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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1429 Press ~~Mis.~~

128-129.

Dated 9. 9. 1870 ~~19~~.

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No. 128. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th August 1870, No. 5,352 :—

Read the following letters :—

From the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 27th June 1870, No. 85 :—

By reference to Proceedings of the Board, 24th September 1868, No. 6,815, you will observe that Colonel Woods is entitled to compensation for so much of his land as has been taken up in the formation of the new road to the Koondahs.

2. Colonel Woods, in his letter to me of 14th June 1869, claimed Rupees 2,000 for the land taken, which amounted to 3·24 acres.

Subsequently we had several interviews on the subject, and at last he agreed to take Rupees 500 in compensation.

I applied to the Superintending Engineer for the amount on 26th June 1869 in my letter No. 50.

The Superintending Engineer replied that no provision had been made in the Koondah road-estimate for compensation to Colonel Woods, as the agreement made between Mr. Grant, Colonels Woods and Farewell, was that an equal amount of adjoining land should be given in lieu of money.

Colonel Walker, however, went on to say that he would provide the amount (Rupees 500) in the next official year.

3. On inquiring into this agreement between Colonel Woods and Mr. Grant it appeared, as stated in Mr. Roupell's letter* of 3rd June 1868, No. 97, that Mr. Grant had merely said (verbally) that land of equal extent would be given by way of compensation.

* To be found in Board's Proceedings, 24th September 1868, No. 6,815.

Colonel Woods applied for a piece of land having lake frontage. Both the Collector, the Board, and the Ootacamund Municipal Commissioners considered that all such land should be reserved—See Board's Proceedings already quoted.

4. Colonel Woods consented to wait till the following official year for his Rupees 500.

On the 4th June 1870 I applied to the Acting Superintending Engineer for the money. He replied on the 6th idem, stating that Government had not allotted any funds for the Koondah road for the present year; he could not therefore pay the amount.

5. Colonel Woods must be paid from some source or other. He ought to have been paid in 1867 before his land was touched.

I trust the Board will urge upon Government the necessity of providing funds.

From the same officer, dated Ootacamund, 15th July 1870, No. 93.

With reference to your official memorandum, No. 639, of the 5th instant, requesting me to state whether compensation of Rupees 500 to Colonel Woods has been sanctioned by any competent authority, I beg to report that after it had been ruled that the land-compensation sought could not be granted (*vide* Government Order, No. 2,622, of 12th October 1868) I applied to the Superintending Engi-

neer, 7th Division, for a money-payment of Rupees 500. Colonel Walker replied (*vide* his letter, No. 75, of 28th July 1869, copy attached) that this amount was within his competence to sanction, and that if unable to provide funds by transfer before the close of the year, he would make provision in the Budget of the present official year.

2. Colonel Farewell in his docket of 6th June 1870, No. 44, states that Government declined to sanction his provision of funds for this purpose.

3. Under these circumstances, I beg the Board will move Government to make some provision, as Colonel Woods has already waited too long for compensation.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, dated Ootacamund, 28th July 1869, No. 75.

THERE is no provision in the estimate of the Koondah road for compensation to Colonel Woods to the amount named in your letter, No. 50, of 26th June, as the agreement made between Mr. Grant and Colonels Woods and Farewell, was that an equal amount of adjoining land should be given in lieu of a money-payment.

2. As, however, the sum is within my competence to pass in excess of the sanctioned amount of the estimate, I will (to save you further trouble) not object to provide the same in next official year, the allotment of the current year being insufficient to admit of the payment, though possibly I may be able to make a transfer of the requisite amount later in the year.

3. I must, however, request that you will consult me in future before fixing the amount of any compensation for which you have to apply to me to provide payment.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Assistant Commissioner of the Neilgherries, dated Coimbatore, 6th June 1870, No. 44.

YOUR No. 23, dated 4th June 1870.

My docket alluded to contained only a conditional promise supposing Government would allot funds for the Koondah road; as they have not allotted anything, I am sorry I am unable to authorize the payment of the compensation of Rupees 50) to Colonel Woods.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 12th October 1868, No. 2,622.

2. The Board believe that even if the amount of the compensation had been in the sanctioned Budget, it would have been necessary to obtain distinct orders from Government before paying it.

3. Under the circumstances of the case, the Board resolve to request Government to allow the proposed payment of Rupees 500 to Colonel Woods to be made, and to arrange that it may not be delayed.

No. 129. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1870, No. 1,429.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government sanction the *immediate* payment to Colonel Woods of the sum of Rupees (500) five hundred, as compensation for so much of his land as has been taken up in the formation of the

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new road to the Koondahs. It will be determined in the Public Works Department how the charge is to be met.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

Rxd. F. R. Bantleman.

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The Govt. sanction the immediate payment of Rupees 500 the Amount of the Compensation for land taken from Colonel Wood in the formation of the road to the Koondahs.

It rests for the Board of Revenue to determine how the charge is to be met

J. B. [illegible]

9th Sept 1870

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 9th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 9th September 1870, No. 1,129.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 128-129.

Colonel Wood's land on the Neilgherries taken for the road to the Koondahs.—Immediate payment of the compensation of Rupees 500 sanctioned, Department of Public Works to determine how the charge is to be met.