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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1866.*

No. 72. Read the following letter from Captain E. H. SHORT, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Yercaud, Shervaroy Hills, 26th May 1866:—

In forwarding a copy of further correspondence regarding the subject of my former reference, connected with a road across my estate on the Shervaroy Hills, I have the honor to express my regret at the necessity of having to trouble you again so soon; but as the enclosed copies of letters bear so strongly on the subject, may I request you will be good enough to lay them before Government in connection with those before forwarded.

From the Magistrate of Salem, to Captain E. H. SHORT, Shervaroy Hills, dated Salem, 21st May 1866, No. 342.

1. In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, I have to observe that the road in question is, and always was, a public thoroughfare.
2. It was laid out by Captain Smythe, R. E., many years ago, as the shortest and most direct route to Mulliapoorum.
3. I have removed both your notices, and the boards will be returned to you.
4. I have only further to observe, that shutting up a public thoroughfare is a most serious matter; and that I trust a similar attempt will not be repeated.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) E. H. SHORT.

From Captain E. H. SHORT, to the Magistrate of Salem, dated Yercaud, 26th May 1866.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, and in reference to paragraph 1, to state, that I can bring evidence to prove that the road in question never was a public thoroughfare, till some years after I had opened it out for my own private use, when Captain Puckle took it up for a public road.
2. With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter, I am also prepared to prove that the road in question was not in existence till after Captain Smythe of the Engineers had left this country for England.
3. Before I planted Coffee on the land below this road, I took the precaution to ascertain from the District Engineer, the late Captain Gahagan, that this line had been abandoned in favor of the original Mulliapoorum Ghaut road; and I do not conceive that Government can have any desire to keep two lines open, when one will answer every purpose required.
4. The Mulliapoorum Ghaut road is only used by a few coolies coming up from the low country for work; and the Mullyallies have no need of the line over my property, or they would have used it before I took up the land, which they never did. They have free access to the original Mulliapoorum Ghaut road, which is a broad one, and I cannot believe that Government will insist upon the narrow pathway over my land being kept open, to the destruction of my property, without some paramount object in view, which has yet to be made apparent.
5. With reference to the last two paragraphs of your letter, had you called upon me to be present at any investigation you may have been pleased to make on the subject of this road, I am under the impression you would have arrived at an opinion adverse to the one you express.
6. If it should be again determined to take up the pathway through my estate, and to turn it into a broad public road, I would observe that, having received no compensation as yet, I do not mean to say that I may not claim it hereafter.
7. Further, the original Mulliapoorum road joins the new Kurdiour line to Shervaroy Hill station, making the chain of roads complete. The path through my land is an isolated fragment.

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8. A copy of this letter, together with yours of the 21st instant, will be forwarded to the Secretary to Government.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) E. H. SHORT.

No. 73.

ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1866, No. 1,324.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, in
continuation of G. O. 29th May 1866, No. 1,269.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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No. 1324

From C. H. Short.
Esq.

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J. D.

1st June 66

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Forwarding copy of
further correspondence re-
garding the subject of his
former reference, con-
nected with a road across
his Estate on the Shervai
roy hills.

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No. 1324 - 1 June

With order