One of the proposals of the revised Scheme consists of a contribution of Rs 21,250 per annum from Local Funds in consideration of the work done for them in the examination of Projects.

I am not aware of your views as to the utilization of this sum but I would beg to propose that a portion of it be employed in strengthening our office which is far too weak, numerically to cope with the work expected of it.

I have with me at present at Ootacamund three ill paid Clerks on salaries of Rs 60. 32 - & 30 - with two Attenders to help with the Records. With this Establishment I manage the best way I can. I scarcely think that the Clerks of any Subordinate office of the P. Works or any other Dept. offices are called upon to do so much as our Clerks are [illegible] to perform. I would [illegible] brought up a longer but I felt they could not. They are simply struggling on in making as much as we are doing here. When a clerk falls sick & obtains leave work is neglected from the sheer impossibility of doing it efficiently.

I have on former occasions represented the weakness of the office but inopportunely. Now that the means are available, I beg that the office may be put on a workable footing. My proposals as shown below, will I think be considered moderate. They absorb but Rs 224 per mensem out of an available contribution monthly of Rs 1416 3/4. The balance of Rs 1092 3/4 per mensem I do not propose to touch. Use may be found for it hereafter when more experience is gained of the working of the new system. For the present it may be allowed to swell the Provincial Revenue unless you have other [illegible] doing [illegible]

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requirements.

Contribution from Local Funds for Examination of Projects = Rs 21,250.

Deduct Sessionary Contribution @ 20% — (?) 4250

Balance available for appt. — 17,000

or per mensem — Rs 1416 3/4

Estabt. required

× 1. Draftsman —	Rs 100	
1 — Do —	60 (a)	
2 Clerks @ Rs 45 —	90 (a)	
1 — Do — @ — 35 —	35 (a)	
2 Attenders @ — 12 1/2 —	25 (a)	
2 Messengers @ — 7 —	14	324

Bal: unappropriated — Rs 1092 3/4

× Mr Sape from Litho' Press — a corresponding saving will ensue.

(a) These men already employed under existing sanction

average salaries

Deducting from the total of Rs 324 the saving in the Lithographic Press by Mr Sape's transfer, the excess cost will be Rs 224. Of this Rs 60+90+25 = Rs 175 are the only new charges.

R. S.

27. 7. 81.

P.W. Dept

Local Fund Contribution of Rs 21,250

C A W

The General Question raised is as you will see to be dealt with separately but meanwhile you can arrange for getting immediate temporary assistance in the way. [illegible] be the Office here

29/7/81

Noted R. S. 29.7.81

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grounds

I confess I should like to take advantage of the changes now being made in the Dept to strengthen the Exec. Engineers Offices in the way I have frequently before proposed i.e. by giving each an uncovenanted Assistant or Superior Class of Manager instead of merely Head Clerks as they have at present.

Any reasonable proposals falling within the limit of the Rs 21,250 will I have no doubt be accepted and if you will submit proposals taking at the same time the C.S. opinion I should feel much obliged.

29/7/81

D. W

Please see annexed letter having reference to such extra Establt. as may be needed to meet the requirements of the Dept. ~~which~~ in regard to L. F. Projects above Rs 2500 (vide para 50 - G.O. 9/7/81 No 1697 W)

The Hon the Governor considers that objection will be raised by Local Fund Bds. to their being called on to pay for increasing the ~~strength~~ of the Chief Engineer & Secy's Office which as a fact will in future not have so much to say to L. F. projects as the Superintending Engineers but at the same time fully recognizing the necessity for ~~strengthening~~ the appointments of the C.E.'s Office to

Approved as a Chargeable Provl.

I presume that the rate for Clerks is the usual one. It seems high.

1/11/81

To W

There is no fixed rate for this class of appointment. The men get from Rs 10 to Rs 45.

R.S. The new [illegible] 13 [illegible]

P.W. Dept.

For Orders.

With reference to the accompanying papers, it was admitted while at Ootacamund, that a small numerical increase to the Public Works Secretariat was necessary, and sanction was accorded to the immediate entertainment of one Clerk on Rs 30 to 40 per mensem as a temporary measure. The Clerk has since been borne on the temporary Establishment. One additional Clerk on Rs 20 to 30 and 2+ Attenders at Rs 12½ each (average pay) will complete our requirements, and sanction to the increase involved is now solicited. The following statement shows the financial result of the proposals.

	Average
1. Clerk on Rs 30 to 40 —	35
1. Do on Rs 20 to 30 —	25
2. Attenders —	25
	Rs 85

As regards the utilization of the contribution of Rs 21,250

tively. The present Attender on Rs 13/. who has had some 7 or 8 years' service - having a preferential claim to the higher rate sanctioned. The Attenders will then draw

Rs 10
+ 1 on Rs 10 13
1 " Rs 15 and 15

R. S.
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from Local Funds for the examination, by the Public Works Department, of Local Fund Projects, the Secretary is of opinion that it would be as well to defer specific proposals till some experience has been gained of the working of the revised scale of Establishments sanctioned for the new Circles and till it is seen what properly qualified men possessing the requisite technical

~~The Hon the Governor~~

technical knowledge are available.

R.H. Sankey
Colonel R.E.
Secretary to Govt P.W. Deptt.

From orders.

No. 2718 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

~~Under date the~~ 2nd Novr 1887

~~Read the following:—~~

The following additional permanent Establishment is sanctioned for the Public Works Secretariat.

	Pay to be drawn immediately
1 Clerk IV class 2nd grade.	Rs 30.
1 Do. IV " 3rd "	" 20
1 Attender on	" 10
1 Do. on	" 15
	Rupees 75.

2. A sum of Rupees 300/ is appropriated from the grant for temporary

Establishment to meet the cost during the current official year.

3. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 36W of 1881.82 and Classified as Establishment

2/11/81

No 2718 D/2-11-81
B.

Examiner J.W. Acton

despd 3-11-81

28/10/02

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Date taken out.	For what purpose.			Initials of clerk taking the paper or of attender.	Date returned.	Initials attender
	Department.	C. No.	Year.			

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16th January 1866.

Read the following papers :—

No. 366. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Cannanore, 5th December 1865, No. 200.

1. I have the honor to resume the subject of my letter No. 185 of 23rd November, in connection with paragraphs 7 and 8 of Government Order No. 3,471, of 17th November.

2. *Tambracherry Ghát and road below.*—The Collector states that " A good deal " of work has been done at the bottom of the ghát," meaning that portion of the road below, included in Captain Kennedy's estimate. And he should have added, (what he must have been told,) that but for an unusually bad season of fever and cholera it was the firm expectation of Mr. Sub-Engineer Bailey and his Overseer Vedamoothoo (the working capacities of both of whom are well known to Mr. Ballard) that they would have completed both bridge-work and earth-work up to the foot of the ghát before last monsoon.

3. On the ghát, contrary to my opinion, but in deference to that of the Collector and of the planting community, all the Sapper labor was taken off the head of the ghát and concentrated on the lower portion, in the attempt (which proved futile) to open it for carts in time for last year's Coffee crop. I maintained then, and maintain now, that the effect of such procedure is to delay the opening of the entire ghát to cart traffic by a whole season. Sapper labor was supplied for Tambracherry ghát so extensively, chiefly on account of the unprecedented difficulties to be overcome on the upper two miles. The remainder of the ghát is of a nature to be readily dealt with by the ordinary labor available in Malabar, and which is of an excellent description. I regret exceedingly that I gave up my opinion last year, and did not order Captain Kennedy, as I have done this year, to confine the operations of the Sappers to the upper ghát. There is rather too much of interference from all quarters, officials or private, with the details of our work in Wynad; and it is not always easy for me to resist the pressure so put on, and to carry out what I know to be the right policy.

4. That progress on the lower ghát was not commensurate with expectation cannot be denied; and the fact can only be accounted for by the change of the relation in which Captain Kennedy stood towards the Sappers. Formerly he was their immediate Commanding Officer, with direct authority over them; and his removal from the Sappers, however necessary it may have been on Military grounds, was most detrimental to the interest of the work. For I do not know an Officer, even of my own corps, so eminently calculated for charge of Sappers, by his long service with them, and knowledge of their work, in which he takes the greatest interest. It could not but follow, therefore, that the loss of his direct control over the men was detrimental to progress. And I am further of opinion that the employment of the Sappers so low down the ghát was injurious to their health, which suffered more severely last season than in any former one. The lower they went the worse was the climate they had to work in, and the greater and more exhausting the ascent to their camp; to which they would return in the chill of the evening, overheated and fatigued.

5. *Road from Sultan's Battery to Manantoddy.*—The orders of His Excellency the Governor on his last visit to Wynad with respect to this road were explicit, and they have been implicitly carried out; nothing but the maintenance allowance having been spent upon it, and that greatly in attempts at improved traces to supersede the hopelessly bad portions of the old line. See Minute of the Honorable the President in Council (latter parts of paragraphs 3, 5, and 8), printed with G. O. No. 2,996 of 18th October 1864. The Collector seems to have forgotten that no funds were allotted for carrying on this road last year; and if he had only looked over the Budget list of 1865-66 he would hardly have said (as he has in his 11th paragraph) that "my final approval and orders alone were wanting for the prosecution" of works between Manantoddy and Panamaram. I shall, however, presume on the attention now drawn to what Mr. Nordmann and myself have been quietly attempting in the way of superseding an old line, which is under water for miles in the monsoon, to submit proposals relating to our new project, when certain papers shall be ready.

6. *Road from head of Karkoor Ghát to Tippakadoo.*—Paragraph 6 of the Minute above referred to specified the completion of certain bridges as the work for last season; and I personally pledged myself to His Excellency the Governor that the Biddrahulla, Goodaloor, and Seeputty bridges should be *permanently* bridged before last monsoon. Instructions to that effect were personally communicated to Mr. O'Shaughnessy, and it has been in direct contravention of such instructions that he permanently constructed the minor culverts from Tippakadoo westwards, leaving the larger bridges with only temporary superstructures, if any. I see, however, by paragraph 4 of the Collector's Memorandum, that he is of opinion that nothing could be better than Mr. O'Shaughnessy's *modus operandi*. I have no doubt but that what that Executive Officer has done he has done well, but it was not what he was ordered to do. He found a narrow dry weather road cut to his hand, though blocked up for want of care during the monsoon when I permitted him to defer taking up his charge; and in my opinion, as it appears to have been that of His Excellency the Governor, what he should have done was to devote himself to the permanent completion of the three larger bridges.

7. *Road from Tambracherry Ghát by Sultan's Battery to the Mysore frontier.*—I am unable to account for Mr. O'Shaughnessy's neglect to lay out any portion of the Rupees 10,000 sanctioned for this road in G. O. No. 3,264 of 15th November 1864; it has been in fact as great a disappointment as I have ever experienced in official matters, that he failed to act up to his engagements made when I took him carefully over the road in October 1864. I am not aware that he ever went over the line again, even to measure for plans and estimates from that date till a twelve months' later, when at the call of Messrs. Beaumont and Minchin he left his own works (this line as well as the Goodaloor Ghát having been taken out of his charge), and placed his services at their disposal, to do for private individuals what he did not attempt for Government. Aware of his usefulness and wishing to retain his services under any circumstances for the Karkoor line, I have never complained of Mr. O'Shaughnessy until forced to do so, and should not have done so now, but in answer to a direct call of Government.

8. The Terriote road will be the subject of a separate report.

No. 367. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Cannanore, 5th December 1865, No. 201.

Enclosures 7.
* No. 73, dated 25th November 1865.

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, a detailed Report* by the Supervisor in Executive charge of North Wynad, prepared with reference to paragraphs 7 and 8 of G. O. No. 3,471 of 17th November.

2. Having made a much more deliberate inspection of the line than the Collector can be expected to have made, I am convinced that he has greatly underrated the amount of work that has been done, and has not made due allowance for the difficulties that Mr. Nordmann has had to contend with. It is where he has fallen back on the assistance of a Planter that the Supervisor has failed, and though I have no doubt that he acted for the best according to his judgment, I cannot but blame Mr. Nordmann in continuing to make to any Contractor such large advances as he has done, when he should have seen the improbability of getting much value for the same. And he has acted without reference to the Rules of the Department, which prescribe that such contracts shall be approved by the Superintending Engineer, whereas I was never consulted by him on the subject. Indeed, he has gone directly against the 2nd condition of the Contract itself, which prescribes monthly payments for work executed, and recoveries of advances; so that had his Contract received my approval, his action on it would have nullified any benefit derivable from my supervision. I have warned him strongly against such procedure, and am sure that he will never involve himself again in so heavy a responsibility. All papers connected with Mr. Carter's Contract are herewith forwarded for legal scrutiny, with a request that permission may be accorded to sue in a Civil Court for the amount due thereon.

3. My own carts used the road from Manantoddy to Terriote without difficulty, and there would be no difficulty in making the rest passable by carts for this season's crop if it were worth while. But so long as the ghâts are not opened bullocks will continue to be employed. So that while coinciding with the Collector in being dissatisfied with the existing state of things on this road, I am of opinion that such state is steadily improving, in proportion to its relative importance, and to the progress made on the Tambracherry and Periah Ghâts, with which it is connected.

4. I must here point out a misconception under which the Government appear to labor as to the value of this road as a *through* line. It is talked of as one and the same communication with the road from Bawally to Manantoddy, and as connecting the latter place with Calicut by the Tambracherry Ghât. Now, all the Government orders that may be written will not send one pound of North Wynad coffee, grown by European Planters, down to Calicut, by the Tambracherry Ghât. Coffee grown on Estates near the Cootiaddy Ghât, and a good deal of native coffee, avails itself of the water communication from Cootiaddy to Calicut. But North Wynad interests are bound up with Tellicherry as a shipping port, and the Periah Ghât as a means of reaching it. Even the Estates at Terriote send their coffee to Tellicherry viâ Manantoddy and the Periah Ghât; those between Terriote and Vythery only making use of the Tambracherry Ghât to go to Calicut.

5. It is, therefore, with no slight indignation that North Wynad will see itself despoiled of its share of the Rupees 60,000 per annum allotted to the Wynad plateau, by diversion of the grants for Periah Ghát and the road above it, to South and South-east Wynad, already more highly favored than it is. And it will be apt to impute this policy to its own connection with Bombay, and want of influence at Madras; especially since the formation of that large Company in South Wynad which has an almost exclusively Madras proprietary. The result will be a repetition of the same out-cry against the local Government, which was raised so strongly against it in North Canara, and ended in the annexation of that Province to Bombay.

6. I would, therefore, take the liberty, most respectfully, of deprecating any alienation of the grant for the Periah Ghát and drains above. Indeed, as Rupees 3,780 out of Rupees 7,000 were expended on the ghát works up to 31st October, which sum will probably have exceeded Rupees 5,000 by this time (whereof accurate report will follow), it is too late to attempt a diversion of its funds. I found 100 Coast Coolies and five Wudder gangs actively engaged on it when I passed down the new trace on 28th November; and I could not, in common fairness, turn them all adrift and break their contracts without notice. In a very few days more I hope to have the pleasure of submitting to Government the survey and estimate of the new ghát; in anticipation whereof I have the satisfaction to state that I have never been better pleased with any of the many similar works with which I have been connected, than with the manner in which this ghát has worked out. Government and the Planting community will never have cause to regret the decision of G. O. No. 3,264 of 15th November 1864, which sanctioned the undertaking. And I must give Mr. Nordmann the highest credit for the intelligence with which he has carried out my instructions given on the spot, and in successive notes on the Weekly Reports he used to send me of his progress with the trace.

7. Mr. Ballard was not wrong in asserting that carts might be going up and down the new Periah Ghát long before the Tambracherry Ghát could he opened. For three miles at the top the new ghát crosses the line of old one, and in these three miles four zig-zags and all the difficulties, and these not great, occur. Then a clear sweep of five miles leads to the new terminus, through ground of such easy soil and moderate cross section as I have never met with elsewhere. So that I am emboldened to offer an amendment on the proposal of Government; which is to divert the Imperial allotment of Rupees 6,000 for the drains on the road above (Government Order No. 2,352 of 14th August 1865) to the ghát itself, reserving the Income Tax allotment of Rupees 1,280 (Government Order No. 2,903 of 2nd October), whereof Rupees 580 were spent up to 31st October for the collection of materials already in hand. I have no doubt but that such action on the part of Government will meet with the entire approval of the Planters of North Wynad, as an alternative of the total loss of funds with which they were threatened. And if I am allowed to make arrangements for obtaining the necessary advances from private quarters (not exceeding from Rupees 5,000 to Rupees 10,000, re-payable in May from the Budget of 1866-67,) I will pledge myself, if the season continue to tolerably healthy, to have the line open for cart traffic to a minimum width of 12 feet before next monsoon. The restoration of through communication for carts between Cannanore and

Mysore viâ Manantoddy which this one link will effect, will have a more immediate effect on the prosperity of Wynad than any other work that can be carried out in the same space of time.

From the Supervisor in charge of North Wynad Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Manantoddy, 25th November 1865, No. 73.

1. I have the honor, with reference to Government Order No. 3,471, of the 17th November 1865, paragraphs 7 and 8, to report as follows, on the amount of work done to the Terriote road, since the promulgation of Government Order No. 2,996, dated 18th October 1864.

2. I took charge of the North Wynad Range on the 30th November 1864, and found a small gang of about twenty Canarese coolies employed in throwing up approaches to minor bridges between Manantoddy and Terriote. Nothing else was going on along the line, nor indeed in the Range. The valuable months of September, October, and November had been wasted for me by my predecessors, without any arrangements having been made for the work of the season, arrangements which must in this monsoonish country be inevitably made to prepare for the works to be taken in hand, and failing which the work is simply thrown back by at least half a season, and besides thwarted in its smooth progress. I must mention that besides the gang of twenty, above referred to, I found no permanent gangs of laborers on the works, nor any arrangements made for procuring more coolies. I found no timber cut, sawn or even contracted for, no bricks or laterite stones, either ready or in course of preparation, no artizans at hand, and no chunam on the plateau. There was no petty establishment employed, and the only permanent Overseer, Mr. Potter, was new to the place and resourceless; and under these circumstances I found myself, a new comer, with a full year's work before me, and the feverish season close at hand.

This statement is corroborated by paragaphs 10 and 11 of the Sub-Engineer's Memorandum printed with Government Order No. 3,646 of 20th December 1864.
(Initialled) G. W. W.

3. The approaches to seventeen minor bridges, which had before been accessible only by sloping bamboo mats supported on pegs, were filled up with earth to the roadway level of the bridges, and made passable for carts. Several small timber bridges that were rotten, were renewed. The steep approaches to the Kudrapaudy river were cut down so as to make them accessible to carts. The road surface, beginning from the fifth mile from Manantoddy, as far as Terriote, or a distance of nine miles, was cleared of jungle, formed, barrelled and provided with a drain on the upper side, as also with open cross drains to lead the water off. The first five miles had not much done to them, becauuse here the line was to be altered. The numerous earth slips which had blocked up the road, were all removed. Several embankments across swamps and paddy flats were raised to a uniform height, in some instances more than a yard. The bridges and culverts, most urgently required, viz., Nos. 1 to 15, were given out on contract to three different contractors, and for some of the culverts, Nos 16 to 21, bricks were made at and near Terriote, by departmental agency. Boats for the flying bridge across the Manantoddy river, were purchased. Timber, owing to the want of timely preparations, was so difficult to obtain that the platform for the boats could not be taken in hand at once.

4. Fever soon made its appearance in the country, and reigned with almost unprecedented force from February to July, Overseer Potter at Terriote was laid up with it, and of little use for two months; the contractors and their people, carpenters, maistries, and coolies all suffered severely, many men died, and the works were almost deserted about the close of the last official year. To increase the bad reputation, Terriote and the Terriote road then had, cholera made its appearance, and frightened away the remnant of the people who had remained near the place.

5. All the bridges that had been floated off their piles, when His Excellency the Governor rode over the line last year, had been re-placed by me, and well fastened to the piles before the monsoon; so that on the 30th June, during the height of the first burst, I rode easily over the entire line from Terriote to Luckady. But next day I was debarred from returning by the backwater from

First. The Tambercherry Ghát.—Here it would appear that Colonel Walker has taken upon himself to order the Sappers to leave the duty for which they were specially sent to Wynaad, and to work at the lower portion of the road in deference, as he says, to the opinion of the Collector and the Planters.

8. Colonel Walker must have been well aware, indeed he states in his letter, what the object of the Government was when it ordered a third Company to be sent to Wynaad, namely, to complete the heavy rock cutting at the top of the ghát, which I was told in 1864 would require two years' more labor; on the face of this he has, by his own statement, employed the Sappers to perform work which could very well have been executed by the ordinary labor of the country; he has wasted their labor; produced bad effects on their health; and shown in fact a want of discretion and judgment which he now admits, but the blame of which he as usual tries to impute to others, to the Collector, to the Planters, &c., &c.; but the Government hold Colonel Walker responsible for the proper employment of the means placed at his disposal; and, in my opinion, he has acted most improperly in removing the Sappers from the portion of the work which they were specially employed upon, and I am in no way disposed to allow Colonel Walker's admission of his folly to be a sufficient excuse for his conduct.

9. In his letter No. 201, dated 5th December 1865, Colonel Walker alludes to what he conceives to be a misconception on the part of the Government of the value of the road from Luckady, viâ Teriote, to Manantoddy; and he proceeds to offer his opinion not only as to the view which he expects will be taken by the North Wynaad Planters, should this road be preferred to the new Periah Ghát, but also as to the results likely to flow from such a view; these, however, are matters with which Colonel Walker has nothing to do. It is his business to obey the orders issued to him by the Government, and to carry out the work entrusted to him to the best of his ability, leaving to the Government the responsibility of vindicating the orders it pleases to issue. I am in no way disposed, notwithstanding the consequences foretold by Colonel Walker, to modify the Order of Government of 17th November last, to the effect that no more money was to be laid out on the Periah Ghát until the other more important roads are completed.

10. Colonel Walker has now been upwards of two years Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, and from the time of his appointment up to the present date, his conduct has been the constant subject of reference to the Government; he has never fairly adopted the responsibilities of his position, and has shown, on many occasions, an absence of method in dealing with his subordinates, which has been productive of the worst effects. The present correspondence is a fair type of that which has preceded it. It contains attempts to shift the responsibility of even admitted errors of judgment upon the shoulders of others; of a want of capacity to manage the subordinates of the Department; of a disposition to work out his own schemes in opposition to the orders of the Government. I cannot but think, therefore, that it would be better to remove him from the important District where he is mismanaging matters, to one of less importance. I am convinced that the work of the Public Works Department in Wynaad would progress more rapidly, and more harmoniously as regards the connection of the Department with the settlers, under another Officer, than Colonel Walker, and the sooner the change is made the better.

(Signed) W. T. DENISON.

December 12th, 1865.

No. 369. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE T. PYCROFT.

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(Signed) T. PYCROFT.

15th December 1865.

No. 370. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE H. D. PHILLIPS.

The Government have, I think, ample reason for blaming Colonel Walker for the embarrassments which so frequently result from his querulous manner of treating the deficiencies of his subordinates, and I am sensible that the observations in this and other respects, which His Excellency the President has noted, are well deserved. But Colonel Walker's Division, as regards its geographical distribution, climate, and other peculiarities arising partly from the classes of person who are resident in it, is, it seems quite clear to me, a very difficult one to manage; and I doubt whether, under new control, we should be rid of the embarrassments in question. Colonel Walker is justly acknowledged to be an energetic, laborious, highly qualified servant of the Government; and although, after considering these papers, I see much that may be condemned, I cannot avoid feeling that the public interests will better be served by communicating the displeasure of the Government, in the terms used by His Excellency the President, than by displacing Colonel Walker, and so bringing two Divisions under new Superintendents.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS.

20th December 1865.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th January 1866

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15th December 1865.

No. 370. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE H. D. PHILLIPS.

The Government have, I think, ample reason for blaming Colonel Walker for the embarrassments which so frequently result from his querulous manner of treating the deficiencies of his subordinates, and I am sensible that the observations in this and other respects, which His Excellency the President has noted, are well deserved. But Colonel Walker's Division, as regards its geographical distribution, climate, and other peculiarities arising partly from the classes of person who are resident in it, is, it seems quite clear to me, a very difficult one to manage; and I doubt whether, under new control, we should be rid of the embarrassments in question. Colonel Walker is justly acknowledged to be an energetic, laborious, highly qualified servant of the Government; and although, after considering these papers, I see much that may be condemned, I cannot avoid feeling that the public interests will better be served by communicating the displeasure of the Government, in the terms used by His Excellency the President, than by displacing Colonel Walker, and so bringing two Divisions under new Superintendents.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS.

20th December 1865.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th June 1867.

No. 572. Read the following letter from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad:—

Forwards copies of letters from the Officer in charge of North Wynaad Range, regarding the contract held by late Mr. Carter, and the amount due by him to Government. } (Here enter 21st June 1867, No. 221.)

No. 573. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1867, No. 1,913.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 68.

As the Suit instituted in the Principal Sudr Ameen's Court of Calicut, to recover from the late Mr. Carter the amount due by him to Government, is still pending, the Government decline to waive their claim against his estate, and they direct Captain Kennedy to call upon the Government Pleader to move the Court for an early hearing of the case.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Captain Kennedy.
,, J. O. Wright, Esq., Solicitor of High Court, Madras.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, *13th September* 1867.

No. 308. Read the following letter from the Special Executive Engineer, Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Luckady, 26th August 1867, No. 367 :—

1. With reference to G. O. No. 1,913, dated 26th June 1867, I have the honor to inform you that the suit against the late Mr. Carter has been decided in favor of Government for Rupees 2,936-2-0 and costs ; no representative of the defendant having made his appearance the suit has been decided *ex-parte.*

2. I shall be glad to know if Government have any further orders regarding the enforcement of the claim.

No. 309. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1867, No. 2,826.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 30.

The suit instituted against the late Mr. Carter having been decided in favor of Government, His Excellency in Council directs that steps be taken for the recovery of the amount adjudged from the assets of the estate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th November 1869.

No. 219. Read the following letter from the Officer in charge of Public Works Operations in Wynaad, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vythery, 25th October 1869, No. 405 :—

G. O., No. 178, dated 16th Jan. 1866.
,, ,, 1,913, ,, 26th June 1867.
,, ,, 2,826, ,, 13th Sept. ,,

I HAVE the honour to forward a statement showing the result of the proceedings taken in the case of the late Mr. Carter, referred to in Proceedings of Government as per margin. From this it will be seen that the legal proceedings have actually resulted in a loss to Government of Rupees 272-6-10 in costs, over and above the sum realized by the sale. I mentioned in my letter, No. 221, dated 21st June 1867, that I did not think that the estate would realize anything like the amount of the claim, and it has since deteriorated still more, until from neglect it is now absolutely worthless, except as waste land, besides having a claim against it for arrears of tax.

2. The actual loss for money paid is Rupees 3,208-8-10; the remainder is made up of interest. I request that I may be favoured with orders for the disposal of this item.

No. 220. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1869, No. 3,602.

ACCOUNT, No. 24.

G.O., No. 178, dated 16th January 1866.

IN January 1866 the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division was authorized to take legal measures against a Mr. Carter for the recovery of certain advances* which had been made to him, as was stated at the time "on due security," in excess of the value of work actually carried out on the Terriote road in the Wynaad. Whilst the suit was pending Mr. Carter died, and as no person appeared on his behalf the case was decided exparte in favour of Government. The Executive Engineer in charge of Operations in the Wynaad was accordingly instructed to take steps for the recovery of the amount adjudged from the assets of the estate. In the letter above recorded Major Kennedy reports the result of the measures adopted by him in pursuance of these instructions.

2. The Government observe that the sum realized by the sale of Mr. Carter's estate is only Rupees 130, whilst the total amount of the Decree, with interest and legal charges, aggregates Rupees 4,554-0-8, showing a loss to Government of Rupees 4,424, or Rupees 3,208-8-10 exclusive of interest. As there appears to be no prospect of any portion of this sum being recovered, His Excellency in Council grants authority for writing it off to "Profit and Loss."

	RS.	A.	P.
Outstanding advance, exclusive of interest	2,936	2	0
Legal charges	402	6	10
	3,338	8	10
Deduct amount realized by sale of estate	130	0	0
Net loss...	3,208	8	10

* Rupees 2,936-2-0.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman

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Govt. of {1869} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

MAJOR R. B. KENNEDY.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 10th.

Recd.

End.

G. O., 10th November 1869, No. 3,602.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 219-220

"*Profit and Loss*"—Permission granted for writing off to "Profit and Loss" the sum of Rupees 3,208-8-10, being the amount of loss to Government in connection with certain advances made to one Mr. Carter, who since died, in excess of the value of work actually carried out on the Terrioto road in the Wynaad.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following :—

Letter from Mrs. Mary Carter dated 29th September 1881.

FOR ORDERS.

The circumstances of the case are detailed in the papers enclosed, and summarised in G. O. No. 3602 dated 10th November 1869.

Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

Better tell Mrs. Carter all the facts as to the amt. due by her husband. the decree agst. him. the sale of the land & the results of that sale & say that Govt. regret they are unable to assist her

B.k 1992 - 25th Aug /81
do 2193 - 26th Sept /81
do 1918 - 15 Aug /81
G.O. 2602 d/ 10th Nov /81

The Hon'ble the Governor

FOR ORDERS.

.22.10 R.31.10

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No. 2724 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT,

UNDER date the 5th Novr. 1881.

Read the following :—

Letter from Mrs. M. Carter (H.E. d/ 29th September 1881)

Ordered that the following reply be sent (H.E. No. 2725 W d/ 5th Novr. 1881)

To,

Mrs. M. Carter,

Madam,

Your letter of the 29th September last has been laid before His Excellency the Governor in Council and I am now directed to furnish you with a summary of the circumstances

Connected with the sale of your late husband's estate.

2. In January 1866, it was reported to Government that Mr Carter had undertaken a contract on the Terriote road in the Wynaad, for the due fulfilment of which he had mortgaged his estate to Government; that after having received large advances, he through ill health and other causes, failed to execute the work within the stipulated time, and that when such portion of the work as had been completed, was measured, it was found that the value thereof was exceeded by the advances received, by Rupees 2936 – The Supg Engineer was authorised to take legal proceedings for the recovery of this sum, and the result was a decree in favor of Gvt for the full amount of the claim with costs.

3. While the suit was pending Mr Carter died, and the Gvt had no alternative but to endeavour to realize the amount from the assets of the estate. The latter however had so deteriorated from neglect as to be absolutely worthless

Except as waste land, and the sum realized on it was only Rs 130.

4. The total amount of the Govt. claim on the other land amounted (inclusive of interest and legal charges) to Rs 4554, and the Govt. were thus, by their connection with Mr. Carter, put to a loss of Rs 4424 or Rs 3208 Exclusive of interest.

5. Under these circumstances I am to say that this Govt. much regret their inability to assist you in any way.

2724 W

No. 2724 W.D/3/11

Outstanding advance & Exclusive of interest	Rs 2936.
Legal charges - .	" 402
	Rs 3338
Deduct amount realized by sale of estate - - - -	" 130
Net loss	" 3208

Despatched 4-11-81
" 7-12-81.

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No 3197

From

The Superintendent of Telegraphs
Madras Division

To

The Secretary
to Government of Madras
Public Works Department

Madras 1st November 1881

Sir,

Referring to G. O. of the 22d July 1881 No. 1811 W. I have the honor to inform you that the telephones which I have are only made to work through lengths of wire of about 25 miles consequently it is quite useless to attempt to work them between Madras and Ootacamund.

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

Superintendent of Tel:
Madras Division

17.6.08

GO 1811 W. 22.7.81

P. W. C. No. 6367

Recd: 2d Novr: 81

B. No. 2723 W d/ 3d Novr/81

Recorded.

3/11/81

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No. 35. W

Chepauk 1st November 1881

From

Lt. L. Langley R.E.
Executive Engineer
P.W. Dept.

To

The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, under para 437 of the P.W. Code, of my intention to apply for furlough from the 16th January next.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
L. Langley Lt. R.E.

Executive Engineer
P.W. Dept.

P. W. C. No. 6372

Recd: 2d Novr: 81

B No. 2722 W a/ 3d Novr/81

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Book DEPARTMENT.

No. 1319/328

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
18 October 1880.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

TO THE Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 3 P.W.C. dated the 8 October 1880, I have the honor to subjoin a list of the several Funds showing how they are treated in the accounts of this Office:-

Subsections of Provincial Service Account
Cattle Pound Fund
including Government Farms.
Convict Labor Fund.

Incorporated Local Funds.
Local Funds under Act IV of 1871.
Jungle Conservancy Fund.
Canal and Ferry Fund.
Village Service Fund
Irrigation Cess Fund
Police Lodging Fund.
Bearers' Fee Fund
Road Fund of Bhadrachalam
and Rekapalli Taluks.

Excluded Local Funds.
Port Funds.
Endowment Fund
Educational Building Fund
Cantonment Fund
University Fee Fund
District Road Fund (old)

I have the honor to
Sir
Your obedient Serva

W. Donald
Offg. Dy. Acct. Gen
for Acctt. Gen

HAS BEEN REGISTERED IN THE BOOKS OF THIS DEPARTMENT AS LOCAL.

C.

31/10

estimated to cost been placed at our disposal.

The order you quote refers to additions to the P. Works Provincial grant by appropriation from the Cattle Pound Fund, Convict Labor Fund &c, for works to be executed by the P.W. Dept, whereas in this case, the Executive Engr will merely supervise the work, which will be carried out entirely by the Jail authorities.

C.E. for P.W.

No. 764
31/10/81.

TO W.

Encl: one.

YOU WILL OBSERVE FROM THE ACCOMPANYING LETTER NO. I.B.D./328 OF 18TH, OCTOBER 1880, FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS, WHICH PLEASE RETURN, THAT THE CONVICT LABOR FUND IS TREATED IN THE CIVIL ACCOUNTS AS PROVINCIAL, AND THEREFORE IT WOULD APPEAR INCONSISTENT THAT THE OUTLAY ON THE WORK IN QUESTION SHOULD BE CHARGED IN THE CIVIL

[Exr. Wks. Form No. 111.]

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 18 . { P. W. DEPT.

EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras, 21st October 1881

OFFICE NOTE No. 734

To

I HAVE TO POINT OUT THAT THE ESTIMATE SANCTIONED IN G.O.NO.2411 W. DATED 30TH. SEPTEMBER 1881, FOR 'SINKING A WELL IN THE COMPOUND OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S QUARTERS AT THE CENTRAL JAIL AT RAJAHMUNDRY' SHOULD BE REGISTERED AS PROVINCIAL (CONVICT LABOR FUND) AS ACCORDING TO G.O.NO.423 W. DATED 17TH. FEBRUARY 1881, CHARGES FROM THE CONVICT LABOR FUND SHOULD BE TREATED AS PROVINCIAL.

C.

KEEP WITH Genl. No.

dated 18 .

21/10 No. 919 N d/ 25th Octr. 1881

To C.

The work is not to be executed by the P. W. Dep

nor has the sum it as

No. 2720 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 3rd Novr. 1881

Read the following :—

Office Note from the Examiner P.W. Accounts }	(A.E. No. 734 d/ 21st Octr. 1881)
Do. — to — do —	(" " 919 N d/ 25th — " —)
Do. — from — do —	(" " 764 d/ 31st — " —)

Erratum

In para 2 of G.O. No. 2411 W of 30th September 1881.

For

"This sanction has been registered as Incorporated Local Funds (Convict Labor Fund) No. 27 W of 1881-82"

Read

Read

This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 87 W of 1881-82.

Cn

2720 W. 3-11-81.

Exam

To,

The Inspr. Genl. of Jails ✓

" ~~S.W. Godavari~~ ✓
S.E. 1 Circle

" Examiner P.W. Accts ✓

" Judicial Dept ✓

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Desptd
4-11-81

W

One of the proposals of the revised Scheme consists of a contribution of Rs 2,250 per annum from Local Funds in consideration of the work done for them in the examination of Projects.

I am not aware of your views as to the utilization of this sum but I would beg to propose that a portion of it be employed in strengthening our office which is far too weak, numerically to cope with the work expected of it.

I have with me at present at Ootacamund three illpaid Clerks on salaries of Rs 60. 32. & 30. with two Attenders to help with the Records. With this Establishment I manage the best way I can. I scarcely think that the Clerks of any Subordinate office of the P. Works or any other Dept. offices are called upon to do so much as our Clerks are [illegible] to perform. I would [illegible] brought up a larger

C.

No. 2728 W d/ 3 Novr./81

Read previous C. Nos

C. Nos 3183 / 4965

B/

Recorded with the observation that the Estimate promised in the last para will be awaited

Pltt

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S. E. 2d Circle (Cold)

Despd 4-11-81-

P. W. C. No. 335

From
The Supdg Engineer,
Second Circle

Dated 31st October/81
Recd: 1st Nov. /81.

No. 468.

Calicut Jail:—

Reporting on the unsafe state of the — and stating that he has requested an approximate estimate to be prepared for renewing the cross beams & joists with iron. That from Captn. Taylor's letter, unless some arrangement can be made flooring can be done [illegible] to abandon use of [illegible]

B/

No. 2727 W

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT,

UNDER date the 3 Novr. 1881

Read the following :—

List of Disallowances of the P.W. Secretariat from the salary bill for October 1881 submitted by the Examiner P.W. Accounts, No. 386 of 1881-82 — Item (c)

Say to the two Temporary Peons in question will be admitted up to the 25th October - the date on which their services were dispensed with.

Examiner P.W. Accounts.

Pltt

3/11/81

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