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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 210 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th February 1870.

No. 124. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st December 1869, No. 8,837 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Coimbatore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th November 1869, No. 207.

Adverting to the previous correspondence on the subject of opening out the Annamallay Hills, I have the honour to submit the following proposal for the favourable consideration of the Board.

2. In paragraph 6 of his letter, dated 26th August, No. 156, embodied in the Board's Proceedings of the 28th September, my predecessor expressed a hope that the proposed road and ghaut might be sanctioned at an early date. The subject has been pressed on me by persons interested in the development of these fine hills, and I have had under consideration the best mode of making a start with the work at once. The Superintending Engineer, with whom I have talked the matter over, gives it as his opinion, in which I entirely concur, that no time should be lost in making a bridle-trace from the foot of the ghaut to the Poonachy Saddle, thence on to Poonachy Ummencovil, thence along the Tooracoodoo River to the foot of the Tangachy, whence would commence the ascent to Michael's Valley. Colonel Walker informs me that the services of Captain Law could be spared for a short time to lay out the trace, and he assures me that Mr. Nesbitt, a resident planter at Poonachy, would undertake to supervise the clearing. If the work can only be put in hand at once, there is no reason why a fair bridle-track should not be completed in the course of two or three months. All that is required is money. I presume that the ghaut at any rate will be made from Imperial Funds, which, of course, will not be forthcoming at present. I therefore propose that a loan of Rupees 3,000 should be made from Local Funds to be recovered hereafter, when the estimates have received sanction, and this sum I request permission to place at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer at once, as the weather for the next five months will be favourable for the prosecution of the work. The funds can be made available from the Reserve of the District Road Fund of the current official year, and I trust that the proposal will have the early support of the Board of Revenue.

Submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The Board consider it very desirable that the work should be commenced at once. Funds can be supplied from the Coimbatore Reserve, as a loan, to be repaid by Imperial Funds next year.

No. 125. Order thereon, 14th February 1870, No. 210.

Local Funds, No. 8.
Civil Works.

The Right Honourable the Governor in Council sanctions the grant of Rupees 3,000, for the purpose stated, from the Local Funds of the district.

2 This sum will not be considered as a loan to Imperial Funds, but as a grant-in-aid from the Local Fund of the district towards an Imperial work likely to be of material local advantage.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department
,, the Accountant-General.

Lyd. F. R. Pauldeman.

Rev. Deptt.

Memo for orderson ltr 4139

G. O. dated 6th August 1869 sanctioned the disbursement to Mr. Lowry, an Asstt. Engineer of Rs. 3000 which sum was considered to represent that portion of the road constructed by him on the Annamalays which was capable of being utilised. Mr. Lowry's claim had been considerably reduced by Col. Walker who inspected the roadwork executed by him. Among other errors in the work Col. Walker reported that Mr. Lowry had zigzagged his ghaut down the South west instead of across the

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the North west face of a ridge, and that owing to this mistake on the Surveyor's part the Coll: had been induced to lay out Rs. 2218 of District Funds in 1867-68 on a wrong line of road. This road is marked on the map by the black dotted line which shows that it involves the crossing of no less than three formidable streams, the Aruvacadoo, the Palaar, and the Cofaur which the road recommended by Col: Walker, marked with the red dotted line, crosses but one stream of consequence before reaching Annamallay, whence there is a made road to Pollachy.

2. Col: Walker's letter was referred to the Ag: Coll: of Combatore who was requested (by G. O dated 6th August 1869 No. 2284) to state whether it was practicable to alter the course of the road from Pollachy to the Annamalays so as to accord with Col: Walker's views.

3 The Ag: Collector replied in his letter dated 26th August 1869, No. 156, printed with Proceedings of Government P.W.D. dated 9th November 1869. He quite agreed with Col: Walker and hoped that the proposed road would be sanctioned at an early date.

4 The subject is again

again brought forward by Mr. Sullivan the present Collector of Coimbatore in his letter dated 10th November 1869 (220) embodied in Board's Proceedings dated 1st Dec. 1869, (8837). Mr. Sullivan thinks there is no reason why a pair bridle track should not be completed in the course of two or three months if the work be put in hand at once. He presumes that the plant part of the road will be made from Imperial Funds at all events, but as Imperial Funds will not be forthcoming at present, he recommends that a loan of Rs. 3,000 be made from Local Funds to be recovered hereafter. He requests permission to place this sum at the disposal of the Supdg. Engr. at once.

5 The Board in their Proceedings dated 1st Dec. 1869, (8837) now immediately before Govt. consider it very desirable that the work should be commenced at once. They mention that Funds can be supplied from the Coimbatore reserve as a loan, to be repaid by Imperial funds

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next year — but as
the
the Govt of India do
not appear to consider
it necessary to repay such
loans, it is submitted
that the point must
be deferred until the
point presents itself

coming

I would not admit this principle, and I would make the advance of £3000 R. from the Revenue Surplus Coimbatore District (Local) if on reference to the G.P.W. there is any probability of funds being available at the end of 70/71 for repayment. It seems admitted that the work should be charged to Imperial & not to Local Funds.

R.C.

I think it is desired that the work and limit and sanction is authorized from Local Funds

I would not debit the Loan and as Imperial funds cannot be got - I would make the road fr Local funds. for as a despatch from us and must last for best. I would not lower down to the expenditure of one month in which portion the Local funds of the District are. V.

No 4159 11th Feby 1870

The Lt Governor in Council
sanctions the grant
of Rs 3000 for the
Improvement Natural Spring
in the Local Funds of
the District.

This sum will not
be considered as a
loan from Local to
Imperial Funds, but
as a grant-in-aid,
Local fund of the District
from the former, towards
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1870 towards Improvement
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Cuddapah Dist.

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