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J.W.D. DEPARTMENT

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31st MARCH 1884, No. 866 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From C. W. W. MARTIN, Esq., Acting Collector and President of the Local Fund Board, Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 19th December 1883, No. 3749.

In reply to G.O., No. 2109, Financial, dated the 22nd September 1883, calling on me to report on an extract from the address of the planters and residents of the Shevaroy Hills, regarding a bandy ghât road up the Shevaroy Hills, and G.O., No. 2458, Financial, dated 25th October 1883, asking me to state whether the Local Fund Board are prepared to aid in this work and to what extent, I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that, after delaying for some time to ascertain what the subscription list promised by the planters themselves was likely to reach, I laid the matter before the Local Fund Board of Salem on the 11th December at a special meeting.

2. I had recommended that the Board should bear half the balance of the sum required to complete the ghât after the planters' subscriptions were deducted; but, as the planters list is not yet full, and as it appeared to the Board desirable to vote a certain fixed sum beyond which they should not be liable if revised estimates or other unforeseen circumstances should raise the cost of the work, the resolution took the form of that enclosed, by which the Board have agreed to subscribe Rs. 34,000 during the next and following official years.

3. The conditional form in which the resolution is worded is intended to express that, unless Government can provide the balance of the funds required and an officer to carry out the work, it will be of no use for the Local Funds to make any grant towards the work.

4. Copy of an extract from a memorandum drawn up by Mr. Mullaly in June last, showing the course of discussions and events in connection with this ghât, is as follows :—

" In July 1873, Mr. Quarne, in his letter to the Vice-President, Local Fund Board, strongly advocated the opening of a cart-road to Yercaud. He adduced figures to prove that the undertaking would be profitable, and offered to trace out the road under certain conditions.

" The Local Fund Board rejected the offer; but, evidently struck with the proposal, directed the District Engineer to make a trace and to furnish a rough estimate for a bandy-road if practicable, allotting Rs. 1,500 for the purpose. In March 1874, the Local Fund Board called for a report as to what progress had been made, and, in reply, Mr. Turner submitted a long report, which was forwarded to Government, who ordered, on 3rd July 1874, that the services of Captain Bailey be utilised for completing the trace and opening it as a bridle-path.

" Captain Bailey then applied for a grant of Rs. 1,911, which was sanctioned by the Local Fund Board on the 17th July.

" On the 16th September, Major Hunter, the District Engineer, applied for a further grant of Rs. 2,000, which the Local Fund Board refused to grant on the 23rd September.

" Again, on 1st December 1874, the District Engineer applied for an additional allotment of Rs. 350, which had actually been expended, and this was passed by the Local Fund Board, but as they discovered that the project would cost about a lakh and-a-half, they resolved to relinquish it.

" The opening of the trace gave rise to the questions of compensation and after some correspondence the Local Fund Board expended Rs. 567 as compensation for lands, &c., taken up.

" In February 1875, on the representation of the District Engineer, Government allotted Rs. 6,200 from Provincial funds for the removal of rocks from the track.

" After this, the work remained in abeyance till 1877, when the Collector recommended that the work should be taken up as a famine relief work. His recommendation was approved by the Board of Revenue but disapproved by Government.

"In September 1880, the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, asked the Local Fund Board whether they would take over the ghât trace as Government would not make any further grant from Provincial funds.

"In October 1880, the Local Fund Board were of opinion that unless Government contributed largely, and was also assisted by the planters, the work would have to be abandoned.

"This resolution was communicated to Government, who, in November 1880, refused to make any grant from Provincial funds.

"Thus we find that the Local Fund Board have allotted Rs. 4,328 and Government have allotted Rs. 6,200, total Rs. 10,528.

"The tolls on the Salem and Ahtûr ghâts yield an annual revenue of about Rs. 850, whereas the annual allotment for the upkeep of the ghâts is Rs. 3,000."

5. No estimates are to be found in the Collector's office here, but the estimate for the ghât, as framed by Major Montgomerie, is stated to have been Rs. 1,00,000, Captain Bailey's estimate to have been Rs. 64,000, and Mr. Mahony's Rs. 73,500, in addition to the Rs. 10,528 already spent jointly by Government and the Local Fund Board. With regard to this latter estimate Mr. H. E. Stokes has recorded the following remarks:—

"Mr. Mahony's Rough Estimate to 18 feet roadway.

	RS.
"12½ miles, at Rs. 2,000 per mile, earthwork	25,000
Side and catch drains, at Rs. 500 per mile	6,250
Blasting (a guess)	30,000
Dams for three large streams	1,500
Compensation	3,500
Sundries	2,250
	68,500
Revetment and parapets	5,000
Total	73,500

"This is entirely exclusive of the work now being done.

"To have it 12 feet roadway where there is rock, which would never be for more than a furlong, would take off about 20,000.

"Mr. Mahony has taken very high rates."

It seems probable therefore that under an economical, skilful officer the further work to be done on the road may be lessened in cost.

6. The first subscription list sent to me from the Planters' Association has reached Rs. 2505, but Mr. Lechler expressed himself sanguine at the special meeting of raising a much larger sum. I am writing to the Secretary of the Association to have every exertion made without delay to increase the list, and have it closed as soon as possible, in order that Government may be in a position to judge of the total amount that would fall on Provincial funds.

7. The District Engineer has been asked to furnish me with the estimates alluded to.

ENCLOSURE.

Proceedings of the Local Fund Board, Salem Circle, at their Special Meeting held at Salem on Tuesday the 11th December 1883.

Read G.Os., Nos. 2109 and 2458, Financial, dated 22nd September and 25th October 1883, respectively, requesting the President, Local Fund Board, Salem, to report on the subject of the provision of a cart-road to Yercaud, and the extent to which the Local Board are prepared to aid in this matter.

Read also President's minute, dated 5th December 1883, pointing out certain reasons as to why Local and Provincial funds should contribute a large share of the cost of making this road, and suggesting that the Local Fund Board should subscribe during this year and next Rs. 42,000 for the purpose.

The Board determine to pass the sum of Rs. 34,000 to be provided out of the funds available during 1884-85 and 1885-86 for this work, being half of what is understood to be the balance required minus what the Planting Association are likely to raise, as stated by Mr. Lechler at this meeting. This sum they can only provide on the understanding that Government will provide

from Provincial funds the balance required to complete the work, and will place the expenditure under a special officer whose salary should also be borne by Provincial funds, and whose services should be continued, if possible, up to the completion of the work.

From C. W. W. MARTIN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Board, Salem, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 9th February 1884, No. 310.

With reference to paragraph 7 of my letter, No. 3749, dated 19th December 1883, I have the honor to report that, as far as can be ascertained, there were no complete regular estimates for the cost of making the Yercaud bandy ghât road, and that those * quoted by Mr. Stokes seem to be only approximate.

* Vide paragraph 5 of my letter.

No. 369, Financial.

Transferred to the Public Works Department, with original notes.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22nd February 1884.

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 31st March 1884, No. 866 W., Public Works.

The foregoing papers refer to the promise made in paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 2858 W., dated 11th October 1883, to consider the propriety of making a grant from Provincial funds towards the cost of a good cart-road from Salem to Yercaud, if the Local Fund Board were prepared to assist in the work.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is decidedly in favor of improving the communication with the Shevaroy Hills, but he is of opinion that the people who will gain most by such improvement,—the owners of property on the hills,—may fairly be expected to bear a large portion of the cost.

3. When His Excellency visited Yercaud, in July 1883, one of the arguments used by the planters in support of their request was that they were prepared to make a "substantial contribution" towards its cost, but the sum promised by them is stated by the Collector to be only Rs. 2,505.

4. So far as can be ascertained, no accurate estimate of the cost of the proposed road has ever been made. It has been approximately estimated at sums varying from Rs. 64,000 to Rs. 1,00,000; and it appears probable that the cost of a good cart-road will reach the last-named sum.

5. The Local Fund Board have conditionally promised a contribution of one-third of that amount, or Rs. 34,000. If, in addition to that contribution from the Local Fund Board, the planters and residents will undertake to contribute an equal sum, the Government will depute an officer to make an estimate of the cost in detail. With that estimate before them, they will be in a position to state how much can be contributed from Provincial funds.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Financial Department.

" Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Honorary Secretary, Shevaroy Planters' Association.

Exd. E. Fernandez.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated March, 31st.

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G.O., 31st March 1884, No. 866 W.

MARCH.

Road

Regarding funds for constructing a good
cart — from Salem to Yercaud.

No. 3745

Local Fund Board Office
Salem circle
19 December 1883

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For the Local Fund Board
of Collector & President
of Local Fund Board, Salem

The Secretary, Government
Financial Department,
Madras.

In reply to G.O. No. 2109 Financial
dated the 21st September 1883 containing
an order to report on an estimate from
the address of the Planter and President
of the Sheringhills regarding a boundary
chamber road up the Sheringhills and
G.O. No. 2458 Financial dated 20 October
1883 regarding to state whether the
Local Fund Board are prepared to
aid in this work and to make estimate
I have the honor to state for the
information of Government that
after delay for some time to
ascertain what the subscription list
furnished by the Planter then the
was likely to reach. I had the matter
before the Local Fund Board of Salem

Govt. of (1884) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Recd.

Encl.

MARCH.

Regarding funds for constructing a good
cart — from Salem to Yercaud.

" Captain Kerley was engaged for
" completing the track and opening it
" as a bullock path.

" Captain Kerley then applied for
" a grant of Rs 190 which was
" sanctioned by the Local Fund
" Board on the 14th July.

" On the 16th September Major
" Hunter the District Engineer applied
" for a further grant of Rs 2000 which
" the Local Fund Board refused
" to grant on the 23rd September.

" Again on 1st December 1874 the
" District Engineer applied for an
" additional allotment of Rs 300 which
" had actually been expended &
" this was passed by the Local Fund
" Board but as they discovered that
" the project would cost about a lac
" and a half they resolved to relinquish
" it.

" The opening of the track gave rise to the
" questions of compensation and after
" some correspondence the Local
" Fund Board expended Rs 567 as
" compensation for lands etc. taken
" up.

" In February 1875 a grant of Rs 1000 was
" sanctioned for the same purpose.

" After the District Engineer, Government
" allotted Rs 600 from Provincial
" funds for the removal of rocks from
" the track.

" After this no work remained
" in abeyance till 1877 when the
" Collector recommended that
" the work should be taken up
" as a famine-relief work. His
" recommendation was approved
" by the Board of Revenue but disapproved
" by Government.

" In September 1880 the District
" Engineer D.P.M. asked
" the Local Fund Board whether
" they would take over the grant
" trace as Government would
" not make any further grant
" from Provincial funds.

" In October 1880 the Local Fund
" Board were of opinion that neither
" Government contributed largely
" and was also assisted by the District
" the work would have been abandoned
" x x x
" This resolution was communicated
" to Government who in November

" 1882 refused to make any grant
from Provincial funds.

" Thus we find that the Local Board
have allotted Rs 4328 and
Government have allotted Rs 6200
total Rs 10528.

" The table on the Calcutta road
shows grants of Rs 8.50 whereas the
annual allotment for the upkeep
of the road is Rs 3000. -

" No estimates are to be found in
the Collector's office here but the
estimate for the grant
as framed by Major Dainton
is stated to have been 100,000 Rs. Captain
Barley's estimate to have been 61,000
and Mr Mahony 73,000 in addition
to the 105,28 Rs already spent jointly
by Government and the Local
Council Board. With regard to the
latter estimate Mr H. E. Stokes has
recorded the following remarks.
" Mr Mahony's rough estimate to 10 ft
roadway.

" 1 1/2 mile at 2000 per mile earth work 25000

" Hide and catch drain about 3000
" Blasting (a guess) 5000
" Dams for 3 large streams 1500
" Compensation 3500
" Sundries 2250
" Perpetual & prospects 18000
" This is entirely inadequate of the work
" now being done
" to have a 12 ft roadway where the
" work which would never be for
" more than a furlong would take off
" about 10000.

" Mr Mahony has taken very high
rates."

" It is probable therefore that under
an economical skilful officer the
further work to be done on the road
may be lessened in cost.

" The first subscription list sent
from the Planted Association
has reached 350 but our books
expressed himself to Mr Dainton at the
special meeting of 22nd August
largest sum of 1000 sent to the
Secretary of the Association to have
every action made in that

delay to increase the list and have
it closed as soon as possible in
order that Government may be
in a position to judge of the total
amount that would follow.

Commercial Districts

7. The District Engineer has been
asked to furnish data as to the
estimates alluded to.

Sharon Robinson

Sir

Your obedient servant

C. W. Smith
Collector of Customs

W.S.

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Read

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14/12/33 No. 2868 — — —
Faint Ch. 1741 — Logged 30/11/78.
Faint 50. No. 2868 7/11 Dec/33.

The President,
Local Fund Board, Salem

No. 3719

Dated 19 Decr

Dated 17-2-1893
Received 20-2-1893

Enclosures one

SUBJECT.

Submitting the report
called for regarding a
bandy short road to
Greene and the extent
of aid which the La Crosse
L. F. Board are prepared
to give for the purpose.

For

Proceedings of the Local Hunt Board, Fakenbridge
at their Special Meeting held at Faken on Tuesday
the 11th December 1945. 866

President

Co. Dr. Dr. Martin Eugene President
 Ljed Khadr Padahal Sahib Br. hndr the President
 Dr. Dr. Goodrich Eugene Suprt of Central Jail
 Salem

Dr John Bradshaw Inspector of Schools.

In RR. A Sudarshana Rao Puntala Jami
Jl. of Collector

" H. Lakshmana Rao for Insult & Slander

Non-off. members

Reverend Mr. Phillips, London Museum, Salem

Ch. L. Lech, Esq. ^{was} General

Mr. R. R. A. [illegible]

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Read. G. S. Nos. 2109 & 2458, Financial

dated 22^d Sept and 20th Octbr 1883 respectively
requesting the President L. J. Bourd Salem
to report on the subject of the provision of a
cart road to Geocand and the extent to
which the Local Board are prepared to aid
in this matter

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Read also President's minute dated 5th
December 1883, pointing out certain reasons as to
why Local and Provincial Funds should
contribute a large share of the cost of making
this road and suggesting that the Local
Fund Board should contribute during this
year and next the £2,000 for the purpose.

The Board determined to pass the sum of £34,000
to be provided out of the funds available during
1884-85 and 1885-86 for this work, being half
of what is understood that the Government
required minus what the Planting Association
are likely to raise as stated by Mr. Leckie at
this meeting. This shows they can only provide
on the understanding that Government will
provide from Provincial Funds the balance
required to complete the work and will place
the Expenditure under a Special Officer whose
Salary should also be borne by Provincial
Funds and whose services should be
continued if possible, up to the completion
of the work.

C. W. W. Martin Esq.
Thames

No. 310
Salisbury L. I. Board's Office
9th February 1884
From C. W. W. Martin Esq. 88/9

President L. I. Board

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Department
Madras.

Sir,
With reference to para 7 of my letter
No. 3749 dated 19th December 1883, I have the
honor to report that as far as can be ascertained,
there were no complete regular estimates for
the cost of making the Yercaud, Pandya ghost
road, and that those quoted by Mr. Stokes
seem to be only approximate.

vide para 5
of my letter

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant
For President

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Received of the
Hon. Secy of the Interior
for the purpose of
the same

The Chief Secretary
of the Government
has the honor to
acknowledge the
receipt of the
same

Departing that there
is no regular estimate for
for the probable cost of
the person a heavy
sum

Circumstances
Therewith

CURRENT No. 499

From the Collector President
and District Magistrate,

L. I. Board, Salem.

To The Chief Secretary
Government
Financial Dept.
Madras.

Dated 9th February 1884

No. 310

SUBJECT.

Reporting that there were
no regular estimates prepared
for the probable cost of making
the proposed heavy granite
road.

Financial Dept.

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Letter from the President,
L. I. Board, Salem District, dated
19th December 1883, & 9th February 1884,
Nos 3749 & 310.

No 369

Transferred to the Public
Works Department with original
notes.

For the Secretary

Chief Secretary

For St. George
22nd Feb 1884

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 " 55 May 6 1877
 " 67 May 20 1877
 " 105 Sep 15 1877
 " 142 Apr 10 1878
 " 171 May 14 1878
 " 211 Sep 11 1878
 " 254 Sep 20 1878
 " 316 Apr 1 1879
 " 376 May 13 1879
 " 402 Sep 6 1879
 " 436 May 9 1880

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Seven and 1/2 that road.

The Board, it is stated, will provide Rs. 34,000 for work in 1884-85 & 85-86, but this provision is conditional on provt., after the Planters have given a share, providing the balance to be met and deputing a special officer to complete the work.

The Planters appear to have promised
so far \$2500 + more is expected.

There is apparently no accurate estimate of the cost furthering, but 3 estimates, stated to be approximate, have been prepared at different periods.

Col: Hunt & services - Rs. 1,00,000
 Capt & family's - " 64,000
 Mr. Maloney's - " 78,500.
 " 1,00,000

the Hon. member, the Hon. ^{Mr} Master,
notes that the Board "have made
a very reasonable offer" and "Proposed
ought to keep if and when funds
are available".

Supposing that the work will cost Rs. 80000 and that the Planters' subscriptions bring the entire amount up to Rs. 40000, there will be Rs. 40000 to find from Provincial, or

the papers were taken into
Council, and the order was
then modified.

1875

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 " 428. 15-2-75.
 B. 1942 W. 23-4-78.
 A. 2129 W. 10-9-80.
 A. 2662 W. 22-11-80.
 A. 250 W. 31-1-81.
 A. 2858 W. 11-10-82.

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 100 W. 6/5/77
 11 3/4 W. 1/53
 50 3/4 W. 1/83
 600 W. 1/52
 100 W. 1/53
 300 W. 6/5/73
 1350 W. 9/5/80

if the work will take two years,
 Rs. 2000 in 1884-85 and Rs. 2000
 in 85-86. This after all is not
 very much, but the salary & allowances
 of a P.W. Officer & small staff have
 also to be added.

I presume the first thing to be
 done to, if ~~first~~ an ~~idea~~ ^{idea} is
 decided, is the preparation of a
 reliable estimate & plans, and for
 this an Officer & surveyors must be
 found.

Mr. E. Clark, with his fitting
 practical experience, would probably be
 a very suitable man, and to
 assist in the work some of the
 subordinate staff he had under
 his orders would be just the men.

Mr. Todd also would be, I think,
 a very suitable officer.

C. A. W.
 27-2-84

C. A. W. Feb 14

Some time before 1864
 a considerable sum was
 spent in constructing a
 road from the Shevaroy
 plateau to the Mullapudam
 station on the M. R.

I believe the work was
 nearly completed, with
 exception of bridges.

Is anything on record
 respecting the project?
 The late W. J. B. Horton
 was one of the chief
 advocates for it.

W.
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An urgent requisition
 has been sent to the
 Govt for papers.

L.S.
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Copy of
 Govt. Order of 8/3/84

the papers were taken into
 Council, and the order was
 then modified.

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The papers were taken into
 Council, and the order was
 then modified.

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J. 1881

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Letter from Salem L. F.
 Board - respecting construction
 of cart road to the Shevaroy
 plateau. dated 19-12-83.
 Transferred from Financial
 Dept.

for orders.

The question of constructing
 this road was reviewed during
 the tour made in July 1883 by
 H.E. the Governor, - and the
 order thereon was originally
 drafted as follows: -

"This is a question which
 must be settled between
 the L. F. Board and the
 residents of Yercaud.
 It has already been decided
 that Provincial funds
 cannot be diverted to the
 work"

Under instructions from H.E.
 the papers were taken into
 Council, and the order was
 then modified.

Before coming to any decision
 as to where the funds are
 to come from or what
 proportion of the cost may
 be accepted as a Provincial
 charge we must have a
 reliable estimate of the
 amount. The construction
 of a road for wheel traffic
 between Salem & Yercaud
 & the road would help
 to open out the Shevaroy, &
 attract residents visitors and
 possibly develop agricultural
 industries, and when funds
 are available the project is
 entitled to consideration from
 Provincial authorities.

The road was traced during 1874-5, but so far as can be ascertained no detailed estimate for the work has ever been made.

The cost seems to have been approximately estimated as follows: -

by Lt. Col. Montgomery.	£ 1,00,000
• Captain Bailey.	64,000
• W. Mahony.	73,500

I have walked over the trace, and am of opinion that to make a good cart-road would cost the largest of those sums, at least.

If further action is to be taken, the first essential is the preparation of reliable estimates. If this is determined on, the services of 4 qualified officers will be made available for the work as soon as possible. At present no officers could be deputed without serious inconvenience.

Must depend on the total cost and the proportions which shall fairly be met from local resources - When an officer can be spared let us have an estimate.
12/3 H.S.

I am decidedly in favor of improving the communication with the Sheraroy but the people who will gain most by improving the communication will be the owners of property on their hills if they are ready to come forward & contribute largely good & well but till they do so it is idle to take any action.

If the road cost a lakh of rupees & they gave 40,000, the Local Board 34,000 the Govt might give the rest I think.
Maid 14/84

I think H.E.'s proposal a very fair one. The Salem Board & Sheraroy Planters might be told accordingly. Pending provision of funds in the manner suggested I do not employ an officer to make estimates. 1873

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The L. F. Board make a conditional promise of £ 34,000.

When H.E. visited Gercand, one of the arguments used by the Planters was that they were prepared to make a "substantial contribution" towards the cost, but the sum promised by them is stated by W. Martin to be only £ 2,505

Important as the work may appear to the Planters & residents, there are many much more urgent claims upon Provincial funds from other parts of the Presidency, - and I am of opinion that those directly interested in the work may fairly be expected to bear the greater part of the cost.

In proportion to the size & population of the Sheraroy plateau, it is fairly provided with means of access in the shape of two roads available for horses & foot passengers. Each of these roads brings Gercand within a distance of about 13 miles of a Railway station.

Besides these two roads,

a considerable sum was spent, some 20 years ago, in opening out a cart-road from Yercaud to the Mallapuram Station. This outlay was incurred on the urgent agitation of the Planters of that day. I have not myself been over the whole trace, but I understand that the work was nearly finished, when for some reason it was abandoned. The reason is probably on record, but I have not been able to ascertain it, - nor how much money was spent on the work.

Messrs

8.3.84.

~~From H. E. Sutherland~~
~~At Home the former~~
~~From C. G. Master~~

17.3.84

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Financial DEPARTMENT.

No.

From The President, Local Taxes Board, Salem.
 No. 3749: dated 19 December 1883.

Not approved
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FOR ORDERS.

It is submitted that Govt. should distinctly decline to hold out any hope of a Provincial grant.

It is natural for the persons living at Yercaud to wish a good road, but Lament. Col. Pennycook's remarks are as true this day as when they were pronounced.

2. Only a few weeks ago the Fox Master General reported that as there were only 95 inhabitants, the ^{sub} office at Yercaud would not be raised to a higher class. The argument from the 11,000 Mahabharat may be taken for what it is worth. Even if there this we had better claims than it has, there is little

The G.O. 10 Sept 1880
 N° 2, 129 W. 25 affirmed
 in G.O. 22 - N° 18 - 1880
 N° 2, 65 L.W. It may
 involved not depend
 on the work.
 Financial Department
 make it impossible to
 furnish a grant at
 present but it is not
 be just to calculate
 the importance of the
 grant and by causing
 the of plantation with
 bills. The development of
 these little tract is a
 matter of great importance
 to the Province generally &
 the State. It is a
 fact that the grant will cost a
 lakh of Rupees a while
 the plantation & 7 Board
 are ready to contribute the
 greater proportion of the total
 cost. It is much to come up

money to spare
now that Govt. have
to keep a large
balance locked up,
& the urgent claims
are many.

to the prominent
for a point. 8/10
19/10/82

If I read clause (1)
Go. 11 Oct last no 2838
W. as a P.W. promise
to consider the propri-
ety of making a grant
then these papers
shd be transferred
to that Dept.

I think the Local
Fund Board have
made a very reason-
able offer and
I consider Provin-
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if when funds
are available &
when the Planters
come forward with
their share.

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Bandy Ghāt Road
to Yercaud

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Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the March 31, 1886

Read the following:— 866
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Letter from the President,

L. F. B., Salem 308 A.C. No 3749d/Sec. 19. 1883

do do (" " 310 d/ Feb. 9. 1884)

End to thereon in Finl Department (" " 369 d/ Feb. 22.)

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The foregoing papers
refer to the promise made
in para 1 of G.O. No 2858W of
11th October 1883, to consider
the propriety of making a
grant from Provincial
funds towards the cost of a
good cart road from
Salem to Yercaud, if the

L. J. Board were prepared to assist in the work.

2. The Rt Honble the Governor in Council is decidedly in favour of improving the communication with the Shevaroy Hills, but he is of opinion that the people who will gain most by such improvement, the owners of property on the Hills, - may fairly be ^{a large} expected to bear the ^{greater} ^{portion} of the cost.

3. When His Excellency visited Yercaud in July 1853, one of the arguments used by the planters in support of their request was that they were prepared to make

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a "substantial contribution" towards its cost, but the sum promised by them is stated by the Collector to be only Rupees 2,505/-

4. So far as can be ascertained, no accurate estimate of the cost of the proposed road has ever been made. It has been approximately estimated at sums varying from Rs 64,000 to Rs 1,00,000; and it appears probable that the cost of a good cart road will reach the last-named sum.

5. The L. J. Board have conditionally promised a contribution of ~~Rs 2,505/-~~

one third of that amount,
or Rs 34,000/- If, in

addition to that contribution
from the L. J. Board,

the planters and residents

will undertake to con-
tribute an equal sum,

the Government will depute
an officer to make an

estimate of the cost in
detail. With that estimate

before them, they will be

in a position to state

how much can be contributed

from Provincial funds. To,

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The Hon. A. E. Sullivan



The Financial Dept.

" S. E. W. Circle

" Honry. Secretary,

Shewanay Planters Association

(The Chief Secretary for communications)

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C.D. 31 Mar 1884 No. 866 H

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Regard my funds
for constructing
a good cart
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