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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 15th March 1867.

No. 358. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Communicating to the Public Works Department Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, giving cover to a letter from the Collector of Malabar, reporting that no Local Funds raised in Wynaad are available for the construction of the Coorg frontier road which is now considered an Imperial line. } (Here enter 9th March 1867, No. 582.)

No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1867, No. 804.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 38.
Civil Works.

Recorded, with reference to paragraph 59 of the Budget Orders for 1867-68.

(True Extract.)

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th March **1867.**

No. 159. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th February 1867, No. 1,159.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 30th January 1867, No. 20:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd November 1866, No. 7,979, I have the honor to report that no Local Funds raised in Wynaad are available for the construction of the Coorg frontier road. I understand this road is now to be considered an Imperial line.

Submitted to Government, with reference to their Order dated 29th October 1866, No. 2,923.

No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1867, No. 582.

Local Funds, No. 4.
Civil Works.

Communicated to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 22nd September 1866.

No. 574. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, (Public Works,) to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 9th July 1866, No. 11 :—

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* No. 34, dated 9th July 1866.

4. I transmit a copy of my Despatch* to the Government of India, on the subject of roads in Coorg, with reference to the opinion I have expressed as to the importance of completing, with as little delay as possible, a pack-bullock road from the Bawhully and Manantoddy road to the Coorg frontier, in concert with the Coorg authorities. The portion, about fifteen miles long, through north-east Wynaad would be inexpensive, if completed as a fair weather track, and is of the utmost importance to that part of the District.

No. 575. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1866, No. 3,049.

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CIVIL WORKS, No. 106.

2. Ordered also that paragraph 4 be communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, who will submit in due course the necessary estimates for the continuation of the Manantoddy and Bawhully line to the Coorg frontier, in order that the work may be put in hand as soon as funds can be made available.

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

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To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin

Handsomely

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

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 Canvari 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 Canvari 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.

Paragraph 129. *Veerajenderpett Wynaad Road.*—The next line, namely that proposed from Veerajenderpett to Wynaad would, I presume, lead, as I have roughly shown on the map, through the town of Kiggutnaad. Having rejected the present Veerajenderpett Bittengal line from our list of roads (see paragraph 96), I would recommend that advantage be taken of this new proposed line to Kiggutnaad to open an entirely new road over this portion, trending more to the east where the lie of the ground appears favorable.

Paragraph 130.—*Kiggutnaad and Tittamutty Road.*—From all that I can gather, it would appear that in addition to this direct connection with Veerajenderpett, Kiggutnaad would equally need a line leading eastward towards Mysore, joining the Anachunkoor road at some such point as Tittamutty.

Paragraph 131.—*Fraserpett, Soomwarpett Road.*—The Sedapoor, Fraserpett, and Seedapoor Periampatam proposed lines have already been sufficiently adverted to (paragraph 112), it only, therefore, remains to note that from Fraserpett to Soomwarpett on the Mercara-Codlipett road. The necessity for this road has long been urged, I have therefore roughly shown on the map the direction it would take.

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

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.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Malabar Collector's Office
Calicut 2nd October 1866.
Despatched 6th Do.

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From

G. A. Ballard Esqre
Collector of Malabar.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E.
Secretary to Government.
Department Public Works.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to Government Order dated 22nd September 1866 No 3049, I shall be obliged by your informing me if the road from the Manantodi and Bawali road to the Coorg Frontier is to be henceforth considered an Imperial road or not.

I have long urged the opening of this line, and Local Funds have been available, but little has been done save partial tracing. On the understanding that the neighbouring Planters would contribute handsomely

District Road
List No 26 A

From Asst Engr
Dated 1st Oct 1866

Recommended.

Executive Engr

handsomely I allotted Rupees 2000. for the road this year. The Planters addressed × 8th March 1866.
Government on the subject of making the road as an Imperial line some time ago and on a late reference from me as to what amount they would contribute replied that they awaited answer as to whether Government would not take up the line as an imperial one.

I would solicit an order on the subject. If the line is henceforth Imperial the Local Fund allotment will be transferred.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.

S. Maxwell
Collector.

No. 8/C.

Encl

Sd 804.

Received, with
reference to my letter
Judicial Sales dated 7th
Inst 857/65

Chief Secretary
15th March 1865

Secretary to Govt.

Asst Secretary to Govt.

Chief Engineer

Referred to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division who will state his opinion on the question as to whether the proposed road from Bawhully to the Coorg frontier should be treated as an Imperial or local line.

Fort St. George
19th Oct. 1866

Col. R.B.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

To

The Supt. Engineer
of the 7th Division

Dated 2nd October 1866
Received 9th Oct 1866.

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No. 132.
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Requests to be informed as to whether the District Road from the Manantoddi & Bawali Road to the Coorg Frontier is to be considered an imperial one or not.

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From

The Collector of
Malabar

To

The Secretary to
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