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Local and Municipal Department.

10/8/95 28/8/95

To

The Public Works Deptt.

Proceedings, dated 11th December 1895,
No. 2400 L.

Subject.

Road

Communicating to the P.W.D.
papers on question of opening a
— from Kodaikanal to Lower
C.I.

- 1.4.95 N-1387C
- 10.8.95 .. 2487C
- 2.8.95 .. 1959A
- 10.5.95 .. 1781C
- 24.5.95 .. 2248
- 4.2.95 .. 2695
- 22.1.95 .. 4645
- 15.1.95 .. 113C
- 8.12.94 .. 3469C

1st Remittance issued - 11-5-96

Encls 23 (3 blank)

Decs: 13.12.95

N^o 328/ W. 726 Dec 1895

Comdr
to the Supdy. Encl. II
C.I., who will
now submit
detailed plans
+ estimates for
a bridge path.

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Sd. H. C. I., with
off. encls (to be
returned) + copy of
C.I.'s memo N-1387
of 1.4.95.

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Cno 9993.

Kadavidanal Shast.

For orders whether
detailed plans & estimates
for a bridge path shall
now be called for.

The S. D. is approv-
ing estimate of Rs 1000
for a carriage road
has not been disused
by the District Board,
but the Planters Association
& local bodies are
all in favour of the
bridge path for the
present, & the Dist. Board
is willing to take it over
& maintain it if made.

The L. & M. Dept
has on the papers without
removal, & nothing is
said in the papers as to
the funds for the
construction of the bridge
path, but apparently
the intention is that the
work is to be carried
out from Provincial
funds, & made over
to the Dist. Board.

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18.12.95



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following papers—

From the Public Works Department, dated
1st April 1895, N^o. 1381 C, transferring Note
by the Chief Engineer P. W. D. on letters of
the Superintending Engineer V Circle in
connection with the proposed road from
Kodaikanal to Attur.

From the President, District Board, Madras
dated 22nd July 1895, N^o. 82.

With reference to Government Endorsement
N^o. 585 and in continuation of my
letter N^o. 78 I have the honour
to submit copy of the District Board
solution N^o. 113 on the Chief Engineer's
note in connection with the proposed
road from Kodaikanal to Lower
The papers which accompanied are
returned with the plan.

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From the Public Works Department dated
August 1895, N^o 1959 W, Communicating to
Superintending Engineer VI Circle Landells
stating that the Resolution of the District
Board of Madura regarding a road from
Kodaikanal to the Lower Palnis will be
communicated duly.

From the President, District Board, Madura,
dated 21st November 1895, N^o 136.

With reference to memorandum of Govern-
ment N^o $\frac{1181}{23.8.95}$ calling the attention of
District Board to paras 5 and 6 of the ^{Eng W}
of Engineer's note regarding the proposed
thin Ghat road, I have the honour to
forward copy of a resolution passed by
District Board at a meeting held on
Instant.

The Board was unanimously in favour
of accepting the offer of Government and will
take over the maintenance of the
path when constructed.

Regarding the other point of reference
the benefit that would accrue to
the

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the Lower Palnis would justify the ex-
penditure of Rs 85,000 upon the path. a
small minority thought the question should
be postponed till they had sufficient materials
before them to be able to advise Govern-
ment as to the best route for opening
up the Lower Palnis. It was explained
that this was not the point, and that the
question was whether the expenditure upon
the particular path selected was justifiable.
This question the large majority had no
hesitation in answering in the affirmative,
and personally I think there can be
no doubt in the matter at all.

4 I enclose the report of the sub collector
on the subject with its enclosures among
which I would specially invite attention
to the letter from the Lower Palnis
Planters' Association dated 22nd September
1895, wherein the advantages of the path
are very fairly set out. The value of the produce
now sent down from the Lower Palnis in the
shape of coffee plantains & cardamoms

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From
"Aug is estimated at 13½ lakhs but there can be
no doubt that the opening of a direct and
steady route down to the plains will result
Board in a considerable extension of cultivation
Kodaike 5. Do far as I have been able to ascertain
the route selected is as convenient as any
From other could be for the purpose of opening
led 21" up the Lower Palnis, apart from its value
With as affording a direct communication
N. through to Kodaikanal. Gradually the new
District route will attract nearly all the traffic which
of Eng now goes down the various ghats, for vested
their Gh interests and custom will not be able to
ward stand against the advantages of an easier
District gradient which will admit of the use of
"Insta pack bullocks instead of ponies and coolies
the B. and of a more direct route to the
Railway.

Order N. 2400 L. Mis., dated 11th December 1895.

The President's letters, with
their enclosures, read above will be
communicated

Communicated to the Public Works De
partment.

(True extract)

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Ag. Asst^g Secretary,
for Chief Secretary.

To

The Public Works Department,
with papers in original.
" President, District Board, Madurai