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No. 69. Read the following letter from Lieutenant General Sir M. CUBBON, Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Rajah of Mysore; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Bangalore, 25th September 1857, No. 26.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Forbes' letter, No. 1301 dated 7th July last, forwarding copy of a report from Major Lawford regarding the repair of the road between Mysore and Manantoddy; and in reply to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council copies of two letters noted in the margin,* on the subject, and to state that the worst parts of the road shall be mended, but that it would be a waste of money to put the whole in thorough repair; as from the nature of the country and soil, it could not be kept in good order, but at an expence quite disproportionate to all the advantages that could possibly be derived from it; while as the means of communicating with the Malabar Coast it has been superseded by the Periambady road.

* From the Officiating Superintendent of the Astagram Division dated 1st August 1857, No. 281.
From the Chief Engineer in Mysore dated 12th September 1857, No 1087.

Letter from Captain J. L. PEARS, Officiating Superintendent Astagram Division; to the Secretary to the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of the Rajah of Mysore, Bangalore, dated Mysore, 1st August 1857, No. 281.

SIR,

I have the honor, in reply to your letter No. 132 of the 13th Ultimo. and its enclosures, to inform you that the Manantoddy road is in a very bad state, and that the sum required to put it in tolerable order would not be less than Rupees 15 or 20,000, and to put it in really good order, it would be necessary to expend from 30 to 40,000.

Either as an opening for trade or in point of expediency the road is almost valueless as far as the interests of this Province are concerned; since the opening of the Periambaddy Ghaut the traffic on it has been nil, excepting in the item of timber, and as a means of exit for the Mysore coolies who go to work in Wynaad. The existence of a new road, and the progress of Cultivation and Civilization in Wynaad might certainly in time create traffic, but as long as the Periambaddy Ghaut road is shorter by 14 miles and runs through a more populous country it will undoubtedly obtain the preference as a means of communication, and should therefore receive the care and attention which Major Lawford seems anxious should be diverted to the other road.

The thorough repair of this road would no doubt be a great convenience to the Coffee planters of Wynaad, and would also facilitate the transit of timber from both our own and the Company's Territory, but in the face of the late resolution of Government on the subject of Public Works I would not like to take upon myself to advocate for the sake of these two advantages such an outlay as that which I have previously mentioned.

I beg to add however that I am in possession of the information necessary for a more detailed statement as regards the state of the road; and should the Commissioner desire it I will forward a detail of its state throughout the whole length of it in Mysore viz. 55 miles as also a more accurate though rough estimate of the probable expense.

A few khalihats might be sent to work for a short time upon the worst parts should the Commissioner think it advisable to make it more practicable for the timber carts.

Cultivation

Letter from Colonel C. J. GREEN, Chief Engineer ; to the Secretary to the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of the Rajah of Mysore, dated Maury Cunway, 12th September 1857, No. 1087.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 533 dated 4th Ultimo, forwarding copy of a letter to the Commissioner from the Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George No. 1301 dated 7th July last, together with copy of a letter from the Acting Superintendent of Astagram No. 281 dated 1st Ultimo, on the subject of the present state of the road between Mysore and Manantoddy, I have the honor to forward herewith an estimate for Rupees 39,600, which is the amount to be incurred were it resolved to put it in order. I also attach some notes by Sub Engineer Vardon who has carefully surveyed the whole line, and by whom the Plans and Estimate were framed. I can fully bear out the Sub Engineer in what he states of the nature of the road, and am aware it was in a great measure from the utter hopelessness of making a good road, where no metalling is to be had, and where the natural soil is so extremely unfavorable, that a new line was sought for and finally fixed on at Pariambady. The Acting Superintendent has not of course countersigned this estimate and adheres to the opinion expressed in his letter* to you above quoted; and in which, I beg to say, I entirely concur. The coolies who go from Mysore, to seek employment in Wynaad do not care for made roads and it may be observed how frequently foot passengers quit the best roads for bye paths.

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It is obvious that Government did not contemplate so large an outlay as Rupees 39,600, even if the recent orders from Bengal had not interdicted such expenditure, and I only forward the estimate to satisfy the Commissioner that the professional part of the question has been carefully considered ; but I believe Captain Pearse in the last para. of his letter has proposed what will answer the occasion and effect the object contemplated by Government, and I will, if the Commissioner pleases direct the Executive Engineer of South Astagram to act accordingly.

EXTRACT.

Old Cannanore road.

11th. By order of the Executive Engineer I proceeded to commence the inspection of this line of road with a view of framing an estimate for restoring its present miserable and entirely ruined state.

I began my measurement on the morning of the 11th Instant from the very extreme end of the town of Mysore opposite Mathaisparaur Coil and ended it at the bridge constructed over the Bavahully river in the Cannanore Frontier a distance of 5½ miles, six furlongs, and 207 yards.

The road throughout this distance runs through very uneven grounds, rutted up most dreadfully and has all its tunnel broken to pieces and of no use whatever, the nature of soil is very favorable, being gravel and rock as far as Goodoomhully village from here the soil becomes of a different nature altogether, and, consists of pure black Cotton soil up to the above named bridge.

20th July 1857.

In restoring the old road I would strongly recommend that such places as would be found irrepairable to change the line by taking it on either side, but choosing the best and the straightest course side drains are wanted throughout and gravelling, as will be found entered in the accompanying estimate; owing to the unevenness of the Country a great quantity of tunnels will be required to render the road now proposed durable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. R. JOHNSON,
Executive Engineer S. A.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. V. WILKIESON, Lieutenant,
for Chief Engineer.

(True Copies.)

F. CUNNINGHAM,
Secretary.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, No. 1961; dated 20th October 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

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

Superintendents Office

No 284 Mysore 1st August 1857.

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for the Government of the Territories
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(Signed) J. L. Pearse.

Off.g Superintendent

Astagram Division

Mysore Public Works Depart.t

Central Office.

№ 1087.
1857/58.

From

Colonel C. J. Green

Chief Engineer

To.

The Secretary to the Commissioner for the

Government of the Territories of the

Rajah of Mysore

Dated 12th September 1857.

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With reference to your letter №533

dated

dated 24th Ultimo forwarding copy of a letter to the Commissioner from the Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George No 1307 dated 7th July last, together with copy of a letter from the Acting Superintendent of Astagram No 281 dated 1st Ultimo on the subject of the present state of the road between Mysore and Manantaddy, I have the honor to forward herewith an Estimate for Rupees 39,600, which is the amount to be incurred were it resolved to put it in order. I also attach some notes by Sub-Engineer Kindon [illegible] who went the whole line, and by whom the Plans and Estimate were framed. I can fully bear out the Sub Engineer in what he states of the nature of the road, and am aware it was in a great measure from the utter hopelessness of making a good road, where no metalling is to be had, and where the natural soil is so extremely unfavorable, that a new line was sought for and finally fixed on at Pareycunboy. The acting Superintendent has not of course counter-

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True Extract

(signed) W. R. Johnson.
Executive Engineer S. C.

(True Copy)

(signed) C. V. Wilkinson Lt.
For Chief Engineer

(True Copies)

Secretary

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Mysore Commissioner's Office

No 26

From

The Commissioner for the Government
of the Territories of His Highness
the Rajah of Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George.

Dated Bangalore 25th September 1857.

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× From the Offg Supt of the Astronomical Division dated 12th August 1857 No 231.

From the Chief Engineer in Mysore dated 12th September 1857 No 1057

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Enclosed is a letter from the Commissioner of Mysore to the Chief Secy to the Govt of Fort St George. dated 25th Septr 1857. No 26.

Recd 29th Sept 1857.

Copies of letters from the Offg Superintendent of the Astronomical Observations and from the Chief Engineer in Mysore on the subject of the repairs of the road between Mysore and Manantoddy.

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Your Most Obedient Servant.

H. Cubbon
Commissioner

Bangalore.
25th. September
1857.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George.

Cons: 7th July 57 No 57653.

Public Works 1857 Department
Cons 20th Oct 57
No 1922
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In reply to letter No
1301 of 7th July last,
forwards for the information
of Government, two
letters from the Officers
named, on the subject of
the repair of the road
between Mysore and
Nanjanagoody.

Bangalore 20th Oct
Public order

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Engineer.

Fort St George
20th Oct 1857

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