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2. This Government Order has not been communicated to me by Government.

3. I accordingly addressed the Travancore Government, and now learn from the Dewan that he is prepared to arrange for the maintenance of roads in the Quilon cantonment by the Travancore Public Works Department, should Government so desire it, but considers that some remuneration should be given to the officers who execute the works.

4. From G.O., of 28th September 1877, No. 794 W., paragraph 4 of the Resident's letter, it will be seen that the then Resident was of opinion that it would be necessary to remunerate the Chief Engineer for the extra duties thrown on him.

5. I have therefore the honor to request the orders of Government on the subject.

From Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 6th May 1887, No. 195-E.W.

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2. There has never been a subordinate of this department stationed there, and as the place is some eighty miles south of Cochin—the nearest place in the West Coast Division which our officers have occasionally to visit—it is not desirable that this department should undertake work there if it can be avoided.

3. Colonel Wynch, the present Commandant, states that up to 1874 an annual maintenance grant of Rs. 1,200 was allowed for the upkeep of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles of road in the station, but that since then, the amount was reduced to Rs. 450, which has been found insufficient, and the roads are now in a ruinous state.

4. I am of opinion that the Travancore Government should be asked to allow their Chief Engineer, who has an establishment in that neighbourhood, (1) to estimate for putting the roads in thorough repair, and (2) to state what he considers a fair allowance for maintenance.

5. With regard to remuneration, I propose that the usual 23 per cent. now allowed to municipalities and local fund boards who undertake works for the department should be allowed the Travancore Government in addition to the amount of any estimate or repair grant, and that the Travancore Government be left to decide what proportion of the 23 per cent. should be paid to the officers of their Government.

6. A similar arrangement might be allowed with the Travancore and Cochin Governments in regard to any other works which this department should at any future time be unable to undertake.

No. 106.

Forwarded to the Political Department, with reference to endorsement from that department, dated 20th April 1887, herewith returned.

2. The suggestions in paragraphs 4 to 6 of the Superintending Engineer's letter are approved in the Public Works Department.

OOTACAMUND,
13th May 1887.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 25th May 1887, No. 395, Political.

The proposals of the Superintending Engineer will be communicated by the Resident to the Travancore and Cochin Governments for their acceptance, if they see no objection.

(True Extract.)

H. E. STOKES,
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To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
„ Public Works Department.

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