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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	135-3	Press Misc.	
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th August 1870.

No. 444. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Private Secretary to His Lordship the Governor, dated Ootacamund, 19th July 1870, No. 134 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward a petition to His Excellency from Mrs. Elliott, the owner of the Wallah Ghaut Estate below Sispara.

2. I do not know why she forwards the petition through me, unless it be that, in February last, I made my way to her estate from Sispara, the limits of my district.

Formerly communication between the Western Coast and the Neilgherries ran across the Koondahs, viâ Avelanchee and the Sispara Ghaut.

About half way down the Sispara Ghaut, or about seven miles from the site of the old Sispara Bungalow, is situated Mrs. Elliott's Estate. The estate is mentioned at page 28 of Colonel Ouchterlony's pamphlet about the Neilgherries, herewith sent.

3. Since the opening of the Railway from Coimbatore to Beypoor, the Sispara Pass has been abandoned as a road to the Neilgherries.

For about two miles below the site of the Sispara Bungalow the road is passable for a pony, the remaining five miles to Wallah Ghaut is impassable; large trees have fallen over the road which also in many places is over grown with bamboo and scrub. It was with great difficulty starting at 6 A.M. from Sispara I got down to Wallah Ghaut and back the same day.

4. For the repair of the road from Sispara to Ootacamund, a distance of thirty-five miles, there is no allotment at all from Imperial Funds, and only 530 Rupees from Local Funds. This money is hardly sufficient to keep up a bridle-path between this and the Avelanchee.

5. The Sispara Bungalow was accidentally burnt down on the 3rd March 1867, and the Government then decided that there was no occasion for re-building it.

6. The Malabar Collector will know what state the road is in between Wallah Ghaut and the coast. I cannot see sufficient grounds at present for re-opening the pass between Wallah Ghaut and Sispara. The cost would be heavy.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 445. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1870, No. 1,353.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council is not of opinion that the line of road under reference in the foregoing letter is of sufficient importance to justify any additional outlay upon it, either from Imperial or Local Funds. Under these circumstances the Commissioner will be good enough to inform the writer of the petition which he forwards that His Lordship in Council regrets that he is unable to comply with her request.

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2. The Collector of Malabar will report the conditions, date, and extent of the grant to Professor Owen, and the revenue (if any) paid to Government already.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Commissioner of the Neilgherries.
,, the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 30th.

Read. *Desp.*

G. O., 30th August 1870. No. 1,353.

From the Collr. of Malabar
of 6 Oct 70 No 3133

AUGUST.
Nos. 444-445.

Road between Wallah Ghaut and Sispara.—Commissioner of the Neilgherries to inform Mrs. Elliott that her request to repair the road cannot be complied with, as it is not of sufficient importance to justify any additional outlay upon it. Collector of Malabar to report with reference to the land granted to Professor Owen.

It inform the writer of the petition which he forwards that his Lordship in Council regrets that he is unable to comply with her request

2. Ans.

I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education to acquaint the Commissioners that a Sum of £4 part of their Grant for the current year has been appropriated for the purpose of building a School House at Ballyhaise in the County of Cavan

JED

Ballyhaise

Cavan

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