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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th September 1865.*

No. 329. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Coimbatore, 28th August 1865, No. 106:—

SIR,

1. I beg to transmit copy of a letter from Mr. Lowry, engaged in Coffee cultivation on the Anamalai Hills. Mr. Lowry, as you are doubtless aware, has purchased some 1,350 Acres of land on these hills. He has also entered into a contract with the Conservator of Forests to cut and utilize certain Government forests on them. In view, however, to carry out his speculations, it becomes necessary that a road should be constructed from his Estate to the low country. Mr. Lowry knowing that there is little chance of Government at present rendering any pecuniary aid, makes the following propositions:—

"The first is that the ground on which the road will stand be either granted to me by Government, or that I be allowed to purchase it at the upset price, with the understanding that, if at any future time, it be required for public purposes, that I shall hand it over, in consideration of being paid the amount it will cost me for construction.

"The second is that Government allow me to place a toll on the road, the toll being reasonable in amount."

2. I beg to recommend the subject to the favorable consideration of Government. Under ordinary circumstances Mr. Lowry deserves encouragement, but when he comes forward and offers, at his own cost, to open out a country difficult of access, I think that special encouragement is due to him, and that he should be allowed to toll for his exclusive benefit, a road made at so great an expenditure of private money and time. Once Mr. Lowry's road is opened, I doubt not that many settlers will find their way to the Anamalais, which are well suited for the cultivation of Tea, Coffee, and Chinchona.

No. 330. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1865, No. 2,220.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government will give the necessary land for the construction of the road, on the distinct understanding that they reserve to themselves the right to assume possession, control, and management of the road at any time at their option, paying to Mr. Lowry the cost of construction.

2. They have no objection to Mr. Lowry putting a toll on the use of the road so long as it remains in his possession.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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Water Fall Estate Annamalai
22nd August 1865

To
P. Grant Esquire
Collector of Combaratore

Sir

I have the honor to request you will
be good enough to submit for the con-
sideration of government the following
proposal.

Being about to construct a
practical Cart road by the Pomaschy
ghant up to the Annamalai Hills
where as you are aware I have year
since planted 1000 and am now planting
Coffee and prepared to expend a sum
of Rs. 10000 or Rs. 12000 on its construc-
tion, I am desirous of securing the pro-
tection of government in preventing
persons unwilling to pay towards the
cost of the road from enjoying the
advantages that it will afford
to settlers on those hills.

2. I do not ask any pecuniary
assistance from government as I
am aware that the sum allotted
for public works in this Presidency
is not nearly sufficient to meet
the calls for works in progress,
many

many, of which all of which are ur-
gently required and are of a more
important nature in a public
point of view than this road. But
I would respectfully solicit that
either one of the two courses named
below be permitted by government,
thereby ensuring the object I have
in view. They are as follows:

The first is that the ground
on which the road will stand be
either granted me by government
or that I be allowed to purchase
it at the upset price with the
understanding that if at any future
time it be required for public pur-
poses, that I shall hand it over
in consideration of being paid the
amount it will cost me for construction.

The second - That govern-
ment allow me to place a toll
on the road the toll being reason-
able in amount.

I hope that it will not
be considered that what I ask
is unreasonable. I need scarcely

point out that there will be many
persons who when the road is made
will avail themselves of it, but
who if not compelled to do so,
will not contribute one anna
either towards the cost of its
construction or keeping it in
repair, and it is against such
persons that I ask protection.

I have already traced the
whole road, there are some three
miles if it is completely roughed
twelve feet wide, and the whole will
be practicable for carting in
months from this time. I mention
this to show that I do not take
up your time and attention by writing
of some scheme of the future, but
of one nearly accomplished.

I have
Signed / R. G. Waring
(True Copy)

R. G. Waring
Collector

R. G. Waring

No 116) Comptroller's Office
28th August 1865

From
P Grant Esquire
Collector of Combarore
W Hudson Esquire
Acting Secretary to Government S. D.
Fort Saint George
Sir

I beg to transmit copy of a letter from Mr Lowry engaged in speculation on the Annamalai Hills. Mr Lowry as you are doubtless aware has purchased some 1300 acres of land on these Hills. He has also entered into a contract with the Conservator of Forests to cut and utilize certain Government Forest on them. In view however to carry out his speculations it becomes necessary that a road should be constructed from his estate to the low country. Mr Lowry knowing that there is little chance of government at present rendering any pecuniary aid makes the following proposition

He a letter from Mr
Estimate of Combarore
Recd 20th August 1865
From
Mr W. L. Lowry
to the Secretary
Comptroller
Requiescent pecuniary
for the construction of
a road and Annamalai
Hills.
Recd 24th 1865

propositions.

The 1st is that the ground on which the road will stand be either granted to me by government or that I be allowed to purchase it at the upset price with this understanding that if at any future time it is required for public purposes that I shall hand it over in consideration of being paid the amount it will cost me for construction.

The second is that government allow me to place a toll on the road, the toll being reasonable in amount."

2. I beg to recommend the subject to the favorable consideration of Government. Under ordinary circumstances Mr Lowy deserves encouragement but when he comes forward and offers at his own cost to open out a country difficult of access, I think that special encouragement is due to him and that he should be allowed to toll for his exclusive benefit, a road made at so great an

an expenditure of private money and time. Once Mr Lowy's road is opened I doubt not that many settlers will find their way to the Annamalays who are well suited for the cultivation of Tea, Coffee and Chinchona.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obed^t Servant

A. Grant
Collector

repay to Mr. Lowry the
outstanding balance of
the ^{with interest} cost which cost will
be determined by the su-
perintending Engineers after
inspecting Mr. Lowry's ac-
count of expenditure and
the work performed.

The Government
trust the above concessions
will meet Mr. Lowry's
requirements.

It is necessary
as a preliminary to this
arrangement that the
Govt. are satisfied that
the line of road will
be useful to the general
public. With this view the
Supt. Genl. will arrange
for the early inspection
of the line by a com. of the
Board of the S.D.W.
L.B.

The Govt. will give
the necessary land
for the construction
of the road on the
dist. trust under-
standing that
they reserve to themselves
the right to assume
possession, control
& management
of the road at any
time at their
option - paying to
Mr. Lowry the cost
of construction -
They have no objection
to Mr. Lowry putting
a toll on the use
of the road so long
as it remains
in his possession.

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Dear Mr. South,

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