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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
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No. 177. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 12th December 1863, No. 3674.

Communicate orders passed upon a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, commenting upon the unfinished state of the road from Vizianagram to Parvatipoor and the Petta Ghat road to Jeypore. } (Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 12th December 1863, Nos. 313 & 314.)

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1863, No. 1986.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 12th December 1863.

No. 313. Read the following letter from Captain O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 21st November 1863, No. 1,735:—

SIR,

1. I beg to bring to the notice of Government that I have received an Official Memorandum* from you informing me that funds have been granted by the Government of India for the following works: Petta Ghât road to Jeypore, and road from Vizianagram to Parvatipoor.

* No. 83 of 13th November 1863.

2. In the same Memorandum I am told that Plans and Estimates should at once be submitted, and that in the meantime the works may be proceeded with.

3. I beg to bring to the notice of Government that neither preparation of Plans, which cannot be undertaken without surveys, nor execution of work can take place until a special Officer be sent to each line.

4. I respectfully refer Government to my letter of the 3rd June No. 143, which has been completely ignored.

Proceedings of Government 3rd July, No. 1,747.

5. I can say nothing now except what I said then; there are but four Officers in this District capable of making a Survey, three Range Officers and one Cantonment Overseer, and these cannot leave their works to investigate projects at a distance without the works left coming to a stand still.

6. My proposal to finish the incomplete communications in the plains, the 60 miles of road below the Ghâts leading towards the Jeypore country in particular, before engaging in opening out an unhealthy, poor and sparsely inhabited country, found so little favor in the sight of Government, that it is almost presumption on my part to return to this subject; but at the risk of giving offence, I will once more bring to the notice of Government that the Trunk Road to Calcutta has as yet 30 miles of its length in this District untraced even, and 70 miles of its length but partially bridged and tunnelled, and that the amount allotted for this Imperial line during the present year was but 15.000 Rupees, which paltry sum has been already expended: two lacs of Rupees nearly are still required to complete this important line.

No. 314. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1863, No. 3,674.

1. The Government resolves to refer the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Proceedings No. 3,581, dated 4th December 1863, and to inform that Officer that the best mode of appropriating the sum of 25,000 Rupees to the Pettah Ghât road to Jeypore and to the line between Vizianagram and Cherpapalli, should be determined by him in communication with the Collector, the cost of Subordinate superintendence being also met from the same source.

2. It is observed that the Collector in his letter of the 2nd November 1863, No. 896, considers it expedient, looking to the remote prospect of a direct communication being established between Vizianagram and Parvatipoor, to complete the unmade portion of the more circuitous route viâ Cherpapalli and Palconda.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
" Collector of Vizagapatam.
" Judicial Department.

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