 6th April 1866, Nos. 33 and 42, and recorded in Government Order No. 1,192, dated 18th April 1866:—

No. 564. Read also the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp, Coonoor, 25th April 1866, No. 348.

1. In replying to G. O. No. 1,192 of 18th April 1866, I respectfully call the attention of Government to the accompanying list of sanctions, comprising nearly every new work (not Military) to be carried out in the Malabar District in season 1866-67. It shows a sum of Rupees 70,212 to be laid out for the exclusive benefit of South East Wynaud, on the Karcoor Ghât and road and bridge work above and below; and Rupees 1,01,413 for the exclusive benefit of South Wynaud, on the Tambracherry Ghât and road above it. While absolutely nothing is appropriated for the benefit of North Wynaud, which, as already explained by me, has nothing to do with the Terriote road, the settlers on which are *de facto* South Wynaud men in all their interests.

2. There is no occasion whatever to transfer any portion of the above noted sanctions to save the work done on the new trace from injury during the rains; apprehensions on that score are founded on ignorance, and the funds ordinarily at my disposal, viz., the District discretionary allowance and the allotment for minor new works of communication are adequate for the purpose, if only applied for by the Range Officer. The old ghât also can be kept as passable as usual from the above-mentioned funds, should its maintenance allowance be insufficient.

3. But it is a grievous error to suppose that the line of communication is open throughout for cart traffic, and I cannot understand how the misconception has arisen. The set of levels alluded to in paragraph 3 of my letter printed with G. O. No. 1,419 of 16th May 1864, will suffice to show the impracticability of the old ghât. What is wanted for North Wynaud, and that within the official year 1866-67, is a grant sufficient to open the new Periah Ghât to 12 feet in width, and another for the improvement of the road near the Mysore frontier at Bawhully. I believe that the undermentioned transfers would effect what is desired, without detriment to progress with the Karcoor and Tambracherry lines, viz. :—

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| From Item No. 134, Rupees 3,000 | To New Periah Ghât, Rupees 19,413 |
| Do. „ 135, „ 16,413             |                                   |
| Do. No. 141, „ 5,000            | To Bawhully Road, „ 5,000         |

LIST OF SANCTIONS.  
*South East Wynaud.*

| Budget No. |                                           | RS.    |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| 134.       | Areacode to Mambat road work ... ..       | 15,000 |
| 132.       | Mambat to Karcoor Ghât do. ... ..         | 8,212  |
| 151.       | Cherrapoya and Nellumboor bridges. ... .. | 13,000 |
| 141.       | Karcoor Ghât ... ..                       | 20,000 |
| 142.       | Karcoor Ghât to Goodaloor ... ..          | 7,000  |
| 143.       | Goodaloor to Tippacadoo. ... ..           | 7,000  |
|            | Total...                                  | 70,212 |

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| South Wynaud. |                                      | RS.      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Budget No.    |                                      |          |
| 135.          | Tambracherry Ghât                    | 50,413   |
| 136.          | Luckady (at head of ghât) to Vythery | 8,000    |
| 137.          | Vythery to Kulputhy                  | 10,000   |
| 153.          | Koonooth bridge near Vythery         | 7,000    |
| 154.          | Kulputhy bridge                      | 6,000    |
| 138.          | Kulputhy to Sultan's Battery         | 7,000    |
| 139.          | Sultan's Battery to Mysore frontier  | 7,000    |
|               | Total                                | 1,01,413 |
| 140.          | Terriote road                        | 13,000   |

No. 565. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1866, No. 1,645.

ACCOUNT, No. 59.

1. In these papers the Planters of North Wynaud, the Collector of Malabar, and the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division urge a re-consideration of the decision of Government to suspend operations on the new trace of the Periah Ghât, which the late President, after inspecting the works in Wynaud in the year 1864, and personally conferring with the Planters and the local authorities, considered to be a work of less urgency than certain other lines of communication upon which it was proposed to concentrate all available funds and labor.

2. On an attentive perusal of the papers above recorded, and seeing that the present Periah Ghât, contrary to the impression hitherto entertained, is not practicable for carts, and that the completion of the Caroor and Tambracherry ghâts will occupy a much longer period of time than was anticipated, the Government are now inclined to modify their opinions, and, taking a different view of the relative importance of the Periah and other ghâts, they are satisfied that the interests of North Wynaud demand the early opening of the Periah route for wheeled traffic. They observe that it forms the main outlet for the traffic from Mysore to the coast via Manantoddy, and that the improvement of the revenue derived from the Wynaud forests is materially dependent on the opening of this communication. They note, moreover, from the report of the Collector, that the chief objections to the prosecution of operations on the new trace of the Periah Ghât were, that a very heavy outlay would have to be incurred, and an indefinitely long time consumed in the completion of the undertaking. Further inspections, however, have established the perfect practicability of a new line being opened at a comparatively moderate expenditure of time and money, and it now appears that the small outlay which has been already incurred on that line has sufficed to show that an excellent ghât, easily practicable for carts, can be made in the direction of the new trace.

3. Under these circumstances His Lordship, in Council resolves, in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India, to authorise the diversion of Rupees 19,413 which the Superintending Engineer proposes, in order to provide for the opening of the new Periah Ghât to a width of 12 feet, as also of Rupees 5,000 for the improvement of the road near the Mysore frontier at Bawhully.

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These transfers will still leave liberal assignments to meet the requirements of South-East and South Wynaud during the current official year.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

ordinarily at my disposal viz. the District

Memo  
of

N<sup>o</sup> 348.

Superintending Engineer  
7<sup>th</sup> Division

Camp Connor, 25<sup>th</sup> April 1866.

From

Lieut. Colonel J. W. Walker R.E.

Superintending Engineer, 7<sup>th</sup> Division.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government, D.P.W. Madras.

Sir,

In reply to G.O. N<sup>o</sup> 1192 of 18 April 1866. I respectfully call the attention of Government to the accompanying list of Sanctions, comprising nearly every new work (not Military) to be carried out in the Malabar District in Season 1866-67. It shows a sum of Rs 70,212 to be laid out for the exclusive benefit of South East Wynnad on the Parker Ghaut & Road and Bridge work above & below, and Rs 10,413 for the exclusive benefit of South Wynnad on the Tambacherry Ghaut and Road above it. While absolutely nothing is appropriated for the benefit of North Wynnad, which, as already explained by me, has nothing to do with the Ternte Road, the settlers on which are de facto South Wynnad men in all their interests.

2. There is no occasion whatever to transfer any portion of the above noted Sanctions to save the work done on the Newtrave from injury during the rains; apprehensions on that score are founded ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> ignorance, and the funds ordinarily at my disposal viz. the District Discretionary Allowance and the allotment

for Minor New Works of Communication are adequate for the purpose if only applied for by the Range Officer - The Old Chant also can be kept as capable as usual from the above mentioned funds should its Maintenance Allowance be insufficient -

3. But it is a serious error to suppose that the line of Communication is open throughout for Cart Traffic, and cannot understand how the misconception has arisen - The set of levels, alluded to in para. 3 of letter printed into S.O. No. 1419 of 18<sup>th</sup> May 1864, will suffice to show the impracticability of the Old Chant - What is wanted for North Wynnad, and that within the Official Year 1866-67, is a grant sufficient to open the New Seriah Chant to 12 feet in width, and another for the improvement of the Road near the Mysore Fort - tier at Bawully - I believe that the undermentioned transfers would effect what is desired, without detriment to progress with the Karkor & Tambacherry lines; viz -

From Item No. 134 Rs. 3,000 To New Seriah Chant  
 " " No. 135 " 16,413 " " " " " 19,413  
 From Item No. 141 Rs. 5,000 To Bawully Road Rs. 5,000

I have the honor to be  
 Sir  
 Your most Obedt. Servant  
 Supt. Col. R. L.  
 Superintending Engr. J. D. C.

List of Sanctions, South East Wynnad.

| Budget No. |                                 |            |
|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 134.       | Arracode to Mambat Road Work.   | R. 15,000. |
| 132.       | Mambat to Karkor Chant - D° -   | " 8,212.   |
| 151.       | Cherapoya & Mellumbor Bridges - | " 13,000.  |
| 141.       | Karkor Chant.                   | " 20,000.  |
| 142.       | Karkor Chant to Goodalor.       | " 7,000.   |
| 143.       | Goodalor to Tippacadoo.         | " 7,000.   |
|            | Rupees.                         | 70,212.    |

South Wynnad.

|      |                                       |           |
|------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 135. | Tambacherry Chant.                    | R. 5,413. |
| 136. | Luckady (at Head of Chant) to Vythery | " 8,000.  |
| 137. | Vythery to Kulpunty                   | " 10,000. |
| 153. | Koonorth Bridge near Vythery.         | " 7,000.  |
| 154. | Kulpunty Bridge.                      | " 6,000.  |
| 138. | Kulpunty to Sultan's Battery.         | " 7,000.  |
| 139. | Sultan's Battery to Mysore Frontier.  | " 7,000.  |
|      | Rupees                                | 1,01,413. |

140. Teriate Road Rs. 13,000.

Cornwall }  
 25 April 1866. }  
 W. Walker Supt. Col. R. L.  
 Supt. Engr. J. D. C.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read again letters from the <sup>Under-secy the 23rd May 1866.</sup> Coll<sup>y</sup> of Malabar dated 19th March & 6th April 1866. Nos 33 & 42 recorded in G. O. No. 1192 of 18th April 66.

From the Supy Engineer. Read also the following.

(Here enter No. 348 dated 25th April 66.)

In these papers the Planters of North Wynaud, the Collector of Malabar and the Superintending Engineer of the Division urge a reconsideration of the decision of Government to suspend operations on the new trace of the Periah Ghat, which the late President, after inspecting the works in Wynaud in the year 1864, and personally conferring with the Planters and the local authorities, considered to be a work of less urgency than

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Letter of 19th March 1866  
to the Secy to Govt  
from the Supy Engineer  
No. 33 & 42

Letter of 6th April 1866  
to the Secy to Govt  
from the Supy Engineer  
No. 348

Letter of 25th April 1866  
to the Secy to Govt  
from the Supy Engineer  
No. 348

Report regarding the  
want of funds to  
construct the road  
during 1866. G.O.

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Certain other lines of Communication upon which it was proposed to concentrate all available funds and labor.

On an attentive perusal of the papers above recorded, and seeing that the present Periah Ghat, contrary to the impression hitherto entertained, is not practicable for Carts, and that the completion of the Caroor & Sambracherry Ghats will occupy a much longer period of time than was anticipated, the Govt. are now inclined to modify their opinions, and, taking a different view of the relative importance of the Periah & other Ghats, they are satisfied that the interests of St. Wynand demand the early opening of their <sup>Periah</sup> route for wheeled traffic.

They observe that it forms the main outlet for the traffic from Mysore to the Coast via Brangan Roddy, and that the improvement of the revenue derived from the Wynand forests is materially dependent on the opening of this Communication. They note, moreover, from the report of the Collector that the chief objections to the prosecution of operations on the new line of the Periah Ghat were that a very heavy outlay would have to be incurred, and an indefinite, by long time consumed in the completion of the undertaking. Further objections, however, have established the perfect practicability of a new line being opened at a comparatively moderate

expenditure of time and money, and it now appears that the small outlay which has been already incurred on that line has sufficed to show that an excellent ghāt, easily practicable for carts, can be made in the direction of the new trace.

Under these circumstances His Lordship in Council resolves, in anticipation of the sanction of the Govt of India, to authorize the diversion of Rs 19,613 which the S. Engr proposes in order to provide for the opening of the new Perial ghāt to a width of 12 feet, as also of Rs 5000 for the improvement of the road near the Mysore frontier at Bowhully. These transfers will still leave liberal appropriations

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Dated

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to meet the requirements of S.C. and South Wynaud during the current official year.



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7 The S. Engr & Dy  
4 " Controller  
3 " Asst Genl  
5 " Chf of Malabar

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Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> May.

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Proc. of Govt for May

No. 1645

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT of Madras

Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1866

*[Handwritten signature]*

The transfer of Rs. 19,463 from certain works in Mysore to the opening of Perak Chail (new) an. authorized in anticipation of the sanction of the Govt of India.

Rs 5000 for the improvement of road near the Mysore frontier near Bowhally provided in the same manner as for the above Chail.

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