

Public Works (1896) Department.

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No. 5

G.O., No. 208 R

DATED 7th March

Includes 808 R of 27.11.95

[Despatch Abstract.]

Malabar Chamber of Commerce ⁴Calicut
The Honorary Secretary of the ——— in-
formed of the position of affairs with regard
to the construction of the Calicut-Cannur
Railway and extension to Bahadur

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1895.

From,

The — Collector of
South Canara.

To,

The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated 7 October

1895.

Received 16/11/95

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CHIEF SECRETARY
14 OCT. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Extension of the Madras
Railway from Cannanore
to Balapattam — submitting
Memorial of the Merchants
and Landholders of Kasem
god taluk in the South Canara
District and of the Chirakal Taluk
in Malabar suggesting the
desirability of the same and
urging the importance of the
extension on grounds stated.

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Book No. 2517

Transferred to the
Public Works Department,
(Railway Branch)

W. Rames

Ag Under Secretary
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W. R.

25/10/95
23 Oct 1895

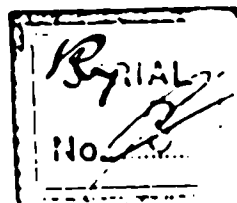
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Calicut. Canals



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A petition was submitted
date 30.7.95 by certain
inhabitants of Sone Kaner
praying that the proposed line
to Cannan might be extended
6 miles further on to Kallipetam
where it would tap a large
system of waterways.

The petitioner was informed
that Govt. would consider the
extension when the construction
of the Cannan extension is
sanctioned.

Meanwhile the M.R. was
asked to prepare with the
expedient of the proposal and
his report, dated 20.4.96, is
now circulated for the information
of His Excellency & Hon. Members.
It will be found to strongly
recommend it.

It is however hardly possible
to estimate for it until the
original report is sanctioned, as the
estimate for the latter will then
have to be revised, and the work
can be taken up at once when
work is done & again C.M.

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H.F. the Govt.

Hon. Mr. Bhabha

Hon. Mr. George

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further why is not the
Sultan's Canal kept in
good order?

WJ
6/6/96

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Returned to the Public Works Department
a note containing the information required
to handle the Bales.

W.D. Phillips

By Assistant Secretary
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Canal is only 2 1/2 miles long, but a detour
of 24 hours has, in the past, been the usual
experience of persons attempting to use it.

* page 45 of Budget Review

* " 51 " " "

Submitted that the canal
has probably been allowed
to get out of order because
it is in a remote part of
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ed by district officers.

16/7/96

To The Public Works (Railway) Depart-

Forwarding correspondence
regarding Sultan's canal
in connection with
Calicut - Cannanore
Railway extension
to Baliapatam.

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Forwarding correspondence regarding Sultan's canal in connection with Calicut - Cannanore Railway extension to Balapattam.

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Returned to the Public Works Department with a note containing the information required by the Honble Mr. B. Rao.

18/7/96
18th July 1896
By Assistant Secretary
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Note

A sum of Rs 500 is annually provided by the District Board of Malabar for the maintenance of this Canal and in the budget for 1896-97, an additional allotment of Rs 3000 has been made for improving and deepening it. In para 28 of the President's letter forwarding the budget it is stated that the work is of great importance and that the Canal is a link in the chain of water communication between Balapattam (near Cannanore) and Canara. In the monsoon, the Canara district is dependent on this work and many complaints have been received about the silting up of the Canal. It is now proposed to put it into thorough order. The Canal is only 2 1/2 miles long, but a detour of 24 hours has, in the past, been the usual experience of persons attempting to use it.

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To The Public Works (Railway) Department

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Forwarded to
"I" with reference to
the Hon. Mr. Bliss'
note re Sultan's canal

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for J. D. Lee to Govt. 10/20/16

Note on Sultan's Canal.

Regarding the Sultan's canal or Sul-toni Toddi in the Malabar district noticed by the Hon:Mr: Bliss the following passage occurs at page 10 Vol:1 of the Malabar District Manual "N.Lat: 12° 2', E.Long 75° 18' This is an artificial work (about two miles in length),undertaken and executed in 1766 by Ali Raja, the husband of Bibi of Cannanore, when managing the Kolattiri domains for Haider Ali. It connects the Mount Deli river with the back water formed at the mouth of the Taliparamba and Valarpattanam rivers, and this gives uninterrupted water communication at all seasons. Formerly boats going to or from the north had to go out to sea at this point."

At page CCLXXI Vol:II of the District Manual the following passage occurs. " There is, however, one canal of communication usually known as the Sultan's Canal between the river of Palayangadi and a branch of another which runs north and joins the Kavayi immediately to the south of the town of that name. It is three miles in length cut through low paddy ground. It was executed at the expense of the Bibi of Cannanore with the object, it would appear of having a safe inland navigation from Nilishwaram in South Canara to Kakkad 2 miles to the north east of Cannanore. It is now shallow and impassable during the dry season"

Returned to R with the information that the canal referred to is not in charge of the Irrigation Branch P.D. A note on the subject is attached

[Signature]
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22 June 1896

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reason"

There is no information available in the Irrigation office as to why the canal is not now kept in order. It is apparently in charge of the District Boards.

Ruedt
27/6/96

For Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Sultan's canal in connection with Calicut-Cannanore Railway Station, near to Balan.

Forwarded to

Hon. Mr. Bliss

for information and if

the remarks of the

C.E.R.

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Please ask Mr. Dept. if it knows anything about the matter

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* with care in original to be returned.

Encs: 1 case 1 plan 1 raising and 2 drawings
marked etc. (to be returned)

No. 2776C of 9 July 1896

Forwarded to the Local and Municipal Department for favor of reply to above note by Mr. Bliss.

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Forwarded to the

Honorable Mr. Bliss

for information with

seen - This satisfying that the canal is now being taken in hand

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reference to his request dated 29th June 1896.

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has been well known
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in connection with the
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To

His Excellency the Governor in Council,

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Madras.

Through the Collector of South Canara.

The Humble Memorial of the Merchants
and Landholders of Kasaragod Taluk
in the South Canara District, as also
of the Cherical Taluk in Malabar,
dated 30th July - 1895.

Respectfully sheweth,

THAT the Government having been pleased to sanction the extension of the Madras Railway to Cannanore, the Memorialists humbly venture to embrace this opportunity of suggesting the desirability of extending the line a little further so as to connect Baliapatam with Cannanore which is only 6 miles from the former.

That there is considerable traffic by canal from Hosdurg in South Canara to Baliapatam of Malabar at all times of the year, is a well known fact. The construction of a branch line from the proposed terminus at Cannanore, to the landing place at Baliapatam, would give an impetus to the existing traffic, and prove of immense benefit, as a feeder to the Railway line from Calicut to Cannanore.

That the canal communication, besides being so extensively used for transport of goods, is resorted to by a large number of travellers—Europeans and natives, especially during the monsoons when steamer communication stops. The advantages derivable from the extension of the Railway line to the landing place at Baliapatam cannot be overestimated in respect of the facilities it is calculated to afford to traffic.

That it may also be remarked here that the measure herein proposed, need not necessarily disturb the present arrangement, according to which Cannanore is to be the terminus; all what the Memorialists pray for, being the construction of a branch line from Cannanore to the landing place at Baliapatam.

Subsidiary Canal in con-
nection with Calicut. Canals.
near Kodungal, between to
Baliapatam

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In conclusion, therefore, the Memorialists humbly pray that Your Excellency may be graciously pleased to take into favorable consideration the foregoing facts and sanction the construction of a branch line from the Cannanore terminus to the landing place at Baliapatam.

For which act of grace, the Memorialists shall, as in duty bound, ever pray.

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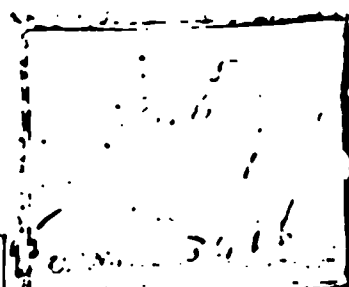
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Enclosure A.I

In a letter from the Collector of South Canara
to the Secretary to the Government
Public Works Dept
Revenue, Madras, dated 7 October 1898

Ref. No. 714 of 95
Eng

Memorial of the Merchants
& Landholders of Kasaragod
Taluk, South Canara Dist. and
of the Chirakkal taluk in
Malabar.



Disposal 1/2 K. 4. 1/2 of 95
English

CURRENT
SOUTH CANARA COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
Mangalore
7 October 1898

From

W. H. Welsh, Esquire,

Collector of

South Canara.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Public Works Department,

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit a memorial praying that the Madras Railway Extension from Calicut may be carried straight on to Belliapattam (Valarpattanam) at this instead of stopping short at Cannanore. A similar memorial is going to the Agent of the Madras Railway.

2. Such an extension would undoubtedly benefit goods and passenger traffic in this district. I am informed that as regards Malabar trade alone the extension will eventually be found necessary. Two thirds of the Cannanore goods trade is said to come from the Belliapattam side.

3. From the enclosed map it will be seen that a network of waterways can be tapped if the goods sidings can be taken to the riverside.

4. I venture to ask Government to refer

Refer to the Malabar Manual. At pages 9, 10 and 11 the rivers and port are described and at page 722 there is a series of maps showing the richness of the country which would be served in the following products:-

Rice 1st Sort-

Rice 2^d Sort-

Other grain crops

Cocoanut gardens.

Areca tree gardens.

Jack tree gardens and

Pepper gardens.

Besides these there is timber and forest produce. The adjoining tracts of South Canara and Coorg which would be tapped has presumably similar vegetable wealth to some extent; Canara has also tobacco, Sugar cane and cured fish.

5. As for imports there is no question that Kerosine oil, coffee, Thread, piece goods and various manufactures would be required and would find their way back as return cargo in boats and during the fair season in sea going craft.

6. Timber trade which might be impossible without the extension would be facilitated. Passengers would greatly benefit by the extension, being saved the transfer to carts; during the monsoon when business is sent to Calicut it has to be transformed from carts to bearers at Hosdurg and south of the Parambe river

river to carts. If it could be transformed straight from Hosdurg in boats to the train at Belliapattam there would be a saving. It would be the same with Government stores going from Calicut during the monsoon of which there are always some. I mention this to show the inconvenience which break of bulk must occasion to trade. It is impossible to make effective railway feeder roads to feed Cannanore Station. But if the railway came to the riverside, roads might be made to reach navigable points on the rivers. And it would be desirable to improve the Sultan's Canal by widening and straightening it. I am informed that there is an estimate for Rs 15,000 (exclusive of compensation) for this work which it is believed would be quite effective. I should like the South Canara Board to contribute at any rate a small proportion of the cost of this, as this District would benefit by the outlay in the event of the railway extension to Belliapattam being sanctioned.

7. For these and other reasons I would urge the importance of surveying the extension now to the point where broad rivers seem to forbid further extension northward

Northward, and of constructing the additional six miles of railway once for all to the natural terminus of the Madras Railway as prayed by the memorialists.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

W. S. S. Collector.

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes and signatures on the left side of the page.]

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W
16 Nov
JW
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JS
19/11/95

I don't see the use of making two bites at a cherry. Better do the whole job at once, I should say.

M
1871/11/95

My meaning is that the construction to Bahadurpattam should be undertaken at the same time as the C. C. line - if the Traffic Officer finds the memorialists are right as to its necessity - but that it is not worth while surveying the line wh. can be done in

Circ 15.11.95 A 20/11/95 20/11/95 20/11/95

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The petitioners may be informed that as the Calicut Cannanore extension of the Madras Ry is now before the Govt. of India, the survey of the short line between Cannanore and Bahadurpattam is not ^{necessary} at present -

The memorial will be forwarded to the ^{agent} Madras Ry with a request that he will appoint a Traffic Officer to consider the merits of the extension & report to the Comr. Engineer with a view to the construction of this extension when the Calicut Cannanore line is undertaken.

File 15/11/95

Mr. S. S. S. of the Govt.
Mr. W. S. S.
Mr. W. S. S.

Very truly
Yours
W. S. S.
21/11/95

Reply may be made
File 23/11/95

*Received from
Cannara Libalia
station.*

*circ. 15/11. R 25/11
R 23/11*

(R.) Form No. 3.

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No. 808. Dated 27.11.95.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
RAILWAY BRANCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.



Read the following

*Endorsement from the
Public Department* } *H.E. No. 257 of 23rd Oct 1895*

*The petitioners
will be informed by
the Collector of South C
that as the Calicut-Cai
now ^{proposed} extension of the
Madras Railway is now
before the Government of
India ^{and its attention} the survey of the
short line between Cannara
and Polur station is
now ~~proposed~~ ^{possible} that
will be considered when
the construction of the
line above named is
sanctioned*

*W.H. R
23/11*

To the Collector of S. Canara.

No 208. R. dated 7.3.95
 Secy. Secretary

Malabar Chamber of
 Commerce Tellicherry

I am directed to inform
 you that the memorial
 from the Malabar Chamber
 of Commerce addressed
 to the Government of he-
 dia has been forwarded
 to this port. In disposal.

2. The practice of forward-
 ing memorials direct to
 the port of India is I am
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3. The position of affairs
 with regard to the Cali-
 cut - Cannanore Ry.
 and its extension to
 Badshahpore is that
 the complete railway and
 estimate is in the hands
 of the port. of India with
 the strong support of this
 port. who have urged that
 the officers of the Madras
 go to construct the line

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I don't understand what this
 refers to. I can not find anywhere
 any such statement (not
 allegation please.)

With this exception - I pass
 the draft.

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 5/3/96 JG
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Issue
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No 808. R. dated 27.4.95

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may receive favorable
consideration and that
the financial details
may be speedily concluded

Dec 2/96

His Excellency the Governor

Don W. Bliss

Am W. Rose

Document to be seen?

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Letter despatch in R. office

7.3.96

No 208 R dated 7.3.96

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