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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2602 Press ~~Mis.~~

173-4 Dated 9—10— 19 1868

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No. 173. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 1st September, 1868, No. 890 :—

In returning the rough sketch of the Colungode and Polachy road, which accompanied the Government Order, No. 2,161, of the 14th of August, 1868, I have the honor to inform you that I now find that the first two miles of the road starting from Colungode, or the portion marked A. to B., will be of use to my department : the present road is, however, in quite sufficient repair for the traffic of our timber, and 1,000 Rupees have lately been spent on it by our department. One or two thousand Rupees might be allotted for this portion of the new road in our Budget Estimate for 1869-70, but at the same time I must observe that we do not require expensive first class roads such as are opened out by the Department Public Works, and any money that we can allot for roads would be much better spent in making ordinary forest roads under our own Officers. Six thousand Rupees were sanctioned from our Budget last year to complete a road from Denkanicottah to Auchitty, and it was undertaken by the Department of Public Works. A first class road, with expensive bridges, was commenced, and the whole of the sum has been expended on the first eight miles from Denkanicottah, (which portion was before quite passable for our timber carts,) and the work has come to a standstill—(*vide* my letter recorded in G. O. No. 2,848, 29th November, 1867). The 6,000 Rupees were sufficient to have opened out a forest road for the whole distance from Denkanicottah to Auchitty, and though we have now given a further grant for this road, I see no chance of its being finished, or sufficient funds being made available except from our Budget.

No. 174. ORDER THEREON, 9th October, 1868, No. 2,602.

Forests, No. 4.

1. The Government resolve that a grant of Rupees 2,000 be made from Forest Funds towards the construction of the road from Colungode to Polachy, and direct that the requisite provision be made in the Acting Conservator's Budget for the coming year, if no funds are available in the present Budget, on which point a report should be submitted.

2. With advertence to the remarks made by the Acting Conservator of Forests, the Government observe that it would be obviously bad economy for the Forest Department to clear a forest track, at some expense, over a line of country through which it was contemplated to take a district or Imperial road. The proper course in such a case is clearly to make a small grant-in-aid towards the construction of the road from Forest Funds, the maximum amount of the grant being fixed at the probable cost of a forest track over the whole line. This plan has been followed in regard to the road from Denkanicottah to Auchitty which is now being completed from Local Funds.

3. There is of course no objection to the construction of forest tracks by the Forest Department, for their own use, in localities where no roads are under construction or in contemplation. It is to be regretted, however, that in the present case the Forest Department should have expended a sum of Rupees 1,000 upon a

line of road which was about to be abandoned in favor of another. In future, no expenditure of this kind should be incurred without previous communication with the Collector of the district.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Malabar, with Sketch.
,, the Conservator of Forests.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1868} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 9th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 9th October 1868, *No.* 2,602.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 173-174.

Road from Colungode to Polachy.—Rupees 2,000 sanctioned for its construction. Provision to be made in the Forest Budget for the coming year.

Rec. 1868. Oct.
No. 2840.

From

The Offg Comsr of Forests.

To

The Acting Secretary to Govt
Revenue Departt

Dated 1st
Received 20th September 1868.

No. 890

E-l- Rec.
to the Collr
of Trichinopoly

Returning the Rough Sketch of the Colmygode and Colachey road, informing that the first 2 miles of the road from the former or the portion marked A to B will be of use to this Department, & submitting other observations & suggestions.

S. acc. 2602. 9 Oct.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 9th Octr. /68

Read the following
letter from the Offg Conr
of Forests. —

Returning the rough
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W. & L. Pl. Oct. /68 No. 890

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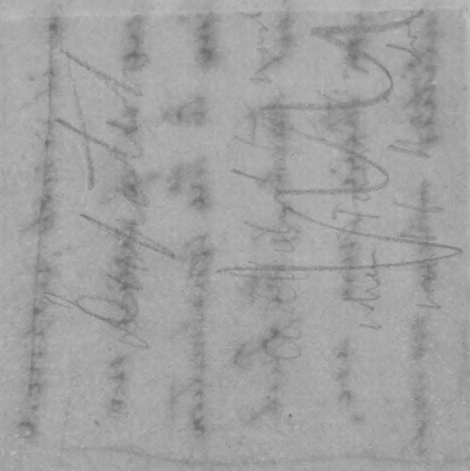
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