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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 5th January 1872.

No. 25. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department:—

Passing orders on a memorial from certain inhabitants of Tranquebar, relating to the groynes at that port and the branch line of railway from Tanjore to Madras, etc. } (Here enter No. 1,743, of 22nd November 1871.)

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1872, No. 14.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division who will give his attention to the subject of the Tranquebar groynes.

2. The scheme of railway extensions recently submitted to the Government of India having been prepared after the fullest consideration of the requirements of the country, His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to press on the attention of that Government any further extensions, but the attention of the Local Fund Board will be directed to the necessity for a good cart road through the Mayaveram Talook to the coast at Tranquebar.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Public do.
„ Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

22nd November 1871.

Read the following papers :—

No. 47. To the Right Hon. FRANCIS BARON NAPIER, K.T.,
Governor of Fort St. George.

The humble memorial of the Native and other inhabitants of Tranquebar and its suburbs.

Respectfully Showeth,

That your Memorialists, in sincerely welcoming your Lordship's kind visit to this important station, desire to express, through your Lordship, their loyal attachment to Her Gracious Majesty the Queen, and to express their heartfelt thanks to your Lordship personally for the various benefits your Memorialists have enjoyed in common with others by your wise and judicious administration ; and your Memorialists sincerely hope that this public recognition of the same may prove an acceptable token of the gratitude of the community of the district.

2. Your Lordship's Memorialists having had long experience of the character and merits of Mr. W. M. Cadell, the present Acting Collector of the district, your Memorialists desire in this public manner to express their unfeigned thanks for the eminently wise measures adopted by that experienced officer for the benefit of the inhabitants of this important district.

3. Your Memorialists take this opportunity of drawing your Lordship's attention to the following grievances, which, they humbly trust, will engage your Lordship's kind consideration :—

First.—The groynes on the sea face, which were established especially for the protection of this port, have been overlooked for some years, and this is a source of fear and embarrassment to the inhabitants of the town, and your Memorialists respectfully pray that the groynes may be restored and improved, and that they may be kept in good and effective order for the future, so as to arrest the further encroachments of the sea.

Secondly.—It being in contemplation to establish a railway from Tanjore *via* Combaconum and Mayaveram to Madras, your Memorialists beg respectfully to suggest that a branch line may be brought to the town of Tranquebar, which will also greatly tend to benefit the trade of the Mayaveram Taluq, which is now avoided mainly owing to the want of a good road to the coast. Your Memorialists believe that the said branch line can be easily effected, the small and insignificant channels crossing the road presenting no engineering difficulties. The particular circumstances which call forth such extension to this town as highly necessary are that the produce of Combaconum and other taluqs on its eastern side are conveyed to this place for consumption and exportation, and the imports by sea find their way to those taluqs by the same means of communication.

Thirdly.—That a school may be established under the direct auspices of the Government, independent of the local institutions similar to those existing at Mayaveram, Sheally, &c. For the want of the same the educated portion of the community are under the painful necessity of separating themselves from their children and sending them to distant places to be educated.

Fourthly.—It is well-known to your Lordship that Tranquebar was once the seat of the Danish Government, and since its transfer to the British Government it was selected as the head-quarters of the divided district of Tanjore for the convenience of parties resorting for judicial purposes. That this town, owing to its maritime position, had formerly a European Magistrate permanently stationed here; but of late such has not been the case. Your Memorialists respectfully beg to bring to your Lordship's notice that vessels manned by European crews often anchor in our roads, and the services of a Magistrate with full powers would be required to punish any of the crews who might be mutinous, or to receive complaints against their Captain. On one occasion the presence of a Magistrate with full powers was found of essential service in quelling a disturbance on board the Steamer *Jaffna*. Not long since a respectable merchant was unable to obtain a search warrant to search the crew of the British Barque *Robert Passenger* (manned by a European crew), who had broken some of his packages and abstracted several articles contained therein, and the vessel left the roads the same evening, and the merchant was obliged to put up with the loss. Your Memorialists, therefore, humbly trust that your Lordship will be pleased to remove the head-quarters of the Mayaveram Taluq from Mayaveram to Tranquebar, to be stationed here for the transaction of revenue and magisterial business. For these acts of benevolence your Memorialists will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

TRANQUEBAR,
25th October 1871.

(Signed) W. PRUDHOMME,
and 126 others.

No. 75. From the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, to W. PRUDHOMME, Esq., Tranquebar, dated Madras, 14th November 1871.

By desire of His Excellency the Governor, I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, under date of the 25th October, giving cover to a numerously-signed address from inhabitants of Tranquebar.

2. His Excellency has received that address with much satisfaction, as it testifies their loyalty to Her Gracious Majesty, and their sense of the benefits which they enjoy under the British Government.

3. The different measures referred to in the address, which are deemed by the memorialists of importance to the welfare of the community of Tranquebar, will be considered in the Departments of Government to which they severally belong.

4. The Governor has remarked with pleasure that the parties signing the address appreciate the exertions of Mr. Cadell for the good of the district committed to his charge.

No. 76. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1871, No. 1743.

Resolved that the first and second clauses of paragraph 3 of the foregoing memorial, relating to the groynes at Tranquebar and the branch line of Railway from Tanjore *via* Combaconum and Mayaveram to Madras, be referred to the Public Works Department for consideration and the issue of the necessary orders.

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2. The question of establishing a school at Tranquebar will be referred to the Director of Public Instruction.

3. Clause 4 will be referred to the Magistrate of Tanjore for report.

(True Extract.)

R Ellis
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
" Magistrate of Tanjore.

P. W. Department

No 14.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 8th January

No 9 to the following

From the Madras Government, P.W.D. No 9 dated 22nd December

to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

Communicated

to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have the honor of the Government to submit for the information of the Government of India, a report from the Superintending Engineer, Trichinopoly Circle, on the proposed extension of the Trichinopoly Branch Railway to Pudukottah.

2. This scheme of Railway extension was recently submitted to the Government of India having been framed after the fullest consideration of the requirements of the country

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Govt. of India.
No 5696.
PUBLIC.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
&c., &c., &c.

dated November, 22nd.

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G. O., 22nd November 1872, No 1715.

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To The Superintending Engr
6th Circuit

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Proposal for the Tranquebar Port &
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