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Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4788

DATED 6th December 98.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Agreeing with the Collector in considering that the Commutation of a fixed proportion of the net Arrack Rentals hereafter should not be undertaken from Merchants funds and requesting that the Collector & Salaries for the formation of the Melabar Tenures for Messrs Garvey

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CURRENT No. 767

From The Collector of Malabar

No. 2801
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SUBJECT.

Reporting about the path proposed to be cut at Nilambur by Messrs Parry & Co.

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Pointe de la Table, Tarjetas
Santa Lucia road.
7th October, 1898.

To

The Collector of Customs
Castries.

Sir,

Road from Tibbens Mabbs to Canaries Estate.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of yours of 29th ultimo on above subject and enclosing copy of letter from Messrs Berry & Co. and of the G.O thereon and in reply beg to state that while this association considers the matter as outside its province yet that their persons who are interested in the road will subscribe towards its upkeep after it is made.

I am &c

(Sd) .. Fondbanger
Pointe Sec, Vigie road
Planters' Association

(True Copy)

Forage Collector

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Malabar Collectors Office
Camp Manantoddy 17th October 1898

From

C. Parsons Esquire I.C.S
Acting Collector of Malabar.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to report as required in G.O Misc No: 2770 dated 1st July 1898.

2. The path in question has already been cleared of jungle but not levelled or metalled from the Poonoorpoya estate for 5 miles through Messrs Parry & Co's forest to the crest of the ghats. Thence to Nilambur direct is some 8 miles with a fall of about 2500 ft. The ghats are very precipitous and not well known. Probably the path from the crest of the ghats to Nilambur would be 15 miles long half of which would be through dense precipitous jungle where there is no path at present and the other half would be along paths already in use by wood-cutters and others. Except some 3 miles along the main road towards Edakara near Nilambur all this 15 miles of path would run through the Tirumal-pads property.

3. To ascertain the best line for the path to follow is a difficult task which would keep a D.C.O officer engaged for some considerable time and he could only do it between November and March.

4. The

4. The path would not be of much use in opening up the Mopeah Country. It would run through an uninhabited forest. It would debouch on Milambour where no People will go to the Kopomaa as estate Coolies because they can earn a better livelihood in forest and timber work at Milambour. The nearest Centre to Milambour for recruiting Mopeah estate labour is Manjeri. Moplahs recruited there and intending to go to Messrs Parry & Co's estates would no doubt find the path a shortcut but if the road from Areacode to Manjeri is reconstructed as ordered in G.O. No. 1908 W dated 29 July 1898 Coolies from Manjeri would prefer the latter route to any estate in South Wynaad Except Poonoopoya and three or four adjoining estates because the Areacode route would be either nearer or more comfortable.

5. The path would adjoin Messrs Parry & Co's Estate road at Poonoopoya which is 10 miles from a public road.

6. The only planters whom the path would Materially ~~affect~~ benefit are Messrs Parry & Co and Mr Wright. The former are by far the most interested as they own three estates and extensive forests on the Crest of the ghats. It will be observed that in their letter Messrs Parry & Co offer to cut the path themselves. It will be seen from the enclosed letter that the Planters' Association will not subscribe to the upkeep of the path

and I do not think any individual planters will subscribe other than the two mentioned.

7. I have Consulted with the Sirimadpad and the Edaya Sirimadpad (heir apparent) on this matter. They both say they do not object to a path being cut but it is more than likely that a path is cut difficulties will arise hereafter. The Sirimadpad will certainly not give Messrs Parry & Co or the public a right of way. It would not be easy to arrive at a documentary agreement with him on the subject because of the well known difficulty of dealing with a Malabar Tarwad and because the Edaya Sirimadpad and others have filed a Suit in the Sub Court to oust the Sirimadpad from his Karanavanship as incompetent. It is dangerous to risk money in making a path on the Sirimadpad's Verbal promises as he is very apt to change his mind.

8. I most respectfully urge upon Government to first present lines of Communication in order before opening up new ones in the Mopeah Country. Any amount of Money could be profitably spent in this way.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Deputy Collector
For acting Collector

H. M.S
20.10.98

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

(C No. 7267)

From The Collector of Malabar

No D 801 Public Dated 17th October 1898.

FOR ORDERS.

To hunder Key :-

In their letter D/ 21.5.98 Messrs Parry and Co requested Govt to obtain for them permission from the Tirumalapad of Nilambur to cut through his land a path which they proposed to open in order to facilitate the introduction to their coffee estates of labour from the Wynaad and Wallanaad taluks. Messrs Parry and Co state that if they themselves should apply to the Tirumalapad for permission it would either be refused or granted under conditions of payment which would be quite prohibitive. Messrs Parry and Co also stated that the path to be opened would

In G.O. No. 2770 D/ 1.7.98
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would result in bringing to the coffee and tea estates a large number of the Kroplahs from the disaffected parts of the Sound Talook and that as a good deal of Kroplah labour would thus find an outlet the riots which often occur would cease.

2. The late Honble Mr Grose states as follows:- "This is a private matter and I don't think Govt should interfere. There is plenty of employment in accessible places for Kroplahs. I have seen a great number of them at Liddellsdale". His Excellency the Governor, however, considered that before passing, Mr Fawcett (who had known the locality as Supt of Police, Malabars and who Messrs Parry and co had stated knew the direction of the proposed track) should be consulted in the matter. Mr Fawcett's note will be found attached with G.O. No. 2770 of 1.7.98. He states

Please see his remarks at ¶ 2 of the note in G.O. No. 2770 of 1.7.98

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states: "on the whole it may be said that in view of present and future conditions it would be a good thing, good for the tea and coffee industries, good for the Kroplah class, both objects for concern to the Govt, if communications were established between Messrs Parry & co's estates and the Nellambum valley. It should be done if practicable". He was of opinion that the track should be undertaken as part of the scheme of opening up the Kroplahs country by means of a system of roads towards which the Govt had already taken steps. He considered that the cost would be inconsiderable and might well be incurred by Govt.

On a perusal of this note His Excellency stated as follows: "I think this road or path should be made, for the good of the Kroplahs

Please see para 10 of G.O. No 1567 Jud. of 20.5.96 in Revs G.O. 4353 7.11.96

General

generally and not for the
good of Messrs Parry & Co
only. I think that this road
should be included in our
general scheme of roads
for opening up the Wynaad
districts and that it should
be made by Govt on the best
terms as general interests
If we accept any contributions
from private parties for upkeep
it should be subject from the
Planters' Association as a body
and not from Messrs Parry &
Co individually. The foregoing
are the above views may be
the Collector for early report
" " "

Secondly on G.O. No 2770
Dy 17.9.8 the Collector of
Malabar was requested to
consider and report on the
subject.

3. On the Circuit round
above the Collector of Malabar
points out that the road
if cut would not be of
much use in opening the
Wynaad

Wynaad country; that it
would run through an unhealthy
forest; that it would
debouch on Nilambur whence
no Wynaad will go to the Wynaad
as estate coolies as they can
earn a better livelihood in forest
and timber work at Nilambur;
that the only planters whom
the path would materially benefit
are Messrs Parry & Co & Mr Wright
Nine especially the former as
they own three estates and extensive
forest on the crest of the ghats;
that the United Planters Association
will not subscribe for the
upkeep of the path; that two
individual planters cannot
subscribe other than the two
above mentioned; and that
there would be difficulties in
the acquisition from the Nilambur
Tirumulpad of a right of
way over the land. In
these circumstances the Collector
considers that it would be
preferable to put forward
views of communications in

order

order before opening off new ones in the Norfolk country.

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The Collector seems to have good reasons for refusing to accept funds at present, or can command the services of Mr Parry. Before asking Govt to provide funds for opening these lines of communication, it is necessary to ascertain whether the Collector is willing to undertake the duty himself, or can find any one else to do it.

S.K. 17.11.8

I visited the locality very well when Special Asst in Malabar. The Coln has certainly not over-stated the difficulties. Probably for considerable distances the path would have to be blasted out of the side of precipitous cliffs. The forest is dense at the foot of the hills, perfectly uninhabited. Milambur, where the path would end, is not a Moplah locality.

I concur with the Revd. S. & Govt. H.E. should see this I think. H.S. 18-11-98.

To H.E. the Governor

S.K. 21.11.8

The question whether the work of [illegible] should be undertaken by the Public Works Department, Ranging Officers, or Revenue Officers, and whether the Collector should undertake it himself, is a matter for the Government to decide. It would be very desirable that the Collector should undertake it himself, if he can find time to do so.

The difficulty is, as pointed out by the Coln, that the old Tirumulpad & his nephew, the Junior Tirumulpad, are quarrelling with each other, & neither is in a position to make any grant of Tarawad property. However this can be no bar in opening negotiations.

H.S. 5-12-98

To Land Secy

Please see Draft &c. submitted below for approval

J.S.K. 30-11-98

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30.11.98

H.E.

Please see draft below on the basis of Mr K's notes.

S.H. 5/12/98

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Revenue Dept.

Read again G.O. No.2770, dated 1st July 1898.

Read also letter from the Collr. of Malabar No.801 dated 17th Octr.'98 (C.No.7287)

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G.O. Mis. No.4985 76 Dated 5 Dec 1898.

The Government agrees with the Collector in considering that the construction of the path should not be undertaken at the cost of public funds.

2. The Collr. will however be requested to address the Nilambur Tirumelpad in view of obtaining from him permission for Messrs. Parry and Co. to make the road. If permission is refused, it will be for consideration whether the land should not be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act and Messrs. Parry and Co. be permitted to construct the road subject to agreement as to the use of the road by the public.

Enclosed

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(Ltd.) N.E.R. (Ltd.) G.S.F.

30-11-38 1-12-38

To the Collector of Malabar.

" Messrs. Parry and Co.

Sd. 15-12-38

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