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Read the papers:—

- No. 19. From District Engineer, Neilgherries, dated 6th October 1873.
- No. 20. From the Commissioner, Neilgherries, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 10th October 1873, No. 55.
- No. 21. From the District Engineer, Neilgherries, to the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, dated 11th November 1873, No. 214.
- No. 22. From do. do. do., dated 1st January 1874, No. 16.
- No. 23. ORDER THEREON, dated 1st March 1874, No. 530.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 3.

Seat and the Tiger Hill Road; for the road of which an estimate of Rs. 6,000 was sanctioned in G. O., No. 1,902, of 1st July 1873, Rupees 3,500 being allotted for expenditure in the current year, and the latter of which an allotment of Rupees 2,500 was made in G. O., No. 12 of 12th August 1873, on an estimate which is now submitted and sanctioned.

2. Common to both roads as a connecting link with Coonoor, but forming an integral portion of the former road, which, besides its attractions as a pleasure road, facilitates communication with some 400 acres of coffee land in full bearing, is nearly half a mile the revised trace of which must infringe to a greater or less extent on Brooklands Tea Estate; to pay for which compensation to the extent of Rs. 300 was provided in the estimate of the road to Lady Canning's Seat. The District Engineer has estimated for two lines of trace, the compensation which he calculates at Rupees 2,935 and Rupees 1,632 respectively. The former throw it out of consideration; and needlessly easy gradient of the the usual distance below the central line has been allowed by the District Engineer, and the rate of compensation calculated at Rupees 1,000 per acre, a rate apparently acquiesced in by the Commissioner. There do not appear to be any valid grounds for taking up more than half a chain, as usual, below the centre line of the trace, and the valuation of land is evidently excessive. On this point a reference will be made to the Revenue Department.

3. The District Engineer's proposal to omit this half mile from his original estimate cannot be approved. He will on the contrary submit an estimate of compensation for the shorter length of new road, based on the usual allowance as to width to be taken up, and on a more reasonable valuation. The work must be carried through; and the land, if necessary, taken up under the Act, and used in accordance with its provisions. Immediate steps should be taken in the matter with a view that the new roads may be thoroughly accessible for carriage early in the approaching season.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Neilgherries.
Inspecting Engineer for Communications.
Financial Department.
Revenue do.
Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Note.—In the instructions regarding
certain work in the canal and the
provision of land required in connection
therewith.

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