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READ the following paper*—

From the Public Works Department, No. 25 D., dated 28th April 1899, transferring for disposal a file of demi-official letters on the subject of grants for Wynnad roads.

ORDER:- No.1221 L.Mis., dated 15th June 1899.

With reference to his letter to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor forwarding a representation from the Wynad Planters' Association on the subject of the Provincial grant to the Calicut Vayitiri and Chundale Mysore frontier roads, Mr. Romilly will be informed that he is mistaken in supposing that there is actually less money than before to be spent on the upkeep of the main road down the ghat to Calicut. While the maintenance allotment of the sections from Choladi bridge to Meggadi and from the foot of the ghat to Calicut has been allowed to remain at the original figure, that of the Sections from Meggadi to the foot of the ghat has been raised from Rs.8,500 to Rs.10,750 per annum.

2. As regards the representations of the Association, it is observed that the meaning of G.O., No. 2379 L., dated 13th December 1898 was quite plain and the President of the Malabar District Board clearly misunderstood it.

3. The statement of gain and loss given in para.3 of Mr. Hockin's letter of the 15th March 1899 is wrong inasmuch as it does not take into account the allotment of Rs.4,664 for the Chundale

Sultan's

Sultan's Battery road in 1898-99. The total loss was thus not Rs. 7,250 + 5,200 but Rs. 7,250 - 4,664 + 5,200 or Rs. 7,786 which is the amount the District Board has to find over and above what it provided last year.

4. In para. 4 of his letter, Mr. Hockins refers to a letter of the President, District Board, Malabar, in which he stated that the above amount could be found only by appropriation from the working balance of Rs. 11,670 obtained by cutting down expenditure to a minimum. The President's calculations were, however, wrong as the budget, as originally prepared, took no credit for the Provincial grant and the working balance was therefore increased by Rs. 16,500 after receipt of this grant.

5. With reference to para. 5 of Mr. Hockins' letter, it is observed that the real position is as follows:-

In 1898-99 Provincial grant:	::	Rs.	::	6,500
Allotment for Chundale Sultan's Battery road	::		::	<u>4,664</u>
Gain to Board:	::		::	<u>1,836</u>
In 1899-1900 Provincial grant:	::		::	16,500
Amount ordered to be spent on Chundale Mysore frontier road:-				<u>13,450</u>
Gain to Board:	::		::	<u>4,050</u>
Deduct additional allotment for Mappadi Chundale road:				2,650-1,050
"		Chundale Iackadi road:		94
"		road from Iackadi to foot of ghat: 1,100		2,244
Net gain to Board	::		::	<u>1,806.</u>

6. The Planters' Association will observe that the increase of Rs. 10,000 in the Provincial grant was not placed at the unfettered disposal of the District Board but was intended to be spent in

- (1) Maintaining the Sultan's Battery-Mysore frontier road: Rs. 5,200
 - (2) Increasing grant to the Mappadi Chundale road: :: Rs. 1,050
 - (3) " Chundale to Sultan's Battery road: :: 12,586
 - (4) " Chundale Iackadi road: :: 94
 - and (5) " Iackadi to foot of ghat road: :: 1,100
- 10,030
If

If the whole of the extra grant is spent on the Calicut-Vayitiri road as required by the association, the result will be that the Chundale to Mysore frontier road will gradually deteriorate and special measures will have to be taken by Government for placing it in good order again.

7. As however it appears that the Tamaracheri ghat road has been allowed to get into a worse state of repairs than when the Chief Engineer saw it in November last, the Government consents to the maintenance of the Chundale to Sultan's Battery road which is now being improved by the Public Works Department being transferred to that Department. The District Board will thus be relieved of the contribution of Rs. 7,250 on this account, and the amount thus set free may now be devoted to the improvement of the ghat road.

(True Extract)

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" Public Works Department.