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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th May 1868.*

No. 655. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on a letter from Superintending
Engineer, 7th Division, regarding the con- } (Here enter 23rd May 1833, No. 1,635.)
struction of certain works on the Neilgherries.

No. 656. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1868, No. 1,496.

Local Funds, No. 17.

Civil Works.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,635.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 575. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 2nd May 1868, No. 25:—

1. I have the honor to forward, herewith, an estimate of Rupees 35,000 for completing, as a cart road, so much of the trace from Ootacamund to the Kondahs as has already been opened

1 Survey.
1 Estimate No. — Rupees 33,000.

to bridle-path with the sum of Rupees 3,500, sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,661, of 4th June 1867. Its course is accurately laid down in the accompanying extract from the large scale Map of the Neilgherries, a glance at which will show that the route selected is anything but circuitous, as assumed in paragraph 8 of the Home Despatch, printed with G. O., No. 3,787, of 5th December 1867. In fact, the line will be so direct as to supersede even the existing foot-track between the Nunjanaad valley and that of the Bhowany river, an achievement due to Major Farewell's skilful substitution of a high level line, crossing the saddle behind Aita-bogel hill, for the lower one originally projected, to wind round the spurs on its northern and western flanks.

2. On the line has been found a site for damming up the Bhowany river below the confluence of the Avelanche and Porty nullahs by a bund 140 feet high, which Mr. Melvor has agreed to construct for the sum of Rupees 23,000. I am not yet in possession of the full information required as to the area of the reservoir which it will form and rain-fall of its catchment basin, and must leave fuller report on this head for a later communication. The cost of this dam and of bridging its calingulah do not appear in the road estimate, but will be debited against Irrigation. Mr. Melvor, however, has also engaged to form, by his silting process, a bund across the Nunjanaad valley, which is required solely for carrying the road, the charge for the same being at the rate of 50 cubic yards per Rupee. If successful with the Bhowany bund, it is proposed to give him the construction of a second bund lower down the Nunjanaad valley, 100 feet high, forming a basin to which the lake formed by the road embankment will contribute its surplus waters only. All the other works on the line are inexpensive, and it has not been thought necessary to give details of the timber bridges, as they are precisely similar to works already approved for construction on the new Coonoor Ghaut and Neilgherry roads of late years.

3. Of the total amount of Rupees 35,000 for the road to Yeddagadoo saddle, distant from Ooty church 14 miles, Rupees 3,500 was spent on the trace and bridle-path in 1867-68, and an allotment of Rupees 16,500 is requested from the Reserve of 1863-69. To complete the trace and bridle-path beyond Yeddagadoo to the Koondah plantations, a separate grant of Rupees 2,000, being at the rate of Rupees 250 a mile for eight miles, should be made. I have already appropriated from the sum at my disposal for Minor New Works, Communications, Rupees 500, to connect Avelanche bungalow with the new road by a bridle-path of two miles in length.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd May 1868.*

No. 576. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1868, No. 1,635.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 65.

1. In their Order of the 4th June 1867, No. 1,661, the Government approved of a proposal made by the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division to trace and open to bridle-path 14 miles of a line which he had selected for a road to connect the Chinchona plantations at Mail Kondah with Ootacamund.

Opening out trace as sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,661, dated 4th June 1867.... 3,500
Forming road 31,500

• Total .. 35,000

2. Colonel Walker now submits an estimate • for making the trace available for cart traffic, and, with reference to paragraph 8 of the Despatch from the Secretary of State embodied in G. O. No. 3,787, dated 5th December 1867, explains that the proposed route will be so direct as to supersede the existing foot-track between the Nunjanaad valley and that of the Bhowany river.

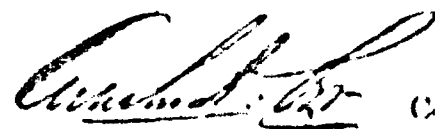
3. The estimate provides for the construction by Mr. Melvor, by means of the silting process, of an embankment 69 feet in height to carry the road across the valley of the Nunjanaad river.

4. As the formation of a good road to connect Ootacamund with the plantations on the Kondahs is an important work, the Government sanction the estimate, but the Government of India having reduced the grant for "Communications" in the current Budget by one lac of Rupees, His Excellency in Council regrets that no funds can at present be spared for appropriation to the work. The Superintending Engineer is however authorized to enter the estimate in his Budget for 1869-70.

5. The completion of the trace beyond Yeddagadoo, as proposed in paragraph 3 of Colonel Walker's letter, may be proceeded with in anticipation of an allotment of funds later in the year.

6. The Government are glad to observe that a suitable site for bundling the Bhowany river by an embankment 140 feet in height, thereby forming a capacious reservoir, has been discovered below the confluence of the Avclanche and Porty Nullahs, and that Mr. Melvor has undertaken to carry out the work by the silting process at an estimated outlay of Rupees 23,000. The Government await the further information which is promised upon this subject, and will endeavour to have the necessary funds held in readiness.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with Survey and Estimate.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Accountant General.
.. Revenue Department.
.. Public Department.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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Passing order in
a letter from the
1st Divⁿ regarding the
construction of certain
works on the Schippeni

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24th 1496. 29 May

With order

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