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G.O., No. 250 L

DATED 7th February 1896.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Chundale - Mysore Road.

Communicating to the District Board Malabar
G.O. Public Works Department sanctioning with remarks, estimate of
Rs 6600 for metalling portions of the ---- in Malabar district and
ordering to resubmit after the construction of the necessary cul-
verts the question of transferring the road to the charge of the
District Board.

BACK PAPERS.

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No. 148 W., 15TH JANUARY 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers :—

From G. ROMILLY, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Wynaad Planters' Association, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Meppadi, 3rd July 1895.

Under instructions from this Association, I have the honour to address you on the subject of the Sultan's Battery—Mysore frontier road. Sections of this road have been metalled and put in good order at a considerable outlay, while other sections have been left untouched and are in consequence at certain times almost impassable. We would venture to point out that unless these sections of the road are also put into good order, the money already spent is practically thrown away; for it is obviously of no advantage to have a good metalled road which is intersected by impassable bogs. We therefore respectfully pray that this work may be sanctioned.

From J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 5th October 1895, No. 379 W.

With reference to your endorsement No. 536 D., dated 9th July 1895, on a letter from the Honorary Secretary, Wynaad Planters' Association (herewith returned), I have the honour to submit, for your orders, copies of letters Nos. 373 and 384, dated 17th and 26th August 1895, respectively, from the Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, reporting the bad portions of the Chundale-Mysore road and the proposed remedy for the same. Of the two estimates amounting to Rs. 3,100 and Rs. 6,600 respectively for emergent repairs and for putting the rest of the road in good order, I have sanctioned the former one amounting to Rs. 3,100 for immediate execution, as this amount can be met from the anticipated savings on annual repairs grant for the Calicut-Vayitri and Vayitri-Gudalur roads.

2. The other estimate of Rs. 6,600 is herewith submitted for your sanction. With reference to the proposal of giving out the maintenance of the road, for a term of years, to contractors Messrs. Mitchell and Mackenzie, I beg to state that I consider this road should be made over to the District Board from the commencement of next official year with the Calicut-Vayitri-Gudalur road. In submitting proposals to make over the latter road, the Chundale-Mysore should have been also included.

the necessary Government Order may now be issued.

3. I request that

No. 148 W., 15TH JANUARY 1896.

ENCLOSURES.

From H. H. O'CONNELL, Esq., Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Vayitri, 17th August 1895, No. 373 S.E.

With reference to your No. 329 W.C., dated 15th July 1895, forwarding a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Wynaad Planters' Association, I have the honour to state that I thoroughly inspected the road from Sultan's Battery on the 12th and 13th instants. I found that the following places are veritable "sloughs of despond":—

(1)	From	M.	F.	FT.
	To	63	3	560
(2)	From	63	4	180
	To	66	0	440
(3)	From	66	1	220
	To	67	3	330
	To	67	4	330

I watched my saman bandy getting through these places and timed it. It took over one hour to get through the last place with the help of 13 coolies and from half to three-quarters of an hour to get over the other two places and they are getting worse every day. I have given orders for these places to be repaired at once and enclose an estimate for the same amounting to Rs. 3,100 for which I request your sanction. The amount may be met from the anticipated savings on annual repairs estimate grant for the Calicut-Vayitri and Vayitri-Gudalur roads.

From measurements taken I find that patches of the road aggregating 8,930 feet also require repairs. If these patches were put into thorough order, it would cost, at the rate of Rs. 126-8-0 per 100 running feet, Rs. 10,688. The rate given is the rate at which the work just completed has been done. The road runs through the heart of the jungle, there are no villages near, all labour has to be imported and food also. The consequence is that rates rule very high. I find that attempting to maintain the road by departmental labour is a failure. In the first place no coolies will work here without an advance and they must also be properly supervised. I therefore propose to ask Messrs. Mitchell and Mackenzie, who have estates in the neighbourhood of Sultan's Battery from which they could draft coolies out of this work for what they will undertake to keep the road open for traffic from year to year. I am convinced that this would be the most economical as well as best policy to pursue. The road is maintained principally in the interests of the planters, and it would therefore be to the interest of Messrs. Mitchell and Mackenzie to do the work well.

I will inform you if Messrs. Mitchell and Mackenzie will undertake to maintain the road, and if they will, I would propose doing away the departmental labour at once and put the matter in their hands.

From H. H. O'CONNELL, Esq., Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Calicut, 20th August 1895, No. 384 S.E.

In continuation of my No. 373 S.E., dated 17th instant, forwarding an emergent repairs estimate for the Chundale-Mysore road, I have the honour to forward an estimate for putting the rest of the road in good order. It is necessary that this work should be carried out if the road is to be prevented from getting into as bad a state as the portions allowed for in the emergent estimate, and it will be cheaper to put it in order now than to wait until it gets worse.

I also enclose a copy of letter from Messrs. Mitchell and Mackenzie in which they undertake to keep the road in order for a rate of Rs. 360 per mile provided that it is handed over to them in fair order and I strongly recommended that the work be given to them for a term of years.

I have already pointed out to you the difficulty of getting labour in this part of the Wynaad, and without advances it would be impossible to get coolies to work here.

P.S.—The estimate for the culverts will follow. They will come under "Original Works." (Intld.) H.H.O.

From Messrs. MITCHELL AND MACKENZIE, Contractors, Public Works Department, to the Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, dated Meppadi, 19th August 1895, No. 209.

In reply to your letter, dated Sultan's Battery Camp, 14th August, we have the honour to state that we are prepared to undertake the work of maintenance on the road between Sultan's Battery and the Mysore Frontier (twelve miles and seven furlongs) for Rs. 360 per mile. For this amount we would provide an average of 1,000 cubic feet of granite metal per mile from the selected quarries, stacking it where it is most required along the line, and would spread and consolidate the same, cut back jungle clear side drains and do petty repairs to bridges; the road being first handed over to us in fair order. We have no objection to taking the road up under the A. System for a term of years.

No. 148 W., 15TH JANUARY 1896.

ORDER—No. 148 W., dated 15th January 1896.

The estimate of Rs. 6,600 for metalling portions of the Chundale-Mysore road in the Malabar district is sanctioned as supplemental to the estimate of Rs. 37,400 sanctioned in G.O., No. 2192 W., dated 25th August 1893.

2. The outlay on the work to end of 1894-95 was Rs. 19,925 and the current year's grant is Rs. 17,173. This amount will, if necessary, be augmented on application by the Superintending Engineer.

3. The question of transferring the road to the charge of the District Board should be re-submitted after the construction of the culverts which are stated to be necessary.

4. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 has been registered as Provincial No. 99 W. of 1895-96 and classified as Communications—Original Works.

(True Extract.)

C. R. D. S.
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with three enclosures.

- " Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
- " Local and Municipal Department.
- " Honorary Secretary, Wynaad Planters' Association.

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G.O. No. 143 W., 15th Jan. 1896.

JANUARY.

Chundale-Mysore Road

Estimate of Rs. 6,600 for metalling portions of the — in Malabar district, sanctioned with remarks, and the question of transferring the road to the charge of the District Board ordered to be re-submitted after the construction of the necessary culverts.

The President, District Board,
Malabar.

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