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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th August 1870.*

No. 145. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th July 1870, No. 4,755 :—

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 21st May 1870, No. 75.

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(2.) Coonoor do.	880
(3.) Kotagherry do.	1,320
Total...	3,960

3. No. 1 is really a misnomer, the past grants under the head of "Ootacamund Station Roads" having been spent upon the Imperial highway, leading from Coimbatore and Coonoor, through Ootacamund towards Wynaad. Of this highway, 5 miles, 1 furlong, 180 yards lie within the Municipal limits of Ootacamund. It is upon this part of the highway within Municipal limits that the main portion of the grant under the head of "Ootacamund Station Roads" has been spent; the remaining portion has been laid out upon the Loop-road of approach to the Lawrence Asylum from the Craigmere Toll Gate on the Imperial highway, from Coonoor on the one side and from the station of Ootacamund on the other side. The area included within a circle having a radius of three miles from St. Stephen's Church is called the Ootacamund Settlement. The Ootacamund Municipal limits are situated within the Settlement in an irregularly formed figure. I think this Imperial highway from Coimbatore in its length and breadth through Municipal limits should be maintained by Imperial funds. In like manner I think the Loop-road of 4 miles and 1,240 yards from Craigmere Toll Gate to the Lawrence Asylum and thence to Ootacamund although within Municipal limits may fairly be a charge upon the Imperial Budget, as the road is solely for the convenience of the Lawrence Asylum. Irrespective of these highways on which the Imperial grant has hitherto been spent, the station roads, properly so speaking, in and around Ootacamund, are of great extent, and form a heavy charge upon the Municipality. Our Local District Road Fund Receipts amount only to Rupees 12,000 in the year; this sum hardly suffices for the maintenance of the several district roads connecting the Settlement of Ootacamund, Coonoor, and Kotagherry with the various Hill villages and European plantations.

4. No. 2, COONOR STATION ROADS.—Under this head various roads running through the Coonoor Settlement and Municipal limits have been hitherto repaired out of Imperial Funds, and the sum of Rupees 880 appears in the Department

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Public Works Budget for 1870-71 for the same purpose. I would suggest that such portions* of the two Imperial highways from Coimbatore to Ootacamund and from Coonoor to Wellington as run through the Coonoor Municipal limits should be maintained out of Imperial funds, leaving the station roads properly so-called a charge upon the Municipality. The Settlement of Coonoor, like that of Ootacamund, extends over a large area, included within a circle having a radius of 3 miles from the Coonoor Church, and the Municipal limits form an irregularly shaped figure within the Settlement. Houses are situated at wide intervals in this area, and the number of station roads leading hither and thither connecting the houses with each other, with the bazaar, and with the Imperial roads, are very great. To keep these minor station roads in good repair is beyond the resources of the Municipality, and no aid can be given out of the District Road Fund.

5. NO. 3, COONOR AND KOTAGHERRY ROAD.—This item is altogether an Imperial line, and in no sense a station road. It is a highway which leaves the Coimbatore and Ootacamund road at Coonoor, and, passing through the Cantonment of Wellington, leads to the Settlement of Kotagherry. The item appears in the Public Works Budget for 1870-71 as follows:—

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Coonoor Station Roads	880
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From this it would appear as if the Rupees 1,320 (Item No. 3) were spent upon the Coonoor and Kotagherry *Station Roads*, whereas the whole amount is spent upon the high road between Coonoor and Kotagherry.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., dated 18th March 1870, No. 813, paragraph 18.

2. The Commissioner has shown that, although entered in the Budget under the head of "Station Roads" in the three Hill Settlements, the grant is for lines properly borne on the Imperial List.

3. The through line from Coimbatore to Neddiwattum and Wynaad, which Ootacamund Station Roads, Rupees 1,760. for $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles passes through the Municipal limits of Ootacamund, is an Imperial line, and the Loop-line through the Lawrence Asylum to Ootacamund, which adds probably 6 or 7 miles more to the above length, is not a station road. The grant is from Rupees 150 to 160 per mile, and should be retained on the Imperial List under a proper designation.

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No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1870, No. 1,899.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 20.

ORDERED that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 1,900, dated 9th August 1870.)
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of 118703 Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated 14 Aug 1870.

Recd.

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G. O. No. 145-146

AUGUST.

Nos. 145-146

Station Roads.—The following orders of the Board of Revenue, submitted with remarks, the Commission's report on the question raised by the Government of India regarding the provision of Rupees 3,960 from Imperial Funds for the repairs of station roads on the Neilgherries.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 9th August 1870.

No. 147.

No. 1,900.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 21.

SIR,—Adverting to paragraph 25 of your letter, No. 120-A.-G., of the 2nd March 1870, requesting an expression of the opinion of this Government on the provision in the Budget estimates of this Presidency of the sum of Rupees 3,960 from Imperial Funds for the repairs of station roads on the Neilgherries, I am directed to state that the amount (Rupees 1,760) entered against Ootacamund Station Roads is for the maintenance of that portion of the main line of communication across the plateau from Coimbatore towards Wynaad by Neddiwattum, which passes through the Municipal limits, and for the short branch to the Lawrence Asylum at Lovedale. These roads (about 12 miles in length) should, in the opinion of this Government, be classed as Imperial.

2. The second item making up the sum of Rupees 3,960 is intended for the maintenance of the sections of the same main line of road which passing through Coonoor leads towards Ootacamund and to Wellington.

3. The third item of Rupees 1,320 is appropriated to keeping up the road from Coonoor to Kotagherry; and, taking into consideration the circumstances which cause the receipts on account of Local Funds to be trifling on the hills, the Government consider that neither this nor the other roads referred to can be classed otherwise than Imperial lines requiring to be maintained at the expense of the State.

4. His Excellency the Governor in Council is accordingly of opinion that the entries in the Budget should stand.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated 1st Aug. 1870.

Recd.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Grose

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ to the Commissioner of the Neilgherries.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Station roads—at Ootacamund, Coonoor and Kotagherry on Neilgherries.—Commissioner's report on question raised by Government of India regarding provision, by local rates, of amount required for repair of, submitted to Government with remark.

JULY.
No. 4755.

Received

21 July 1870

Encl.

PROCEEDINGS 8TH JULY 1870, No. 4755.

MADRAS.

1870
Board of Revenue
21 July 1870

No 187
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 9 August 1870
Read the following

Res. of the Board of Revenue
(H. E. No. 4755 of 8 July 1870)

Ordered that the following letter be sent.

H. E. No. 1900 of 9 Aug 1870

To the Secy to the Govt of India P. W. D.

Sir,

Adverting to para 20

of your letter No 120 H. E.

of the 2 March 1870

requesting an expression

of the opinion of this Govt

on the provision in the

Budget Estimates of this

Presidency of the sum of

Rs 3960 from Imperial

220
Funds for the repairs of
Station roads on the
Trilgherry. I am directed
to state that the amount
(Rs 1760) entered against
Colacamund Station roads
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W. B.

Dec 21/87.

Permitting explanations
under the provision of
the 29th of March 1887
for the purpose of
the 29th of March 1887

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Govt. of 1870 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.

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G. O. G. Augt. 1870. No. 18997/1900

No. 115-116 & 117

Copying orders on
Station Roads. From the Board
of Revenue submitting, with remarks,
the Commissioner's Report on the
question raised by the Govt. of
India regarding the provision
of Rs. 3960 from Imperial funds
for the repairs of Station Roads
on the Nilgherries.