

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th April 1871.

No. 222. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 13th April 1871, No. 29 :—

In paragraph 2 of G. O., 24th March 1871, No. 548, Government desired to know whether any expenditure was now being made on the Mailkindah road.

2. I enclose letter and memorandum from the Executive Engineer.

It appears that 35,000 Rs. was the sanctioned estimate; that Rs. 21,728-6-5 was spent up to 31st March 1870; that Rs. 500 only were spent in 1870-71 in the form of compensation to Colonel Words for land taken from him for the road; and that Mr. Morant intends spending on the road this year (1871-72) the amount usually allotted for repairs to the Ootacamund and Sispara road—perhaps Rs. 500; the exact amount will have to be settled by the Local Fund Board.

No. 223. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1871, No. 712.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of the Neilgherries.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman:

No 28 Sept 70 to 420-21
24 Jan 71-224-25

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18-8-1172.

The Government Secretary
Madras,
The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department
Fort St George,
Dated 13th April
Recd 13th April

No 145.

States that Mrs. Rae is
the Administratrix of the
estate of her late husband
and wishes to give a
release to Government
in full of all demands
the estate has.

Withd 022

May 11. 20th May 71

Recd 13th April

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No 219

Refused

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 27th MARCH 1871, No. 1,334.

Received

27th March 1871

MARCH
No. 1,334.

Land on Neilgherries—granted to late Mr. Rae's representatives in full acquaintance of all claims on Government in connection with Mr. Rae's engagements,—Letter from Commissioner, reporting sale of, to Mr. Sidden, and requesting to know whether Indenture deed appertaining to this land may be made over to Mrs. Rae, submitted for orders of Government.

No 219-221

As per letter of 11th April 71
to Commissioner of the Neilgherries
J. K. Rae
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REVENUE.

To

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE

NEIGHBORHOODS

Dated April 20th.

Recd:

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G. O., 20th April 1871, No. 712.

APRIL

No. 222-223.

Memorandum read on the Neighborhoods.
Letter from the Commissioner regarding the
expenditure incurred on it, recorded.

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No. 224. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th March 1871, No. 1,024:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 30th January 1871, No. 58.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th August last, No. 5,321, to forward, herewith, a memorandum embodying the information called for by Government in the concluding part of paragraph 4 of their order communicated therewith.

2. From this the Board will perceive that the total expenditure on avenues in this district from the year 1862-63 to 1869-70 inclusive, has been Rs. 94,110. This outlay has been spread over 505 miles of road, at an average charge per mile of Rs. 186-5-8. There has likewise been a large outlay on gardens of various description in different parts of the district, which are now kept up at a heavy monthly cost. The total amount laid out on these gardens and topes up to the end of the last official year was Rs. 31,683, so that the total expenditure on trees in this district up to March last, one way and another, has been Rs. 1,25,798.

3. The so-called monthly Inspection Reports sent in by the several Tahsildars and Sub-Magistrates declare the road-avenues throughout the district to be in a thriving condition, but before I had been very long in the district, I had reason to suspect that these reports were stereotyped by custom, were not prepared after actual inspection of the avenues, and did not contain accurate information as to the real state of the trees.

4. From the first week in June 1870 to the 7th October last, I was absent from head-quarters on a tour in tents, during which time I travelled throughout the district as specified in the margin.

<i>Taluqs.</i>	<i>Zemindaries.</i>
Chittoor.	Poonganur.
Palmanair.	Congoondy.
Gudiattum.	Calastry.
Vellore.	Carvetnugger.
Chandragherry.	Arnee Jaghire.

I always travelled by day, either riding or driving in an open carriage, and I carefully observed the avenues on the roads along which I travelled. The result of my observation was an unfavour-

able opinion as to the state of the avenues. The trees generally appeared to me to be stunted, and by no means vigorous in growth—a state of things which I was disposed partly to attribute to the fact that the trees were hardly those suited for avenues in a dry, rocky district like this. Before he left the district, Mr. Wilkinson, my Head Assistant, also wrote to me demi-officially, bringing to my notice the unsatisfactory condition of the avenues in the Calastry Zemindari.

5. I was, however, well aware that Mr. Robinson had for many years taken the deepest interest in the planting of these trees, and I was anxious to avoid the unseemly appearance of a desire hastily to depreciate his exertions in a matter so intimately connected with the improvement of the district over which he had presided for so many years. I therefore thought it well to ask Mr. Sheffield, the Assistant Conservator of Forests, who I knew had had much experience in tree-planting, to report to me his opinion on the state of the avenues along those roads in this district over which he had travelled.

Revenue 1871/10/11
From N. 1198
The Commissioner
Chittoor
To The Secy to Govt
Revenue Dept.
Dated 13th April 1871
Recd 15th April 1871
No 29
Enclosures. Two
Mail Khomdahi Road
Statement of sums of money expended on
and still
proposed to be expended
712
22/4/71

3 To the Commissioner of the Chittoor District