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5th March 1874.*

No. 131. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 22nd December 1873 :—

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Local Board, Coimbatore, to the Honourable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 17th December 1873, No. 12.

With reference to G. O., No. 1,806, of 11th December 1873, forwarding an order in the Public Works Department, in which Government desire that the Local Board should provide for meeting their share of the cost of the proposed Honahully bridge on the road between Collegal and Yellandoor, I have the honour to forward, for the information of Government, copy of the District Engineer's letter to me, giving his opinion that the bridge will not benefit our territory, while it will be of great use to the Yellandoor Jaghiredar, in which opinion I concur.

2. As, however, the Government have decided the matter without previously referring it to the Local Board, I would propose that the share of cost be met by a grant from the Provincial Funds. I have already forwarded my Budget for 1874-75, in which, after meeting other requirements, we had only Rupees 17,070 left for going on with incomplete works, while many sanctioned

	RS.
Hassanoor to Ajjipuram	1,26,800
Byaloor to Lockenhully, exclusive of current year's allotment... ..	61,000
Continuation of the Burghoor Ghaut, say	1,00,000
Dimmum to Talavady	47,200
Total...	3,35,000

works are awaiting funds. The largest of these works are in and about the Collegal Taluq, the unworked balances of the estimates of which amount to Rupees 3,35,000. I have already pointed out in my letter printed with G. O., No. 53, of 13th January 1873, Financial Department, that unless a special grant

is made to open out the important but fever-stricken and hilly taluq of Collegal, such as is made in favour of Wynaad in Malabar, the work necessary to be done would not be finished in the present generation. Our chief requirement with regard to this taluq is a direct road

* Viz., Byaloor to Lockenhully, Estimate Rupees 65,000. from Collegal to Hassanoor within our limits; * this is necessary for the trans-

port of the Government treasure, and for the safety of travellers. The Local Board have allotted Rupees 4,000 this year, but could not provide any allotment in the Budget of next year. At this rate it may take many years to complete this work. I would therefore solicit that a special grant from Provincial Funds be sanctioned not only to meet the share of the cost of the proposed Honahully bridge, but also to provide at least Rupees 10,000 for the Byaloor and Collegal road, in consideration of this line being necessary for the transport of Imperial treasure.

From Colonel J. BEAN, R.E., District Engineer, Coimbatore, to the President, Local Fund Board, Coimbatore, dated Coimbatore, 8th December 1873, No. 56.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for your persual, copy of a letter from Mr. Dobbs, Executive Engineer, Astagram Division, No. 1,080, dated 5th December 1873, with docket from the Chief Engineer, Mysore.

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2. You will observe that the Mysore Government are about to commence the bridge across the Honahully river, and that the moiety of the cost of the structure, as the Executive Engineer states, is to be paid by the Madras Government.

3. I am not aware whether our Government have agreed to any such arrangement regarding the cost, as the papers laid before the Local Board, so far as I can remember, do not definitely state thus much. Certain correspondence between the two Governments appears to have taken place, on which the Mysore Authorities determined to prepare plans and estimates for this bridge; but all the papers on the subject were not communicated to our Board, and it was determined at the meeting at which the matter was brought forward that Government should be addressed with a view to obtaining the further correspondence with the Mysore Government, but I am not aware whether a reference was made.

4. If the Local Board are not prepared to contribute one-half the cost of the Honahully bridge, and if Government are willing to leave the question of cost for disposal by our Board, I think no time should be lost in informing the Mysore Chief Engineer the terms on which the work must be carried out.

5. If the Mysore Department Public Works are to bear the cost, the site of the bridge may be left to that department to determine.

6. As far as my own opinion is of any weight, I am strongly opposed to the Local Fund being debited with any portion of the cost. The Honahully river is said to be 50 miles long and, falling into the Cauvery near Collegal, brings down much water so that the bridge will be expensive. The structure no doubt will be of great use to the Yellandoor Zemindar, but when built it will not benefit our territory, for the road from Atcolypoorum, which is just beyond our boundary, to Collegal, is not made, and the Zemindar, as you are aware, objects to its construction. If the road also is taken by Yedoor and Agra, it avoids our four miles of southern road to the boundary altogether. There was some intention of carrying the road from the old Mysore road beyond our limits from Chamrajnuggur (marked Aracatara in the map) to Collegal, passing near Yellandoor and Agra, by the Mysore Government, but I believe the road has not been made, and it is a mere bandy-track, impassable in bad weather.

7. Even were either of these roads made, it would be very long indeed before cart traffic would spring up along it to Collegal from our territory at Hassanoor. Every effort is being made to open out a cart road between the Hassanoor Ghaut and Collegal, via Byaloor and Lockenhully, and I have lately sent you an estimate for the latter portion. It would be some years before we can get sufficient money to complete this road, and until it is accomplished I do not consider that the Collegal Road Funds should be diverted in part to construct the Honahully bridge, a work which will be of very little benefit to the Coimbatore District.

REFERRED to the Department Public Works for consideration.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1874, No. 582.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 14.

COPIES of these letters will be sent to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, showing that the more immediate wants of the Collegal Taluq are roads communicating between Collegal Town and the Railway Stations of Coimbatore and Erode by way of the Hassanoor and Burghoor ghauts; and he will be requested, under the circumstances represented by the Collector and District Engineer of Coimbatore, to postpone the allotment of any funds for a bridge over the Honahully river on the frontier between Collegal and the Yellandoor Zemindary. As at present informed it is understood

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that the line from the Wynaad frontier will not be open to Goondelpett till the end of season 1875-76 if then, while it does not appear that any thing has been done even towards laying out and estimating for the line through Shamraznuggur and Yellandoor; under which circumstances a bridge over the Honahully river would appear to be very premature.

2. With reference to the suggestion of the President of the Local Fund Board, that a special annual grant, say, of Rupees 10,000 from Provincial Funds be made to assist in opening out the Collegal Taluq with good roads, to be applied, in the first instance, to opening a direct communication between Byaloor and Collegal, for which an estimate of Rupees 65,000 was sanctioned in G. O., No. 55, of 16th January 1874, Financial Department, it is suggested that Provincial Funds may with much greater propriety be allotted for completing the main arterial lines of communication from Ajjipooram southwards to Coimbatore and Erode by the Hassanoor and Burghoor Ghauts, on which large sums of money have been already spent, and the completion of the imperfect links on which would at once open a passage for carts laden with the produce of Mysore, through the Collegal Taluq, to the south, by other routes than the sole existing one from Mysore to the Hassanoor Ghaut, which does not traverse the taluq. Compared to the demands of these high roads, it is suggested to the Coimbatore Local Fund Board that the claims of a local by-road, such as that proposed from Byaloor to Collegal direct, have no weight.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 133. (DOCKET No. 583, dated 5th March 1874.)
Copy of the above forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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No 12.

Cambay Local Board
Board Office, 17th Decr 1873.

From;

A. Motilal Singh

President of the Local Board,
Cambay.

To

The Honorable W. B. Bhatnagar

Chief Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 1306 of 11th

December 1873, forwarding an order in the
P. W. D. in which Government desire

Enclosure 1.

that the Local Board should provide for
meeting their share of the cost of the
proposed Honathully bridge on the road
between Collegal and Bellandoor, I
have the honor to forward for the informa-
-tion of Government copy of the District
Engineer's letter to me, giving his opinion
that the bridge will not benefit our
territory, while it will be of great use
to the Bellandoor jagirdar; in which

opinion I concur -

2. As, however, the Government have decided the matter without previously referring it to the Local Board, I would propose that the share of cost incurred by a grant from the Provincial Funds.

I have already forwarded my Budget for 1874-75, in which after meeting other requirements, we had only Rs. 1,70,70 left for going on with incomplete works, while many sanctioned works are awaiting funds.

The largest of these works are in and about the Collegal Taluk, the unworked balances of the Estimates

Hassanur to Sijjannur	Rs. 12,800
Sijjannur to Lockenbally	6,000
exclusive of current year's allotment	
Continuation of the Burghoor Ghaut, same	1,00,000
Dummun to Talamudi	4,720
Total	Rs. 1,23,520

of which amount to Rs. 32,000. I have already pointed out in my letter printed with G.O. No. 53 of 13th January 1873, that unless a special grant is made to clear out the important but fever-stricken and

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tally Taluk of Collegal, such as is made in favour of Wynad in Malabar, the work necessary to be done, would not be finished in the present generation. Our chief requirement with regard to this Taluk is a direct road from Collegal to Basamoor within our limits; this is necessary for the transport of the Government treasure and for the safety of travellers. The Local Board have allotted Rs. 4,000 this year, but could not provide any allotment in the Budget of next year. At this rate it may take many years to complete this work. I would therefore solicit that a special grant from Provincial Funds be sanctioned not only to meet the share of the cost of the proposed Honnabally bridge, but also to provide at least Rs. 10,000 for the Sijjannur and Collegal road in consideration of this line being

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view to obtaining the further correspondence
with the Mysore Government; but I am not
aware whether a reference was made.

4. If the Local Board are not-
prepared to contribute one half the cost of
the Hohanukuly Bridge, and if Government
are willing to leave the question of cost for
disposal by our Board, I think no time
should be lost in informing the Mysore
Chief Engineer the terms on which the work
should be carried out. —

5. If the Mysore D.P.M. are to bear the cost, the site of the Bridge may be left to that Department to determine. —

6. as far as my own opinion it is of any weight, I am strongly opposed, to the Local Fund being debited with any portion of the cost. The Bohanully River is said to be 50 miles long and falling into the Cauvery near Collegal brings down much ore-water, so that the bridge will be expensive. The structure no doubt will be of great use to the Yellendoor Zemindar, but when built it will not benefit our territory, for the road from Atholypooram, which is just beyond our boundary, to Collegal is not made, and the Zemindar, as you are aware, objects to its construction. If the road also is taken by Yellendoor and Agre, it avoids our four miles of South-eastern road to the boundary altogether. There was some intention of carrying the road

from the old Mysore Road beyond our limits from Chaurajungur (marked Aracata in the map) to Collegal passing near Yellandur and Agra, by the Mysore Government, but, I believe the road has not been made, and it is a mere sandy track impassable in bad weather.

6. Even were either of these roads made, it would be very long indeed before cart traffic would spring up along it to Collegal from our territory at Hassanur. Every effort is being made to open out a cart road between the Hassanur Lyhat and Collegal via Bylor and Luckshully, and I have lately sent you an estimate for the latter portion. It will be some years before we can get sufficient money to complete this road, and until this is accomplished, I do not consider that

the Collegal Road Funds should be diverted in part to construct the Hohanully Bridge, a work which will be of very little benefit to the locality above (District).

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt servant:

(sd) J. Bean Colonel R.E.

District Engineer, (Mysore)

(True copy)

J. J. Winton

for President.

3rd Jan^y 1874

Wm

I have just received your letter of the 29th inst.

My dear Walker
In returning the
letter about the Horna
bury bridge I can only
say that as we do not
frame our Budget for
74/75 for a fortnight
(we have a dispensation
this year!) time will be
given to reconsider its
entry therein should

We a letter from the
President of the Royal
Society, London,
= for the purpose of the
Chief Secretary to
Government, Monday
the 12 of 17th December
1873.

25. 175th March 1874
In 17. 1871
Preston

P. M. 600573

District Engineer

Letter no 56 of 8th

December 1873,

about Horna-bury

Bridge being of little

or no use to the

Comptroller District

and to 2000 of 1873

the Indian Government
wishes more time -

It is not an urgent
work and perhaps it
would be as well to
bring all parties as much
as possible into rapport
in the District before acting.

The Mysore Authorities
considered the connection
of Yellandoor with
Channarayana as
obligatory in order to

allow of grain from the
former finding its way
direct to Sultan's Battery
the moment our new
line to that place should
be open - and accordingly
a district fund road
is now being carefully
traced and will I hope
be opened in a year.

With this line to
Yellandoor it was only
natural to suppose
that the local people

would like the line
extended via Agra (and
the Barmahy Bridge).
So as to give them an
outlet which would
serve alike produce
proceeding either to Mysore
- to the Wynad - or
again to Coimbatore.

Of course the connection
would not be so direct
as might be wished for.

I have not still any
valuable & will write

passing for -

One matter which
led the Mysore Authorities
to entertain is views
was the information received
from the Collector of Coimbatore
that it was in contempla-
tion to alter the northern
-most portion of the present
Hassanor line by
leaving Poongoor to the
east and joining our
Mysore line at some
point 3 miles or so

North of Aticoolpore

Were this carried out
it appeared clear that
Collegal could not connect
itself with Coimbatore
by any more direct
line than one carried
north to this point
of junction and as the
small extra distance
involved by having to
go round by Channaray
-mutter would in that

case not tell much
against traffic it was
thought that all things
considered the road to
the latter place would
best meet the requirements
of Collegal for the purpose
Honnard on 1 said the
is nothing easier than to
reopen the question &
therefore perhaps it will
be best in sending a
reference to the Chief
Commissioner to enclose

A rough sketch map
showing all the proposed
roads on your side

Kindly give the am-
-ing dress Rep. papers
into my Saloon to
Montgomery who kindly
lent them to me -

Don't forget our
Cook wants 2 more
men in an off. reference
soon from our side
yours
J. H. Hawkey

A Sketch Map of Comalut
Roads is submitted in wh.
The Collegial Roads are
marked as requested by
the Honble Mr. Sir -

The main lines proposed
are those from Hufmann
and Bonifort (places
already accessible to North
from the South) conver-
ging at a proposed bridge
between Ramapoora and

and Agripoora. A com-
-mon course to Collegial -
Their completion is a ne-
-cessity, whether the direct
line from Bonifort to Col-
-legial be opened or not;
they will supersede it; it
cannot supply their place.

Approved of Rs 72000 have
already been spent on this
Bonifort Grant line; it
is understood that Rs 9620
will open it as a dry we-
-ther last road up to
Ramapoora, a large
village & so central that
The Taluk Oversee's Quar-
-ters have been fixed there.

To complete the communication to Agripore... from Stapuram, which is doing a bridge between Ramapore and Agripore... is stated to be quite 1 1/2 Lakhs. But it is believed that an excellent fair weather cart road could be opened through for one fifth that sum; that is what should first be done - Agripore is already accessible for carts from Allep through the fine durbars is capable of vast improvement.

In the Chief Engineer's opinion a series of half a lakh from Provincial funds, spread over 5 years, to open as far as weather roads the lines converging at Agripore from Buzur, Stapuram, and Allep, is estimated to be the Pub. Works Dept. is what is required.

For the Allep country, and nothing more than its necessities demanded, from other than a local point of view -

G.M.V.
2.2.74

The main link - from Agripore past Ramapore - should certainly be completed and then the road from Errode and then the road from Allep by on the Rail way to Agripore by Buzur will be finished. But I do not understand why the road from Buzur to Allep on the line from Buzur to Allep should be taken round by Agripore instead of direct or else the other. I would ask him for his report. - L.S.

Below is a sketch
Map of Collegal
River, in connection
with reference to
memorandum of the
Local Board.

1873

H. D. D.

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Under date the January 1873.

Read the following

From the President of the
Local Fund Board.
Coimbatore.

(Hereafter 10/12/17 December 1873)

Under the circum-
stances represented by

the Collector and District
Engineer of Coimbatore
the Chief Commissioner
of Madras will be re-

-quested to postpone the
allocation of any funds

for a Bridge over the
Mandakini River on the

frontier between Coimbatore
and the Gollanoor Ze.

memorandum - Copies of their
letters will also be sent

showing that the more
immediate wants of

1873

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will also be informed that the Government will be prepared to cooperate with them in providing funds for opening the illegal country, only on the condition that operations be concentrated in the first instance on lines of most general importance. From a Road Map it is clearly to be seen that the main arteries of that portion of the District must be the converging Roads from Hassanur through Byaloor, and from Burghoor through Rajapooram, to Ajijipooram, and thence to Collegal town. Whereas the President of the Local Land Board, proposes

I would put the following as a suggestive way of disposing of the old line beyond Byaloor and indicating that Govt are not willing to admit the diversion of money for the project without 7 consent of the Local Board.

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MR

the claims of the subordi-
nary and purely local branch
or short cut from Bya-
loor to Collegal, which has been
taken up long since.
-quent to any of the
rest of which it is
in fact only an off-
shoot. His Excellency the
Governor in Council
will be prepared to
allow annually in
the Provincial Bud-
-get a sum of Rs. 10,000
for expenditure on any
of the three roads
from Collegal, from
Hassanur, and from
Burghoor, converging
at Rajapooram, provi-
-ded a contribution
of Rs. 500 is simul-
-taneously

simultaneously made towards
completion of any of
them in the Local Fund
Budget: GNW

As regards the bridge
it is clear that we
cannot afford the
money for a long while
to come - and that
until the roads west
ward of it are made
it will be unpropor-
tionately of little value.
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quest its postponement - if a contri-
bution from us is a
necessity - until the
roads are finished
and I would also
intimate that we

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R.C. 20-1-74 R. 20

variety of the change
is more than our
interests seem to
warrant.

As regards work
in College I would
request a sketch
map showing what
has been done & what
remains. The done
with water & ab-
solute in the scheme
he can then consider
what work he should
set out of the Provincial
Department for roads &c.

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From The President of the
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Chimbalore

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Railway stations of Chin-
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I. Suppl. for Port of Mysore
Dt. Suppl. Coimbatore
Controller of M. A.
Hind. Dept.

Despatch No. 10/1/10. Basket No. 5: 17

Copy of the above
forwarded to the Chief
Commissioner of Mysore.

Despatch No. 10/1/10

such as that proposed
from Byalur to Collegal
direct have no weight
G.M.W.

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*for the bridge and
Korakulley in
the frontier belt
Ceylon & Yella
Z. Mindaaya*

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To the Inspecting Engineer
for Communications
and
To the Secretary to the
Govt of India

Dated 5/3/74
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583.

For 131-132 & 133

Bridge over Konakulley
river. Passing orders
on the application for
a ~~for~~ special grant for
a bridge on the Jorahie
river in the Jorahie
Taluk of the
Madrass District.

Forwarding copy of the
the applⁿ for special grant.

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