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No. 148. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Public Works Department, dated 16th August 1864, No. 2335.

Communicating for information a copy of a letter addressed to the Government of India, requesting an additional grant to prosecute certain works in the current official year. } (Vide Proceedings Public Works Dept., dated 16th August 1864, No. 308.)

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1864, No. 1268.
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(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16*th August* 1864.

No. 308.

No. 2,335.

From

MAJOR J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P.W.D.,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Governor in Council to solicit the sanction of the Government of India for an additional grant of Rupees 2,07,970 to admit of the prosecution of the undermentioned works during the current official year :—

District.	Work.	Amount of Estimate.	Expended up to 30th April 1864.	Allotment (if any) for 1864-65.	Grant now applied for.	Remarks.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1. Godavery ...	Iron lattice bridge at Cocanada.	75,000	23,994	6,000	* 35,006	* In addition to the Budget allotment and to the sum of Rupees 10,000 referred to in letter to Government of India No. 2,229, dated 4th August 1864.
2 Ganjam ...	Road from Aska viâ Soorada to Darangabadi.	...	3,130	6,420	15,000	
3. Do. ...	Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at do.					
4. Coimbatore.	New trace of Coonoor Ghât.	...	8,549	...	40,000	
5. Cuddapah	Road from Cuddapah to Bellary frontier...	1,06,451	58,534	23,770	24,127	
6. Bellary ...	Road from Bellary to Cuddapah, do. ...	1,02,200	83,778	10,000	8,422	
7. Kurnool ...	Táluq Cutcherry at Koilkoontla. ...	7,700	...	...	7,700	
8. Ganjam ...	Do. at Russelconda.	5,750	...	...	5,750	
9. Cuddapah	Do. at Kalkada. ...	7,300	...	...	7,300	
10. Do. ...	Do. at Pullampett.	7,300	...	...	7,300	
11. Godavery	Improving communications in Rampah country.	15,400	1,500	3,900	7,000	
12. Madura ...	Enlarging Salt Platforms, &c., in the Madura District	3,825	...	...	3,825	
13. Tanjore ...	Repairing damages to works of irrigation and communication...	...	...	...	20,000	
14. Trichinopoly	Do.	...	...	...	20,000	
15. Do.	New Privy for the Artillery at Trichinopoly and alterations to Artillery Barracks to form a sleeping room.	6,540	...	...	6,540	

2. The first of these works was sanctioned on the 28th November 1862, and would, ere this, have been completed, but for failures on the part of Mr. Knight of Calcutta, who had contracted for the execution of the work. The bridge is to span the Yalairoo river, which separates the populous and rising towns of Cocanada and Juggernaickpooram. The want of such a structure is at present very much felt by passengers.

3. The second and third works were commenced during 1863-64, and Rupees 3,130 were expended up to 30th April last. A sum of Rupees 6,420 has been allotted from the current year's Reserve to admit of the prosecution of the works, but the Superintending Engineer states that, of this amount, Rupees 4,000 have been laid out during the past three months, and that the

works must be stopped unless a further sum of Rupees 15,000 is at once placed at his disposal. As these works are highly important to the occupation by the British Government of the Khond country, the Superintending Engineer has been instructed to continue operations, in anticipation of further funds being assigned by the Government of India, and to submit the requisite Plans and Estimates at an early date.

4. With reference to the fourth work, I am to state that in November 1862, the late Colonel Ouchterlony submitted for the consideration of Government a project for constructing a tramway from the Coimbatore Railway station to Gotacamund. That Officer, however, died very shortly afterwards, and the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, considering it essential that the existing difficulties of transit, whether a tramway be eventually made or not, should be immediately removed, proposed the formation of a 20 feet cart road up the Coonoor Ghát, with convenient gradients. He accordingly requested sanction for a grant of Rupees 8,547 from the Reserve of 1863-64, with a view to opening up to a width of one yard, a practicable bridle-path, 20 miles in length, and for an assignment of Rupees 40,000 in the Budget for 1864-65, for increasing the width by two yards, in anticipation of the submission of a regular Estimate for 1865-66, within which year he expected to complete the work at a further cost of about Rupees 5,000 per mile. Looking to the growing importance of the Neilgherry Hills as a Sanitarium, and as a field for the rapid extension of valuable and productive European Settlements, and to the necessity for speedily providing the greatest possible facilities of access thereto, the Government, in October last, sanctioned the grant applied for from the Reserve of 1863-64, and the work has, since that date, been in active progress. The Superintending Engineer has reported that he can advantageously spend during the current year a larger sum than that* for which sanction is now solicited.

* Rupees 40,000.

5. The roads entered as items 5 and 6 are those for which an additional grant of Rupees 89,000 was sanctioned in Colonel Beadle's letter No. 4,640, dated 29th October 1863. The sums allotted for expenditure during the current year amount to Rupees 33,770, as shown below:—

Item No. 119 of Imperial Budget	Rupees	20,000
Do. „ 15 of Income Tax Budget	„	10,000
From unexpended balances of Income Tax grants for previous years	„	3,770

6. The Superintending Engineer states that these roads are, without exception, the most important in the whole Division; that as many as 1,500 carts have been counted on the line in one day; and that as the North West Railway approaches Cuddapah, the traffic on it will greatly increase. Colonel Hemery further states that the small sums which have been allotted for the current year will soon be expended, and that unless a further grant be sanctioned, the Coolies, who have been collected with great trouble and expense, will have to be dismissed. The Superintending Engineer is confident that, if the unallotted balances of the Estimates, viz., Rupees 32,549, be placed at his disposal, the several gaps which now exist will be completed within the current official year.

7. The 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th works are most urgently required. The local Officers represent that the establishments attached to the Cutcherries are at present very ill-accommodated, and that, in some cases, the records are not safe in the buildings now occupied.

8. The 11th work was approved for execution on the 26th May 1863, but owing to the difficult nature of the country through which the roads are to pass, and the scarcity of labour, only Rupees 1,500 were expended during the past official year. The object of the proposed lines of road is to open out the country, and to make it accessible in case of future disturbances.

9. The works entered as item No. 12 are essentially necessary for revenue purposes, and their non-execution during the current year is likely to entail loss of revenue.

10. As regards Items 13 and 14, I am to state that, towards the end of last month, an extraordinary flood came down the Cauvery river, and caused great damage to works of irrigation and communication in the Tanjore and Trichinopoly Districts. The Superintending Engineer reports that the current year's repair allotments for his Division are altogether insufficient to bear the cost of repairing these damages; but as prompt action is necessary, he has been instructed to proceed with the works, in anticipation of the additional funds (Rupees 20,000 for each District) now applied for being granted by the Government of India.

11. The Officer Commanding the Southern Division represents that the last of the works referred to in paragraph 1 is of great importance to the health of the Troops, and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief strongly recommends its immediate execution.

12. Having briefly explained above the urgency and importance of the several works noted in paragraph 1, I am to state that the Madras Government are unable, with the limited amount at their disposal, to provide the funds required for their execution during the current official year, and that they confidently hope that their application for an additional grant of Rupees 2,07,970 will receive the early and favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Major, R. E.
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Signed J. H. Stewart

True Copy
J. Stewart Major R.E.
Deputy Secretary to Government

To
The Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Judicial War Dept

From
The Deputy Secy of State
P.W. Dept
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