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29th May 1877. No. 154 W.

Buildings. Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 295. Endorsement of the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, dated 25th May 1877, No. 1,124.

From Major TREDWAY-CLARKE, Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 18th May 1877, No. 117—3.

I AM desired by the Chief Commissioner to submit, for the consideration of His Grace the Governor in Council, copies of the marginally noted letters from the Officiating Superintendent of Coorg reporting on the condition of the approaches to Coorg from the west coast which lie within the Madras Presidency with reference to the important question of facilitating the importation of grain into that province as well as into the neighbouring districts of Mysore.

From E. SHAW, Esq., Officiating Superintendent of Coorg, to the Officiating Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Bangalore, dated 20th April 1877, No. 37—24.

With reference to Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 10—1 of 5th instant, (received by me on the 13th) forwarding a Minute by Sir Richard Temple Bart., K.C.S.I., dated 16th ultimo, and a Memorandum by Mr. Bernard, C.S.I., an estimate of the future requirements of this province as regards food supply and the sources from which they can be met, with reference to the stoppage of importation from the west coast at the approach and during the south-west monsoon, I have the honor to submit the following report:—

2. According to the census taken in November 1871, it was ascertained that the number of inhabitants in Coorg amounted to 168,312 souls according to the Khanishumari made during the last jumabundy of 1876-77; the resident population is said to be only 116,409, or 51,903 less than shown in the census of 1871. This discrepancy can be easily accounted for by the fact that in the Khanishumari accounts prepared by the Taluq Subedars, the coolies employed on coffee estates are not shown.

3. As regards the resident population they will not have to be taken into consideration with reference to the statement now called for, as all the Subedars have reported that in all taluqs there is a sufficiency of grain for the ryots until probably the next crop is reaped, which will be in December 1877 or January 1878, and as Coorg is a rice-growing country, these statements may be accepted as true; and if the crops of the past year had been as large as they usually are, not only would it have been sufficient for the permanent residents of Coorg, but there would have been a large surplus for sale as in former years, as will be seen from the marginally noted statement; but from the short crops of 1876-77, I am afraid the ryots will have very small, if any, quantities for sale.

	Imported.	Exported.
	TONS.	TONS.
1873-74	526	2,490
1874-75	784	2,798
1876-76	467	1,931

4. The monsoon in Coorg may be to last until the end of August, and the quantity in store to last for that period.

5. If the census of November 1871 of persons for whom supplies will be required as the estates do not generally have the beginning of August; but even assuming whom grain will be necessary during the will be 52,000 lbs. $\times$ 30 days $\times$ 4 months amount is not large, still I do not consider same time, arrangements will have to be made.

6. I have consulted the leading merchants Virarajendrapett; they all assure me that grain for the monsoon months, and that the

7. Mr. Moynell, Manager of the late 16th instant as follows:—

"I have been in communication with of opinion that the province of Mysore is own requirements but for exportation also, in estates with raggy and rice all through the of communication being possible for bandies

"The local authorities here therefore grain, and I trust I may be excused for rest they fail to do so."

8. With reference to the above extract drawn from Mysore, but I trust that the supply small.

9. As regards the condition of the ghats province are concerned, there will be no grain expected in any rainy country, but I may should be addressed on the subject of putting Mangalore ghats into good order previous to

10. If the roads leading from Tellicherry monsoon, the grain supplies for Coorg will especially the former, as I am informed that

11. In conclusion, I may state that for the use of their own coolies, but the insignificant quantity and need hardly be taken

commence about 16th June and the heavy rain will only be necessary to have a sufficient

taken as the basis for calculation, the number be 51,003, but this, I think, is rather high. number of coolies until the end of July or number to be for easy calculation 52,000, for months, the quantity that will be required 2,000 or about 2,785 tons; although this even that amount will be required, but at the least that amount or thereabouts.

and Captain Mayrath has done the same at have taken measures to ensure large quantities of no fear regarding their supplies running short.

1-Stewart's Estates, writes to me under date

of the leading grain merchants and they are well stocked with food to meet not only its of which they offer to contract to supply our season conditionally, however, on the lines

their power to ensure a constant supply of that a grave responsibility rests with them if

not in a position to state what supplies can be that will be required from that direction will be

I feel certain that, as far as the roads in this country during the monsoon than must be to suggest that the Madras Government portion of the Cannanore, Tellicherry and of the monsoon.

and Mangalore are in fair order during the directly, I believe, drawn from those places, there very large supplies in hand.

the planters have or are about to store grain they will store will be on the whole a very consideration.

From the same Officer, dated

11th May 1877, No. 84—62.

With reference to your docket, dated May 1877, No. 78—11, inquiring whether the communications within the Madras Presidency are in bad order, I have the honor to report that there is a bridge on the road from Tellicherry to Mercara broken on the Malabar frontier, and the road from Mangalore to Mercara becomes very muddy during the monsoon and at times impassable for carts.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

No. 296.

ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1877, No. 154 W.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineers of Malabar and South Canara, who in communication with the Collectors of the six Districts will arrange for the speedy

execution of any repairs to the roads seem to be advisable, before the setting repairs being hereafter forwarded for the Department, Famine.

(True

to the Coorg frontier, which may monsoon; the estimates for these of Government in the Revenue

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.

South Canara.
Revenue Department, Famine.
Financial

Exd. E. C. Shunker,
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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

MALABAR,

&c., &c., &c.

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Approaches to Coorg from the West Coast
which lie within the Madras Presidency—
Correspondence reporting on the condition
of the —, communicated to the District
Engineers of Malabar and South Canara
with instructions.

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