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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 16*th June* 1857.

No. 65. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 27th May 1857, No. 722.

SIR,

In Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 152 dated 21st January 1857, Government called for an estimate of the amount required for the annual repair of the road from Trichinopoly to Salem. That estimate has now been received from the District Engineer of Salem and amounts to Rupees (99) ninety-nine per mile. But as this is an awkward amount, I have the honor to recommend that an annual allowance of Rupees (100) one hundred per mile, or (4,000) four thousand for the whole length of 40 miles from Salem to Trichinopoly be sanctioned.

2. I have in a previous communication No. 9221 dated 27th December 1856, brought to notice the importance of this road as connecting the two large towns of Salem and Trichinopoly as passing through other minor but important towns, and as being a means of Communication which will feed the railway with traffic as soon as the latter is completed.

3. When that letter was forwarded to Government, a traffic return was forwarded and it was shewn that not less than (100) one hundred tons a day passed along this road the same traffic return is now again forwarded, with the addition of a remark which shews, that it is the result of observations taken not near to Salem, but forty miles from it. It thus proves that it is a fair representation of the usefulness of the road generally, as Namcul is far too small a town to require a daily supply of any thing like one hundred tons of consumable articles. A greater portion must therefore pass on to other more distant towns, perhaps to Salem, or Trichinopoly or to both.

4. In conclusion I have the honor to state in answer to the enquiry contained in para. 2 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 152 dated 21st January 1857, that the portion of the road from Salem to Trichinopoly which falls within the Salem District, does not appear to have been made throughout, it seems however from a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue Department Public Works to the Chief Secretary to Government under date 23rd January 1837, that this road was then unmade. It appears also from the order of Government on the above letter, that the sum of Rupees 6,719-3 being at the rate of Rupees 161-14-6 per mile was sanctioned for expenditure on the 6th February 1837, when the amount of Rupees (10,000) ten thousand sanctioned for entry in the Budget for 1857-58, has been expended, the road may be said to be a made one.

No. 21.

No. 157 dated 6th Feb. 1837.

5. The sanction for the amount of Rupees (4,000) four thousand, for the annual repair of this road is not required until 1858-59, I have therefore the honor to request that it may be directed to be entered in the Budget for 1858-59.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, No. 1140; dated 13th June 1857.

1. In Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 21st January last No. 152, the Government sanctioned for entry in the Budget of 1857-58, an estimate of Rupees 10,000 for the repair of the road from Salem to the borders of the District towards Trichinopoly, and at the same time enquired whether the road was a made road, and if so, what amount was required for its maintenance.

2. Pursuant to this order, the Chief Engineer in his letter above recorded solicits sanction for a sum of Rupees 4,000 per annum for keeping the road in repair, being at Rupees 100 the mile for forty miles. The Chief Engineer reports the road as that from Trichinopoly to Salem, from Salem to Trichinopoly and as connecting the two large towns of Salem and Trichinopoly, from all which it would be inferred that the whole road was in question. A reference to the District Engineer's letter however shows that the part in question is that from Salem to the Trichinopoly frontier. The name of the village at which the road terminates is not stated, but the Government presume it to be Valiaputty, for a maintenance allowance, it is observed, has already been sanctioned* from this place to Trichinopoly.

* E. M. C. 25th Jany. 1856, No. 116, para. 19.

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3. The road, it appears, has been but partially formed under the sanction granted in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 6th February 1837, No. 157; but the Chief Engineer states that when the estimate of Rupees 10,000 referred to in para. 1 has been worked out the, road may then be considered to be a made road. Under the information thus furnished, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the annual allowance of Rupees (4,000) four thousand applied for, but as there will be no occasion for acting upon this sanction immediately, he directs that it take effect from 1st May 1858.

4. Statements of the traffic passing on the road, it appears, were taken at Namcul, and in the District Engineer's return which forms one of the enclosures to the Chief Engineer's letter, this place is stated to be thirty miles from Salem, and the distance from it to Valiaputty is probably ten miles, thus making forty miles the whole length of the road; but the Chief Engineer in para. 3 of his letter appears to be in error in giving the distance from Salem to Namcul alone at forty miles.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 65 Read the following letter

Central Office of Public Works
24th May 1857

No. 722.

From Colonel [illegible]

The Chief Engineer

To [illegible]

The Secretary to Government

Dated [illegible]

Sir,

Public Maintenance of Salem and Trichinopoly road.

In Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 152 dated 21st January 1857, Government called for an Estimate of the amount requisite for the Annual repair of the road from Trichinopoly to Salem. That Estimate has now been received from the District Engineer of Salem and Amounts to Rupees (99) ninety nine per mile. But as this is an awkward amount I have the honor to recommend that an Annual Allowance of Rupees (100) one hundred per mile, or (4000) four thousand for the whole length of 40 miles from Salem to Trichinopoly be sanctioned.

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Encls:
1 Letter from Dist. Engr. Salem dy 19th Mar. 57 No. 613.
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1 Traffic returns
1 Estimate

2. I have in a previous communication N°. 9321 dated 27th December 1856, brought to notice the importance of this road as connecting the two large towns of Salem and Trichinopoly, as passing through other minor but important towns, and as being a means of communication which will feed the railway with traffic as soon as the latter is completed

3. When that letter was forwarded to Government, a traffic return was forwarded and it was shewn that not less than (100) One hundred tons a day passed along this road. The same traffic return is now again forwarded, with the addition of a remark which shews, that it is the result of observations taken not near to Salem, but forty miles from it. It thus proves that it is a fair representation of the usefulness of the road generally, as Namcul is far too small a town to require a daily supply of any thing like one hundred tons of consumable Articles. A greater portion must therefore pass on to other more distant

distant towns, perhaps to Salem, or Trichinopoly or to both

4. In Conclusion I have the honor to state in answer to the enquiry contained in para 2 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation N°. 152 dated 21st January 1857, that the portion of the road from Salem to Trichinopoly, which falls within the Salem District, does not appear to have been made throughout, it seems however from a letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue O.P.W. to the Chief Secretary to Govt. under date 23d January 1857 that this road was thus

N°. 21.

unmade. It appears also from the order of Government on the above letter, that the sum of Rupees 6719. 3.. being at the rate of Rs. 161-1-6 per mile was sanctioned for Expenditure on the 6th February 1857. When the Amount of Rupees (10.000) ten thousand sanctioned for entry in the Budget for 1857/58 has been expended, the road may be said to be a made one.

N°. 157 dy 6th Feby 57.

5. The sanction for the amount of Rupees (4000) four thousand for the annual repairs of this road is not required until 1858/59

I have therefore the honor to request that it may be directed to be entered in the budget for 1858/59.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt Servt
A Mc Taylor Colonel
Chief Engineer

Fort Lincoln Georgia
27 May 1858

Lieut. Shaw

Public Works Dept.

No 1140

Extract from the Minutes of Coun
cil dated the 18th June 57.

Read the following
Letter from the Chief
Engineer

Recd 27th May 57
No 422

Sir

I have the honor to
call your attention to
Item No 1052, the Govt.
resolution for entry in
the Budget of 1857/58 an
Estimate of Rs 10000 for
the repair of the road
from Calcau to the borders
of the District towards
Trichinopoly, and at
the same time to request that
the Government will be
pleased to direct that
the above Estimate may be
submitted for the consideration
of the Council of Public Works
at their next meeting.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[illegible]

Comm 27th Inst to No 2284
Rec 4th Feby 58 -- 384

No 66

cb Inst No 10th

Pub. Works 1857. Depart.
Date to Comr. 16th June
No. 1082.

From
The Chief Engineer &c.
To
The Secretary to Govt. &c. &c.

Dated 27th
Rec. 29th May 57.

5 Enclosures.

With reference to Govt. No. 1140. 13th Inst. forwarding with reference to Govt. No. 852 dy 21st May 57, Correspondence regarding the Amount required for the Annual repair of the road from Calcau to Trichinopoly and recommending for reasons set forth, that an Annual Allowance of Rs 10000/ ten thousand a mile may be sanctioned for the work.

By [illegible]
[illegible] the
road in question
[illegible]

By [illegible] the
distance from
Calcau to [illegible]
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& also the [illegible]
for all 100 [illegible]
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think it is [illegible]
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as
to [illegible]
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what amount was required for its maintenance.—

2 Pursuant to this order, the Chief Engineer in his letter above recorded solicits sanction for a sum of Rs. 4000 per annum for keeping the road in repair, being at Rs 100 the mile for forty miles.* The name of the village at which the road terminates is not stated, but the Govt presume it to be Valiapatty, for a maintenance allowance, it is observed, has already been sanctioned from this place to Trichinopoly.

3 The road, it appears, has been but partially formed under the sanction granted in Cpt Innes of Law of the 6th February 1837, No 57; but the Chief Engr states that when the Estimate of Rs 10,000 referred to in para 1 has been worked out, the road may then be considered to be a made road. Under the information thus furnished, the R.H. the Govr in Council is pleased to sanction the Annual allowance of Rs (4000) Four thousand applied for, but as there will be no occasion for acting upon this sanction immediately, he directs that it take effect from 1st May 1858.

4 Statement of the traffic passing on

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+ Con. 25 Jany 1856 No 116 para 19.

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9 Copies to the Chief Engr
with Encls
Desp. 15

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dy. to Cons: 16th June

No 1140
Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 13th June /57.

From Chief Engr 7/4th July/60
Ct. 1663 in Pro. 11th July No. 1187.

Sanctg. the annual allowance of Rs 4000, for keeping the road from Salem to Erichinopoly in repair and directing that it take effect from 1st May 1858.

No 65 & 66.