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From

The Collector of Nilgiris

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government, Madras.

Dated

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Kilgiri Collector's Office
Cotacumund 14th March 1893

From

C. Wolfe-Murray Esquire,
Acting Collector of Kilgiris

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith
a copy of my letter to the Chief Engineer
regarding the state of the Coonoor grant,
which is now in a far worse condition than
it was in October 1891 and the weather is still
very stormy.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

W. P. S.

for Ag. Collector.

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expense in future and much present inconvenience. The inferior staff have not the power to see what is required.

6. As for communication with the place, the shortly-to-be seat of Government is a matter of the utmost importance, I am sending a copy of this to the Chief Secretary to Government. It would be of infinite service, I think, if you could satisfy yourself of the truth of my remarks by a personal visit. I conclude that it is a sine qua non that a new and stronger bridge will be thrown over the Mullar within the next 6 months.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) C. Wolfe-Irwin
Acting Collector

Attest
Li. Sec. Coll.

Channels for itself right down the centre of the same. I say Channels but in some cases yawning

Abysses would be nearer the mark. Some of them would hold a bullock. My contention is that a little labour applied with the brains of the Superior staff of the D.P.W. unfortunately absent (I mean, of course, the Superior staff) would be quite sufficient to turn off this water into proper Channels where it would not do much damage. To my certain knowledge, water has been allowed to rush down the centre of the path to its great injury for days together and not a finger has been raised to prevent it. When I tell Mr Lewis of this, he, of course, says Mr Cherry will attend to it, and so he will when he has leisure no doubt, but he has none, and meantime, it is forgotten that a superior officer on the spot of the matter is itself. You are aware the Season is at hand.

up the ghaut in multitudes is on us. I am strongly of opinion that unless the D. P. W. Staff is made sufficient to speedily clear away entirely the obstructions throughout the roads, and not merely to make a rough and muddy gangway through them, the Military should be at once called out to help. These large obstructions are fortunately all close to Coonoor and my experience of the past fortnight shows me that there is very great delay in completely removing them.

5. As word as to the old ghaut which is terribly torn up. It is not enough to put a Maistry on here and there and tell him to mend the holes, he can no doubt do this, but he has not the sense to go to the root of the evil which is the rushing down of the drainage water from the Railway cuttings and embankments.

portions of it come tumbling down in masses of many tons and blocking the roads. I have seen this myself only too often. It appears to me that this portion of the road will never be safe until the cutting has been sloped back to a proper angle and it is lamentable that any such angle as now exists, should ever have been thought, if it was thought, safe. The next result is, of course, the necessary employment of dozens of Coolies daily to endeavour to preserve a way through it. This takes them all their time and leaves none for actually keeping the road, as it should be, kept free for Carts to pass to and fro. The ships lying untouched at the side of the road occasion constant delays and confusion to traffic, and the services of the very few Police at my disposal are constantly required to regulate the same when they ought to be doing their more legitimate work. It is thus the insufficiency of the D. P. W. Staff in such times shows itself. You are aware the season at

providing this latter, either by rafts and chains or by large boats such as are used in the west Coast or the ballicent of the east. The great difficulty is, no doubt, the rapidity of the stream; possibly the construction of a breakwater of some kind might remedy this and stop floating logs. I should be glad to know at an early date what can be done in this matter, as much apprehension is felt up here by traders and others who can neither receive nor forward their goods, and the proprietors of the Townshead Brewery who pays Government a large sum annually, is particularly loud in his complaints and with reasons.

4. The second place which needs attention is the diversion of the road just below Coonoor bridge for about one mile. I presume this was made by the Railway Company and has been taken over by the Railway Company. I speak, of course, under correction. There is no question whatever that the slope of the cutting above the road is far too steep. It cannot

up his contract and this will throw much expense on the Postal Department of Government.

3. The two portions of the road which require most attention are the Kullar bridge. I would like to write, but alas! it is gone. This fact is a most serious one; it means great difficulty in keeping the population of Coonoor, Wellington and Cotacaiman supplied to say nothing of the numerous outlying residents. It is true that in favorable weather a causeway can be soon constructed over the river, but floods are daily occurrence now. If small, those damages the goods in the carts, and if large, they occasion an absolute block to all traffic. We must, I fear, expect constant storms; there is no sign yet of settled weather and there is the monsoon coming, therefore a causeway is but a poor and single remedy to ensure the passage of traffic. There must be, I conceive, a double remedy, one for the passage of traffic in fair weather and another for use in the foul weather which is now the rule rather than the exception.

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From

C. Wolfe Murray Esquire,
Acting Collector of Kilgiris.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to address you on the melancholy state of the Coonoor ghaut both old and new roads. In the exceptional weather we have been having (25 inches of rain have fallen during the past 15 days) it is obvious that the existing staff of engineers who have other important work to attend to is quite insufficient to attend to its wants. Mr. Carmichael has during this time, as far as I know, not spent a single day on the road and Mr. Lewis only one or two, I believe. As the storms change the aspect of affairs, from day to day those officers can personally know nothing of what is going on. Sergeant Lechery has his hands more than full at Kullar.

2. The result is great delay to traffic in the state of the road is so bad that