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28th July 1873.*

No. 450. Read the following letter from Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E.,
District Engineer, Neilgherries, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund,
25th June 1873, No. 90 —

An annual allotment of Rupees 880 is provided for the Coonoor Station Roads,
at the rate of 110 Rupees per mile for eight miles. This sum would be barely
sufficient if the roads were in really good order and properly drained. But with
the roads as they are now, this sum is quite insufficient to keep them in such order
as the Coonoor inhabitants expect. The roads are so deficient in under-drains and
catch-drains, and most of the drains that exist are so small that a great deal of
the money expended on the road repairs is wasted.

2. The rain waters tear down the roads, and wash away even the gravel
which is laid on for repairs. In this way the task of repairing these roads is
rendered most disheartening, the truth being that the roads cannot be kept in
proper order unless something is done to provide for the drainage of rain waters.

3. I beg therefore to submit an estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,500, for
thoroughly draining all the Coonoor Station Roads, which I trust will meet your
approval.

4. If funds for the estimate were allotted in two years—a portion in 1873-74
and the rest in 1874-75—the money could be carefully and profitably expended.

No. 451. ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1873, No. 1,901.

CIVIL WORKS, No 24

THE estimate of Rupees 2,500 for
improving the drainage of the Coonoor
Station Roads is sanctioned, and the

work may be taken in hand in anticipation of an allotment of Rupees 2,250 from
Provincial Funds.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Neilgherries, with Enclosures.

" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

" Financial Department.

Attest: Genl.

Exd. S T. Austin.

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The Local Fund is very poor
and I think the ^{pts} may well
make this small grant -
for this year & 1/2 next. I
know from seeing - that a
large portion of the outlay
on these roads is lost - by
want of drainage -

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Dated 25th June 1873.
Recd 27th -

To

Secretary to Govt
D. P. W.
Madras

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Submits an estimate
for Rs 2500 for
thoroughly repairing
the Coonoor Station Road.

Yr. Obedt Servant

450-57.
The estimate of Rs 2500 for repairing the drainage of the Coonoor Station Road is submitted; and the work may be taken in hand in consequence of my attendance of Rs 2250 from Coonoor and Grand Canal (Coonoor) and the Coonoor Station Road. Dated 4/8/73

Yr. Obedt Servant

28 June 1873

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Engineer
Lilghurris

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28 July 1873

Nos. 450 & 451

Drawings of the Coonoor
Station Roads. Etc.

Make of Rs 2500

For improving the
Drawings of the Coonoor
Station Roads, sanc-
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taken in hand in antici-
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