

Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2770

DATED 1st July 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the plan proposed to be
set at Richmond by Messrs Perry
should be included in the general
scheme of communication for
opening up the Mopla country and
calling for further reports on
the subject.

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CURRENT No. 3486.

Order

From

Messrs Parry & Co
Madras.

No.

Dated 21 May

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SUBJECT.

Requesting Govt. to obtain
from the Rajah of Nellambur
permission to cut a jungle
path through his land which
is intended to continue to their
property at Vellera Mulla,
Mynasab.

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PARRY & CO., MADRAS.
London House:
70 Gracechurch Street, E.C.

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY
The situation appears
to be this unbroken line

Madras, 21st May 1898.

CHIEF SECRETARY
23 MAY 1898
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

24 MAY 1898
REV. DEPT.

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras.
Ootacamundi.

Sir,

We have the honor to bring to your notice that in December last we decided if possible, to cut a jungle path through our own property at Vellera Mulla, Wynaad, down into the Nellambur Valley to facilitate the introduction to our Coffee Estates of labor from the Ernaad and Walla-vanaad Taluqs, which at present would have to come via Calicut and Vayitri @ 3½ to 4 days journey. Unfortunately we find that the descent through our own land is too precipitous, and to enable the path to be continued to the foot of the valley it will be necessary to take it a considerable distance, say 5 to 6 miles through land belonging to the Rajah of Nellambur.

Our object in bringing this matter to the notice of Government is to ask that Government will be good enough to obtain from the Rajah of Nellambur permission to continue the path through his land, a permission which if applied for direct we have reason to believe would either be refused or granted under conditions of payment which would be quite prohibitive. The path, which would be only a jungle track, would go right down to the recently disaffected portion of the Ernaad Taluq, and

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would probably result in the introduction of a good deal of Moplah labor to the Wynaad, which labor at present finds no outlet, and in view of the large openings in Tea now being made, would be very welcome on the Estate. It is we understand the want of employment for this Moplah labor which is at the bottom of the trouble so often recurring in the Ernaad Taluq.

If considered necessary, we would suggest a reference being made to Mr F. Fawcett, late Superintendent of Police, Malabar, who knows the direction of the proposed track, and who would, we think, approve of our object.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants.

[Signature]

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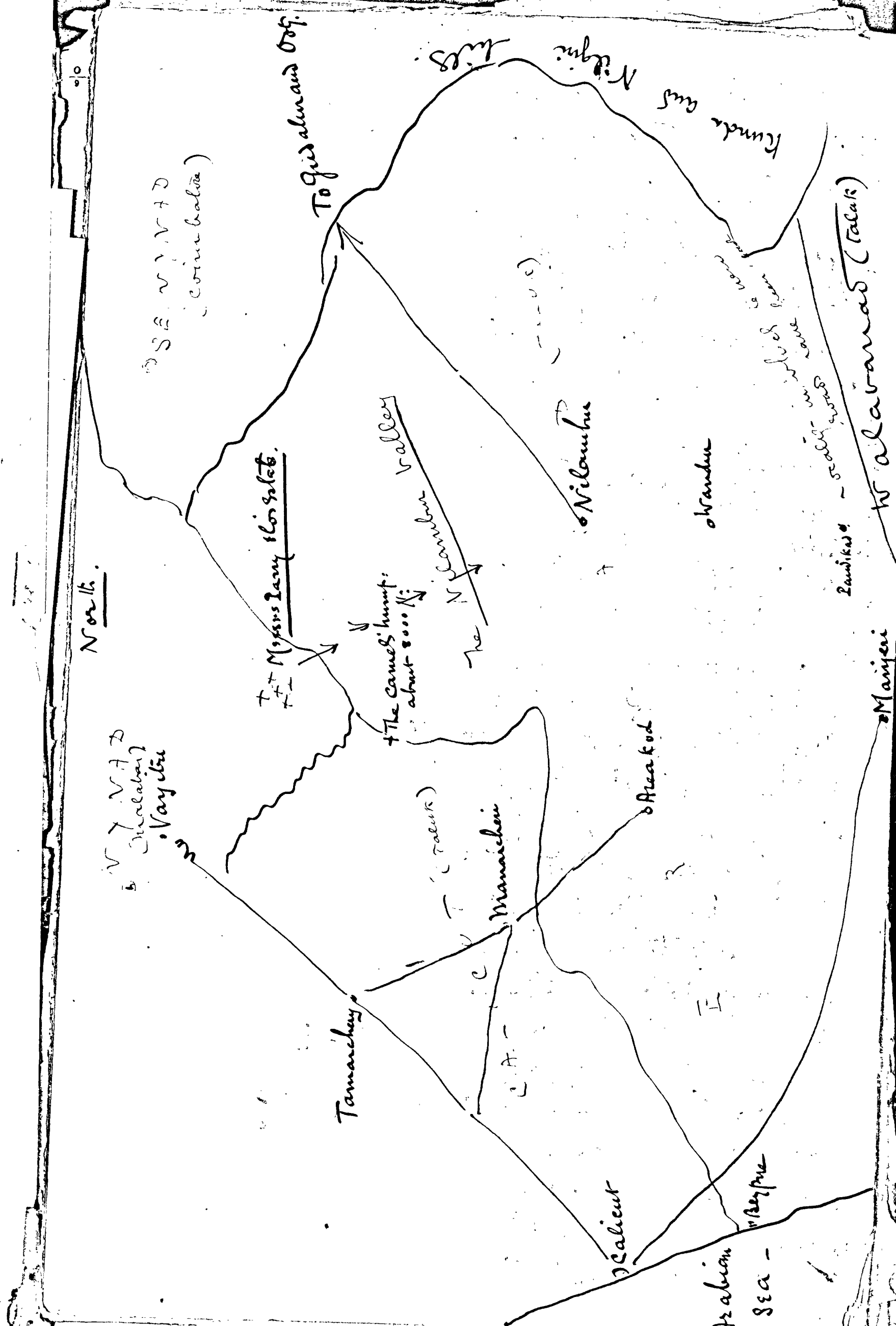
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The situation appears to be this: the British Government has proposed to build a road from the ridge of the hills bordering the Nilam valley to the northward to increase facilities for labour to get to the estates with for direct communication between the estates and the Nilam valley which they expect to be able to do with the help of labour they wish to secure. Anticipating this situation, the Nilam Rajahs, who are the owners of the estates, are now in the process of making a private road, or at least the path through the hills, they wish to keep themselves. They hope that the proposed direct communication between the place where labour is wanted and where available labour is, would be of great service in that it would get the labour they want.

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the question of distances
between Sayo & Nilambur
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and the states of Kunjapur
& Co. to the existing ports.

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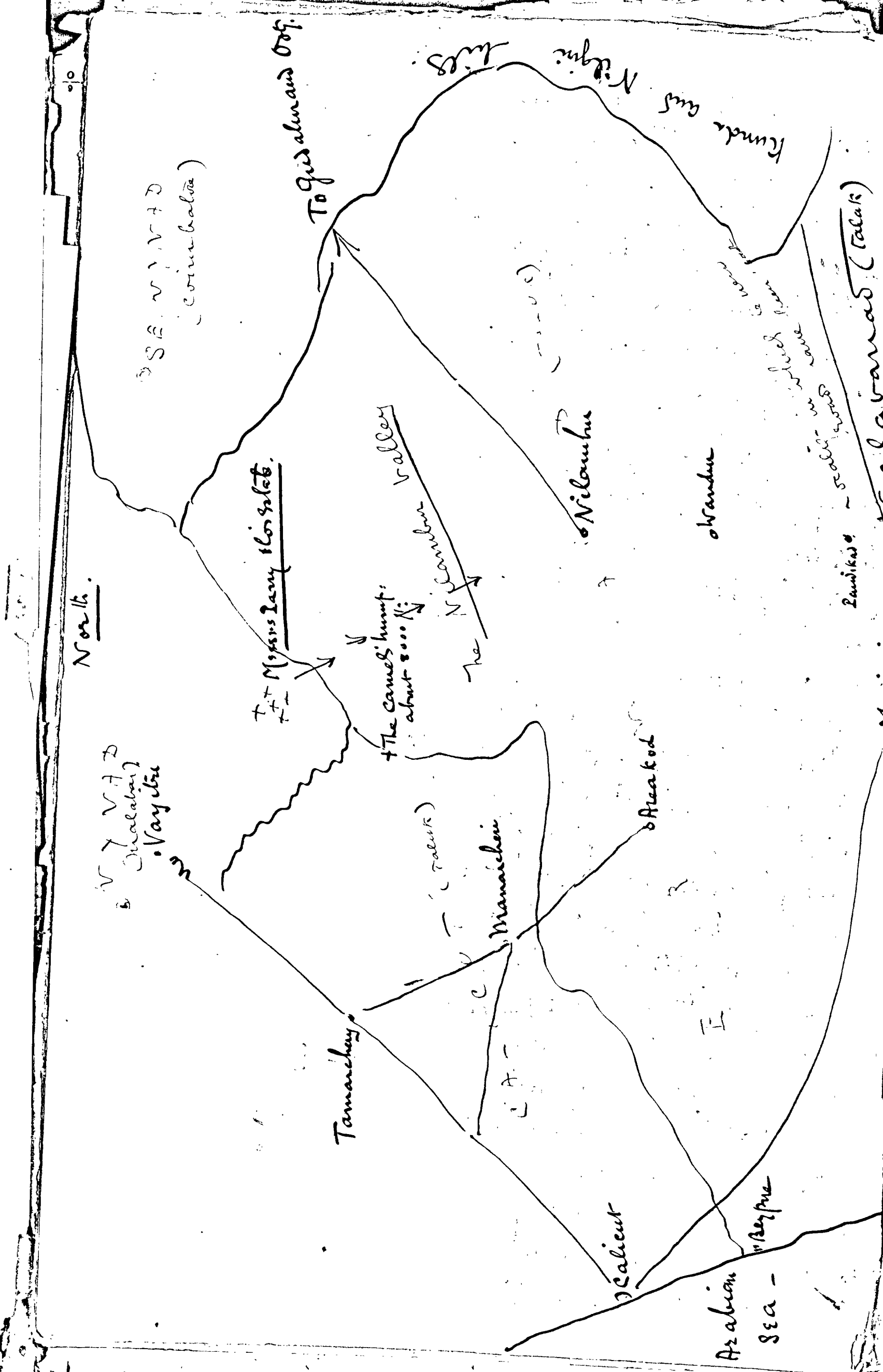
and the Govt. by relieving the disaffected tract of redundant population & by the accompanying 2 roughly sketched maps in which the limits of Ernad and a few roads are outlined will help to settle the question of distances between Sagar Nilambur (taking it as a centre) and the states of Mysore & Co. by the existing routes.

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- (1) Nilambur via Deralat & Meppadi to the states 68 miles
- (2) Nilambur via Calicut (a route for the major part but not for cars. the route for cars is 10 miles longer under conditions of rain would have to be taken) 100 miles
- (3) Nilambur via Atankod, Tananchery, Meppadi to the states 74 miles

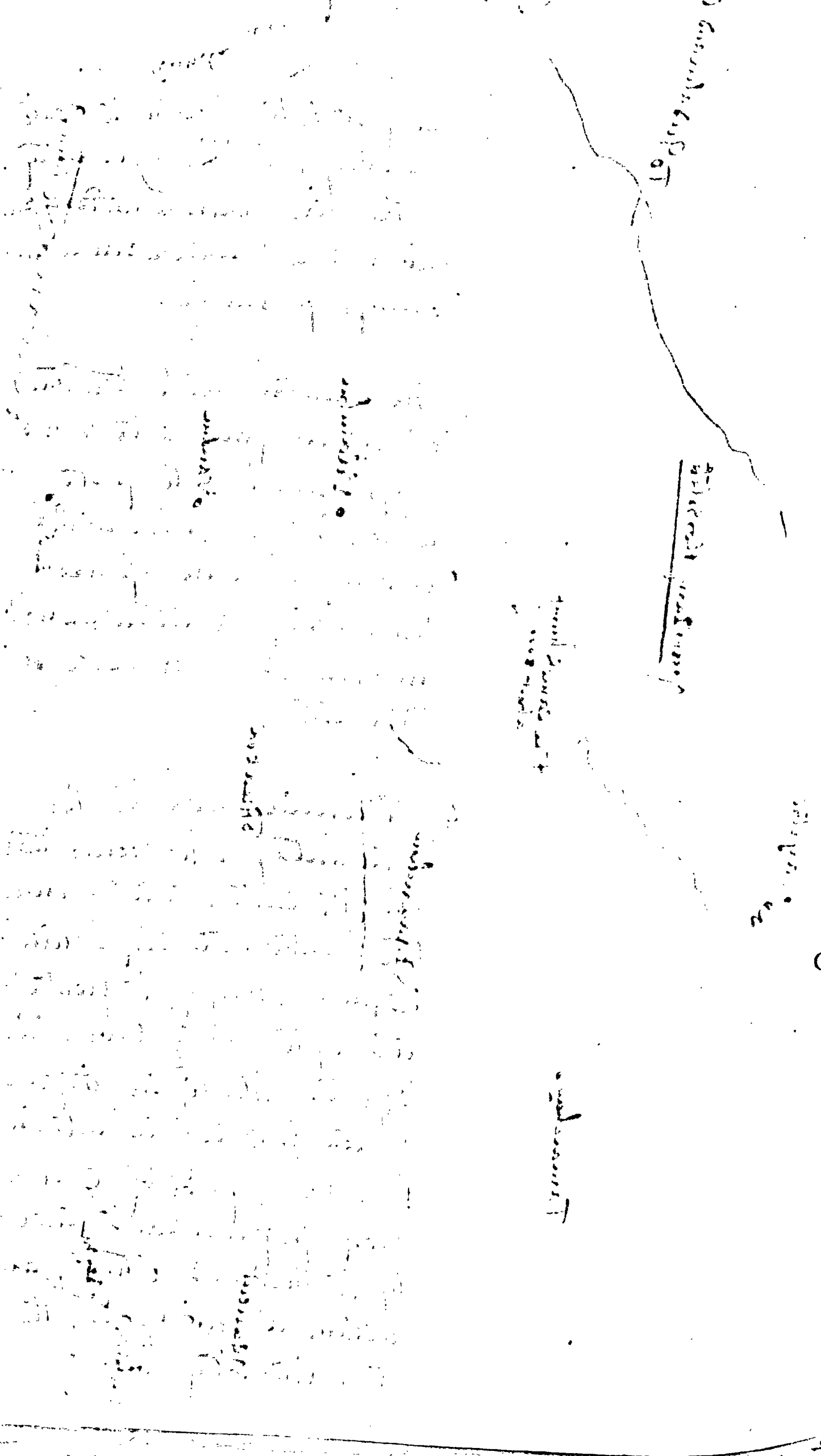
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1. Longest is the favorite route
and through the home country
of the Chinese - crossing the Yangtze
River and smaller rivers, with
always a passable road
at all seasons and all
the distances with these three
which are full of stone
and steep marches - the path
which men. P. H. L. wish to
cut at their very expense -
with bridge N. L. L. with
in the deep march of
the states of the road
and now provisions of
4. Finally now to the
advantages. It seems that
the excellent and manufac-
ture rather than export will in
the future occupy the greater por-
tion of the population in
China. Already in this year
the tea just coming into bear-
ing will probably cause the
pop. population to increase
by a thousand or two, and
within a few years the
tea industry will doubtless



occupy several thousand
with this large requirement in
view the planters are naturally
anxious to secure a plentiful
supply of labor inasmuch as
are leaving the country for
it. Perhaps some of them
are thus influenced in their
desire to secure home labor
which should be the best
of all. But it should be said
that the negro labor which
men, women, &c. wish to have
is rendering service in the
way of home has not
been altogether successful
in the ordinary work on a
coffee estate. It has been
found that in proportion to
remuneration has been, which
it will be difficult to obtain
negro labor is the best of
all for filling ^{timber} and such
heavy work, usually done by
contract. They earn good money
by hard work, and go home
but the ordinary trifling amount
of work is paid for as a
cool on an estate remuner-
ates not high enough to

has been made
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to make a little pile of
home (but are not
with, not to be) it is not
a rule. Since then, no field
work had
and rain more. He does
not like to be done here
with the (slave) labor in the
he does not want to be in
over a week with him when
he is all the time taking
the same day. There is
much to be done (some work
on the estate which attracts
the negroes and many of
them are now employed in
the yard, and many like
conditions. They are asked
to do the work which is
the will of the owner
to gain the home labor.
So that on the whole it
may be said that in
view of the present and fu-
ture conditions it would
be a good thing to go
with tea and coffee
industries and good for the

[illegible]

Messrs. I am to have
 states their difficulty to
 waive which they invoke
 the aid of Govt. The Tri-
 umph is not likely
 to be amenable if

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asked. The Hon. the Chief Sec. has suggested that as Govt. has already made grants for opening roads in the hilly country might it not be as well to adopt this path as part of the scheme? This I venture to say is most reasonable. The cost would, after all, be inconsiderable and might well be incurred by Govt. A question which seems to arise now is whether in the face of the financial and possible objections I attempt to suppress his termination of the policy of the Govt. opening the path apparently for the benefit of Messrs. P & Co. is a sound one. Operation of the land acquisition Act would not come in here: but the question remains. It seems doubtful whether the Govt. could reasonably interfere and say the path shall be made after Messrs. P & Co. backed perhaps by the

Collector influence had
negotiated with the Tribunal
and failed. I also find
evidence of that. I think
more, if he were not as ob-
jectionable as possible it
would be astonishing, so that
it seems best after all to
follow the other. The Chief Sec-
retary and make inter-
ventions of the path a Govt matter.
Keeping up such a
path, though heavy people
where rain fall is enormous
would in time be costly &
always troublesome. Mem P
& Co. might therefore be asked
whether if the Govt made
the path would they keep it
open? They might do this
or pay a part of the cost
of opening & maintaining
and I have no doubt they
would agree gladly to what
ever arrangement the Col-
lector decides to make.
I should say that
though the Govt Tribunal
had would doubtless, of course

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Mem P I think the work
undertaken by Govt. there
would not be a feeling of
injustice on the part of
the people.

7 There exists a path
difficult & seldom used, in-
deed feasible only by the white
hill folk. I have seen to
the top of it - or a far away
corner of Mem P & Co. land.
Should the path be made
by Govt. it would be well
I think to make it as
far as is practicable from
the most easily get-at-able
centre so that it would be
of general and not (even
apparently) of exclusive
benefit. I think Govt. could
undertake the work governed
only by this idea. For it
must not be overlooked
that Mem Pary & Co. would
be very glad - and as on
commercial grounds they are
perfectly right - to secure
for themselves a regular

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reasonably for initial and
maintenance. The
Planters Association
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N.B. The map in the Sec-
retariat does not show any
road, but a new one in my
sketch. I have marked them
straight.

16-6-98. Hamell
Ant. ult the Govt.

Lead C No 3786 of 1898.
Letter from Messrs Parry & Co
Madras D. 21.5.98.

For orders

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from the disaffected parts of the Ernaad Taluk, and that a good deal of Moplah labour will thus find an outlet, the riots which often recur will cease.

In para 10 of G.O. No 1567 dated 30.9.96, the Govt has recognized the necessity for opening up the Moplah country by means of a system of roads and has also taken steps in that direction.

As regards the present request of Messrs Darry & Co. it is however extremely doubtful, if the Govt will be justified in using its influence to obtain from the Nallambur Rajah a concession by which Messrs Darry & Co will be primarily & materially benefited.

Mk 27/5/98 Secy

I submit that Messrs Darry & Co ask too much & that Govt may regret its inability to interfere. If however the path was wanted for general public use the land acquisition act might be applied. But that does not seem to be the case here. Mk 27/5/98

In Rev G.O. 4393 F. 7.11.96

This is a private matter, & I don't think Govt should interfere. There is plenty of employment in accessible places for Moplahs. I have seen a great number of them at Liddesdale.

Before replying, it might be well to ask Mr. Fawcett to explain the situation. It may be that the Govt. is not to be asked to the general public, and not only Moplahs, but also the general public. H. H. S. 4/6/98

Govt. has I think made plans for opening roads in the Moplah country. Might they not regard this as a part of the scheme. Mk 27/5/98

To Mr Fawcett with reference to notes above.

Mk 10/6/98

Mr. H. C. S. 14/6/98

Will Mr. Fawcett kindly reply to Mr. H. C. S. 15/6/98

Reply is enclosed. To the Dept. with Mr. F's reply. 16/6/98

Mr. Fawcett's exhaustive note on the subject is put up before. 17/6/98

Mr. Fawcett has written a note on this subject. I think this road is much needed for the good of the Moplahs generally and for the good of the Government. 17/6/98

think this road should be included in our general scheme of roads for opening up the Malabar District, and that it should be made by first, in the time best suited to general interests.

If we accept any contribution from the private parties for up land, it must be sought from the Planters' Association as a body and not from Parry & Co. individually.

The proposal on the above lines may go to the Collector for early report, and then it may be tried about the first, one considering the number of roads to be made.

20.6.98

note

a draft G.O. is submitted

26.5.98

H.E.

Please see draft which follows H.E.'s note

28/6/98

Agreed to - but see my note at the end of draft.
H.E. 6.2.98

25/6/98 appears. answer not seen to it. can hear. H.E. 2.6.98

MS 29.2.98

Read letter from Messrs. Parry & Co. dy 21.5.98
(C.W. 3786 of 98)

Order misc. no 2770 dy 1st July 98.

H.E. the G.O. in C. is considered that ^{in public grounds} the ~~inclined to the view~~ that the path referred to ^{might with advantage} should be included in the general scheme of ^{communications} for opening up the Malabar country, ^{that} it should be made by the Govt, ^{the} the line which would serve the greatest ^{first suited to general interest} number of estates in the ^{and not for the good of Messrs} region indicated by Messrs. Parry and Co. ^{and that} if any contribution is to be ^{incurred for its upkeep after cons.} ^{instructed} it should be sought from the ^{Wynand} Planters' Association ^{should} committee as to their willingness ^{as a body and not from Messrs} to make a contribution towards ^{Parry and Co. individually. The} the upkeep of the path after it is ^{the} completed. The Collector of Malabar is re-

that followed being

requested to carefully consider the ^{Matter} ~~question~~ in all its aspects and submit a report to Govt. and at an early date.

2. Messrs Parry and Co. will be informed that the ^{Govt} matter is ^{is} ~~done~~

is considering the matter
dealt with in their letter. ~~read~~
~~about~~ (10/10/1898)

Ullie

27/10/18

28/10/18

To the Collector of Malabar (240)

Messrs Parry & Co (P.O. and
P. and full order
para 2 of O only)

26/11/98

Ullie
25/11/98

I would send a copy of
the entire order to messrs
P. & Co. who will then
no doubt put themselves
in communⁿ with the Planter's
Assoc. I can use what
financial arguments
they like to induce that
body to subscribe to
the upkeep of the road
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not seem to be can here. Ullie

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