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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 22/1/1862.	

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No. 185. Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 4th January 1862, No. 1 :—

SIR,

1. In reply to orders of Government 9th August 1861, No. 1,598, I beg to inform you, I have considered, in conjunction with Major Babington, Assistant Conservator of Neilgherry Sholas, an inexpensive plan of opening up the forests by the labor of the Hill tribes. I would recommend its being done through means of the Tahsíldár under Major Babington's surveillance.

2. I have examined several lines with Major Babington and know some others, I would recommend the following (in which that Officer concurs with me): first, four and a half miles to the Governor's Shola to be improved at 100 Rupees per mile; trace already cut, and work easy. Second, about four miles from Ootacamund to a Shola south-east of Snowdon, at 300 Rupees per mile. Third, nine miles (more difficult) at 400 Rupees per mile to one of the finest forests on the Hills, called Deva Shola, a wood of probably 3,000 acres. These would be sufficient for the present, and more could not be undertaken with advantage now. This being the working season, and Burgher labor available (most of their crops being harvested), I would recommend early sanction. Major Babington is willing to superintend the work in addition to his other conservancy duties, and I shall also give my careful attention to it.

3. The forest roads at Coonoor are sufficient for the present especially as the Regiment is leaving, and the Coffee Planters are selling the wood off their estates to the community. The present road of about four miles to the large wood at Coonoor would require 25 Rupees per mile per annum to keep it in fair repair.

4. If the 4,000+3,790=7,790 Rupees referred to in No. 7,830, Endorsement of Chief Engineer, 2nd December, be sanctioned, it will be sufficient for all present purposes; it can be at once usefully expended, and the cost gradually recovered from the surplus of forest sales.

Estimate of above.

	450
	1,200
	3,600
	100
Total Rupees.	5,350

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS, *Collector.*

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1862, No. 93.

Transferred to the Public Works Department for consideration whether the funds required can be made available, and if so, whether the work should be performed by the Revenue Department.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Estimate of above.

450
1200
3600
100
5350 Rs.

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Pro. of Govt for January.
No 115

The Collector of
Coimbatore

To, The Secretary to
Govt.

Dated 4th } January 1862
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No 1

Proposes plans &c
for opening up certain
Roads on the Neilgherries
and requests sanction for
carrying out the same.

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