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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st October 1870.*

No. 445. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Shornoor, 27th September 1870, No. 142:—

GOVERNMENT, in G. O., No. 234, of 20th January 1866, sanctioned Rupees 81,400 for the Goodalore Ghaut constructed to connect the Wynaad with the

Neilgherry plateau. With the exception of a small balance of Rupees 286, the whole of the estimate has been expended, but owing to a very much greater quantity of rock than contemplated in the estimate having, after the second and third yards of excavation, been met with, as also the construction of several heavy revetments eventually found to be necessary for the preservation of the work, the ghaut, though it has been available for traffic throughout its whole length for upwards of a year, was not cut to its full width, nearly half its length, or five miles, being only 12 feet wide.

2. I have the honour, therefore, to submit an estimate, amounting to Rupees 20,000, for widening the ghaut to the uniform width of 18 feet, which is very necessary, as, since the ghaut has been opened for traffic, nearly the whole of the traffic from the north and the west of the Neilgherries passes along this line, which is daily growing of greater importance.

3. I beg to bring to the notice of Government that, in connection with the Goodalore Ghaut, Government in G. O., No. 3,261, of 12th October 1866, sanctioned a further sum of Rupees 66,762 for the plateau road connecting the head of the ghaut with Ootacamund. This work, as far as is deemed necessary, has been completed, and there remains a sum of Rupees 15,500-12-8 still unspent upon it and not now required, which will go far towards covering the estimate now submitted, which, I trust, will meet with the sanction of Government, and be provided with funds in the coming year's Budget.

No. 446. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1870, No. 2,587.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 50.

UNDER the explanations furnished in this letter the Government sanction the estimate of Rupees 20,000 for widening the Goodalore Ghaut for a distance of five miles from 12 to 18 feet.

2. The question of allotting funds for the work in 1871-72 will be considered when the Budget for that year comes under review. It is observed that the current year's Budget does not include any provision for the road connecting the head of the Goodalore Ghaut with Ootacamund to which reference is made in paragraph 3.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

10.142. 7th Division,
Camp Shornore 27th Sept.
From,
Lieut Colonel W. Farewell R.E.
Asst Engineer, 4th Bn

To, Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Govt. D. W.
Madras.
Sir,

Enclosure
1 Estimate No 54. Government in G.O. No 234 of 25th
R 20,000. January 1866, sanctioned R 21,400 for the
Goodalor Ghaut, constructed to connect
the Wynad with the Nilgerry plateau,
with the exception of a small balance
of R 286 the whole of the estimate has been
expended, but owing to a very much
greater quantity of rock than contemplated
in the estimate having after the 22 & 3rd
yards of excavation been met with, as
also the construction of several heavy
Retainments eventually found to be neces-
sary for the preservation of the work, the
Ghaut, though it has been available
for traffic throughout its whole length
for upwards of a year, was not cut
to its full width nearly half its length
or 5 miles being only 12 feet wide -

2. I have the honor, therefore, to submit
an estimate amounting to R 20,000 for widening

the Ghant to the uniform width of 18 feet which is very necessary as, since the Ghant has been opened for traffic, nearly the whole of the Traffic from the North and the West of the Khyberia passes along this line which is daily growing of greater importance.

3. In reply to the notice of Govt that in connection with the Gooduloor Ghant, Government in G.O. No 3281 of 12th October 1866 sanctioned a further sum of Rs 66,762 for the Plateau Road connecting the Head of the Ghant with Dotalaund - This work as far as is deemed necessary has been completed and there remains a sum of Rs 15,500.12.0 still unspent upon it and not now required, which will go far towards covering the estimate now submitted, which Govt will meet with the sanction of Government and be provided with funds in the coming years Budget.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt

W. H. M. S. 1866
Capt. S. S. 7th 271

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From, P. O. of Govt
No 3900
The Secy to Govt

To the Secretary to Govt
D. P. W. S.

Head Quarters
No 142
Dated 27th
Recd. 3rd Sept 1870

Enclosure 1

Submitted estimate
of Rs 20,000 for widening
the Gooduloor Ghant to 18
feet for the purpose of
Govt & provision of
Funds -

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No 25877 P. O. of Govt

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To the *Superintending Eng^r*
7th Division

Dated

Recd.

G. O 31st 1870, No. 2587.

Nos. 145 & 146

Gondalore grant. The estimate
of Rs. 20,000 for widening
the Gondalore grant in the
~~Nilgerry~~ *Nilgerry*
~~Sambar~~ District, sanc-
tioned.