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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th July 1865.

No. 453. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1864, No. 5,457.

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar, dated Calicut, 30th June 1864, No. 156:—

1. Adverting to the Board's communication dated 22nd July 1863, No. 4,518, I have the honor to submit another sketch for an Act to provide for the construction and maintenance of cross roads in Wynad.

2. The Board are aware that my former draft met with the general approval of the Wynad Planter's Association.

3. The provision for several Committees is considered a decided improvement by the planters, but the withholding of the assistance of the ordinary revenue staff of the Talook in the collection of assessments leviable under the proposed scheme is considered a very serious drawback to the facile working of the scheme.

4. I would very respectfully observe that I have, in drawing up the Memorandum enclosed, in several points followed what I believed to be the course indicated in Government Order, dated 18th July 1863, No. 1,330, rather than that my individual opinion would have led me to advocate.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Sketch for a Branch Road Act in Wynad.

1. The Local Government shall from time to time declare Territorial Districts under this Act. Each District shall have its Committee.

2. Each Committee shall consist of not less than three or more than five Members.

Every proprietor of 50 acres of land or upwards in a separate block or estate shall have a vote in electing the Members of the Committee for the District in which his estate is situate.

Each additional 100 acres shall give an additional vote, provided that no person shall have more than five votes in any one District.

3. Officers of Government may act on Committees if duly elected, but there shall be no ex-officio Members.

4. The application of the majority of landed proprietors in a locality of sufficient extent shall enable Government to declare such locality a District under this Act, and the Act in force therein.

Such District having been declared, the Collector, or in his absence the principal Revenue Officer, shall convene a meeting of proprietors to elect a Committee who shall proceed to frame such bye-rules as may be necessary for the working of the Act in their District.

5. The rules, rates of cess, tolls, and other charges, shall be subject to the approval of Government.

6. If in any District as above said three proprietors consider the opening of a new line of road, or repair of an old road, or other work, desirable, they shall address the Committee of their District with such particulars as they can give of the necessity, direction, approximate cost, &c., of the proposed work.

The Committee on due inquiry shall determine whether it is desirable that the proposed work be undertaken or not.

If considered desirable the Committee shall proceed to determine what estates of their District are to be assessed for the work.

7. Due notice shall be given to the proprietor of any estate proposed to be assessed to any work; and a time fixed for hearing and determining objections, &c.

After notice given, unless objection in writing is received within a specified time, the assent of the proprietor to assessment to execution of the work shall be assumed.

The decision of the Committee as to the inclusion or otherwise of any estate for assessment to any work shall be final.

8. A list of the estates fixed to be assessed if the work is to be carried out having been prepared, consent of a majority of two-thirds of the proprietors included shall sanction levy of cess from all to meet the required expenditure.

9. The total estimated amount of expenditure for any work shall be apportioned on the whole acreage of the estate included for assessment for that work, double rates, being charged on all cultivated acreage.

I refer the above draft
Bill to the Legislative
Council in view to an
enactment being passed
to enable Landholders
in this Colony similarly
circumstanced to those
to which the provisions may
be suitable - to levy a Road
Rate - and also together or
separately - for the construction
& maintenance of roads.

The provisions of the Draft Bill
do not affect those of the
planters at Kaawa Valley
or the occupiers of H.M. Govt.
Land & the Wyanad - & have
been in some sort modified
in accordance with their suggestions
but altho' in its general scope &
design the Draft Bill is believed to
suit even the planters &c
desire, it is to be especially

Lib avail themselves
of the opportunity afforded
of the publication of
the Bill to offer any
proposals for further
modification that they
may wish to see in it
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Ltr. Dept. with Copy & Draft Bill dated 24th July

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Referring to the Legislative Council the Cannock road Act in Wynaad in regard to the general enactment being proposed.

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