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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th December 1869.

No. 162. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Intimating that it will not be possible to construct, from Imperial Funds, a new line of road crossing the Oppar near the Colaputti anicut to connect the foot of the ghaut, proposed by the Superintending Engineer, with the Annamallay road in the Coimbatore District.

(Here enter 9th November 1869, No 3,586.)

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1869, No. 3,158.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue. Under the circumstances stated in the Public Works Order above recorded, the construction of the road referred to must be held in abeyance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 189. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th September 1869, No. 7,202:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th August 1869, No. 156.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order published in their Proceedings of the 6th instant, No. 2,284, I have the honour to state that I quite concur with Colonel Walker in considering that by far the best approach to the Coffee plantations on the Annamalays is to be obtained by a road along the left bank of the Tonacadavoo river from the foot of the ghaut to the village of Annamalay.

2. The road recently constructed from Local Funds on the right bank crosses two considerable streams besides the main river. Expensive bridge-work would therefore be required, and the line would not be very much shorter than that now proposed.

3. The present line could not be diverted so as to connect the foot of the ghaut with Pollachy, and an entirely new road to Annamalay will therefore have to be made.

4. I presume that Imperial funds will be allotted for the road, but should Government decide that the ghaut only should be constructed from those funds, provision will be made in the Local Fund Budget for next year for the road through the low country. At the same time, I beg to point out that, as the object of the road and ghaut is to open out the Annamalay Hills, the propriety of expending local funds on the work is doubtful.

5. Colonel Walker estimates Rupees 22,500 for the road through the low country. To this will have to be added the amount to be paid as compensation for lands taken up. Until the exact line to be taken is marked out, I am unable to state the amount of compensation actually required; but the Tahsildar has traversed the probable course of the road, and estimates the compensation at about Rupees 1,500. The line of the Tonacadavoo and Annamalay road is not quite correctly marked on the map (herewith returned). It crosses the Ooppar at A. by a wooden platform bridge, which might be used for the new road were it to strike off from that place. I would however recommend the more direct line, as shown in Colonel Walker's map, to Annamalay, crossing the Ooppar near the Colaputti anicut and joining the Annamalay and Tonacadavoo road at Vettakarapoodoor. This line would, I think, be less expensive to make, and would leave all the wet cultivation to the east. The most direct road would cross the Ooppar immediately to the south of the village of Annamalay, but as this line would lead through the wet cultivation under the Colaputti tank, it should be abandoned for the cheaper road *via* Vettakarapoodoor.

6. I trust that the proposed road and ghaut may be sanctioned at an early date. Some of the Coffee estates on the Annamalays are coming into bearing, and the construction of the new road should not therefore be delayed. The road from Pollachy to the foot of Mr. Lowry's ghaut will still remain as a useful local road, passing as it does through the large villages of Samattoor, Angalacoorchy, Malayandipattanam, and Kottoor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 9th November 1869.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—MAP.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government Order, 6th August 1869, No. 2,284.

2. The Board concur with the Collector in considering that a new line of road should be made crossing the Oppar near the Colaputti anicut to connect the foot of the ghaut, proposed by Colonel Walker, with the Annamalay road. He states that the old road cannot be diverted so as to meet the new ghaut.

3. The Board presume that the road will be made from Imperial funds.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department for consideration, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th October 1869.

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

No. 190. ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1869, No. 3,586.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 22.

As the current year's grant under "Communications" has, in accordance with the Orders of the Government of India, been considerably reduced, and there is no prospect of a larger assignment of funds being made in future years, His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that it will not be possible to construct the road referred to in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings from Imperial funds.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Ex. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Dept.
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THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Read.—Intimation given that it will not be possible to construct from Imperial funds a new line of road crossing the Ooppar near the Colaputti ankeat to connect the foot of the ghaut, proposed by the Superintending Engineer, with the Annamalay road in the Coimbatore District.

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Revenue Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 13th Dec. 1869

Read the following. Proceedings of Govt. P. W.

Intimating that it will not be possible to construct from Imperial funds a new line of road crossing the Ooppar near the Colaputti ankeat to connect the foot of the ghaut proposed by the Superintending Engineer with the Annamalay road in the Coimbatore District.

} H. C. 9th Nov. 1869 № 358

Communicated to the Board of Revenue. Under the circumstances stated in the P. W. Order above recorded, the construction of the road referred to must be held in abeyance.

14th Dec. Despatch
to P. W. Dept.

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