

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 914 W

DATED 31 March 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Road, Pro: Judicial Dept sanctioning the
Preparation of an estimate for Constructing
— from Anakayam in Malabar to join
the Paudikad Angadipuram road at the
Opuwampuram Mosque, Comd^d to S.E. IV Civil
for guidance.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.
Read again G.O., No. 1567 Judicial, dated 30th September 1896

also
Read the following paper:—

From the Collector of Malabar, No. 258/Pub, dated 29th January 1897:—

I have the honour to submit the report called for in para 10 of G.O., No. 1567 Judicial, dated the 30th September 1896.

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2. The proposed road from the Kutlangadi ferry (on the Malapuram - Angadipuram road) to Pandikad, via the Pandalur hill, does not take the place of any of the other roads which have been recommended for opening out the Moplah country. It is required independently of them.

3. Mr. Fawcett proposes, vide my letter dated 27th November 1896 No. 2390/Pub, to commence the road from Ana ~~K~~ayam instead of from Kutlangadi. This road would branch off the Manjeri - Angadipuram road a little south of the junction with the Manjeri - Malapuram road. It would follow a passable cart-track for about three quarters of a mile. It would then descend along the foot-path, or a new trace as thought desirable, down to the river another mile or so further on. After crossing the river the road should be taken through the villages of Pandalur and Mudikod and join the Pandikad - Angadipuram road at the Oruvampuram Mosque.

4. I consider that Mr. Fawcett's line is far preferable to the line originally proposed from Kutlangadi to Pandikad. In the first place there is no urgent necessity for opening up further at present the tract of country enclosed in the

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formed by the Manjeri - Malapuram, Manjeri - Angadipuram, and Malapuram - Angadipuram roads. Whereas it is most essential to open up a direct road for cart-traffic between the Pandikad- Angadipuram, and Manjeri - Angadipuram roads.

5. In the second place I am informed by Mr. Fawcett, who says the Kutlangadi - Pandikad road being traced, that it is proposed to take it over the Southern Spurs of a Pandalur hill. This would not only be needlessly expensive but would be far more fatiguing to the men and animals who had occasion to use it than Mr. Fawcett's line, which would go through the Valley lying on the northern side of the hill.

6. I have consulted the District Engineer who is in favour of Mr. Fawcett's line for professional reasons. I therefore, recommend that it may be adopted. The strategic advantages of such a road cannot be over-estimated, and it will also tend to bring the fanatical inhabitants of the sequestered valley into free contact with the outside world.

7. The only difficulty is about funds. The Government will see from the last Budget report that the District Board already has enough to do to make both ends meet. The Government is also doubtless pressed for money during the famine time. But if the rains this year should be favourable, I would ask the Government to spare funds to open the road in January next.

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ORDER :- No. 279 dated 25th February 1897.

The preparation of an estimate for the road described by the Collector is sanctioned. The officer of the Public Works Department who is already engaged in drawing ^{up} estimates for the other new roads in East Ernad will be requested in the Public Works Department to frame an estimate for this road also as soon as those for the others are completed. The question of the allotment of funds for carrying out the work will be subsequently considered.

2. The Public Works Department will be requested to issue orders stopping the scrutiny of the estimate for Rs. 15,500 for the road from Kutlangadi ferry to Pandikad via the Pandalur Hill which was directed in paragraph 10 of G.O., No. 1567 Judicial dated 30th September 1896, as this road will not now be needed.

(True Extract)

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To
The Public Works Department
Collector of Malabar
with copy of H.M.S. & H.E. notes

for Chief Secretary