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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 19-11-1957

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No. 52. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 7th October 1857, No. 4284.

SIR,

I feel it incumbent on me, to submit for the consideration of Government, the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Cuddapah, proposing an increase of the annual road allowance in that District, from (2,500) two thousand and five hundred to Rupees (10,000) ten thousand Rupees.

1 Letter from the District Engineer Caddapah No. 781, dated 29th September.

2. Of the inadequacy of the present amount, Lieutenant Hemery only speaks with perfect accuracy, and in supporting his recommendation I believe that I am rather falling short of, than exceeding the necessities of the case.

3. But while I concur entirely with Lieutenant Hemery on this point, I do not altogether agree with that Officer, in the proposed allotment of the aggregate sum of several specified lines, and I would propose to place the sum of Rupees (12,000) twelve thousand Rupees at the disposal of the Collector and Civil Engineer, for the general repair of roads in 1858-59, on exactly the same footing as the discretionary allowance of (20,000) twenty thousand Rupees, is now disbursed in Tanjore.

4. Circumstances may so vary the amounts required to be spent on the several lines, as to render it highly expedient to allow a liberty of selection.

Letter from Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Budwail, 29th September 1857, No. 781 of 1857-58.

SIR,

My attention having for some time past been directed to the state of the District roads in this large Province and to the best means of improving them, I have the honor to submit for your favourable consideration a few remarks on this important subject.

2. It is impossible to exaggerate the wretched state of the Cuddapah District roads but until the main or Government lines are completed, it is hopeless to expect sanction for the expenditure of large sums on the minor or District communications.

3. Elaborate surveys and large estimates however are not so much required as a small annual expenditure to remove the principal obstacles on these roads, so as to render them passable for loaded carts.

4. It would in very few instances be desirable to alter the existing tracks, which almost invariably pass through a large number of villages and no advantage would be gained by taking the road away from them in order to obtain a more direct line.

5. The amount of the Discretionary allowance for roads at the Collector's disposal Rupees (2,500) is utterly inadequate to the wants of the District and I would therefore propose that this sum be increased to Rupees 10,000, for expenditure in 1858-59 on District roads alone.

6. The Collector whom I have consulted on the subject, approves of my proposal and I earnestly hope that you will be so good as to solicit sanction for the entry of this sum of Rupees 10,000, in the Budget of the Cuddapah District for the next Official year.

7. The expenditure might be alloted as follows.

Road from Mudnapully to Cotoo Cotta 23 miles @ 100 Rupees a mile....	2,300
Boad from Mudnapully to Cuddree 48 miles from which must be deducted 8 miles included in the former road leaving 40 miles @ 100 Rupees a mile.	4,000
Road from Cuddapah to Sidhout 10 miles at 100 Rupees a mile. ...	1,000
Road from Poolyvaindlah to Vaimpully 17 miles @ 100 Rupees a mile ...	1,700
Sundry road repairs	1,000
Total Rupees.....	10,000

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observing

8. The road from Mudnapully to Cotoo Cotta, passing through a tract of country where large quantities of Sugar are grown, is almost impassable for carts; the state of the communication between the Cusbahs of Mudnapully and Cuddree was described by Captain J. G. Palmer in his diary for May and I would only add that up to the present time not one single Rupee has ever been expended on roads in the Cuddree Talook: between the Cusbahs of Cuddapah and Sidhout, there is a small range of Hills, the road over which is greatly in need of repairs; the road from Cuddapah to Poolyvaindlah, the Cusbah of the Talook of the same name, passing through the Town of Vaimpully, is so very bad that on my last visit to that Talook one of my carts was upset three times although it was supported on each side by Lascars. I will only mention one more line which it is extremely desirable to open, namely that leading from the important town of Voilpaud, the Cusbah of the Gurrumcondah Talook, to Peelair on Trunk road No. 11 the distance between these places is about 20 miles but there is literally no road whatever between them.

9. An annual expenditure of ten thousand Rupees on District roads would greatly improve their condition and when it is remembered how little has hitherto been done towards opening out this large Province. I venture to hope that my proposal will meet with the favourable consideration of Government.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, No. 2133; dated 19th November 1857.

With this letter, the Chief Engineer forwards one from the District Engineer of Cuddapah, proposing that the annual Discretionary allowance of Rupees 2,500, sanctioned for that District, should be increased to Rupees 10,000, for expenditure in 1858-59 on certain specified lines of road. The Chief Engineer however recommends that a sum of Rupees 12,000 should be sanctioned for the general repair of the roads of the District during the next official year, observing that "circumstances may so vary the amounts required to be spent on the several lines specified, as to render it highly expedient to allow a liberty of selection."

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is unwilling to accede to either of the above propositions, and he requests the Chief Engineer's attention to the orders passed in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 11th June last, No. 1120, on a similar application in behalf of the Nellore District. In those orders it was remarked that it would be more in accordance with the present system of the Public Works Department, to submit estimates in the usual course, for the orders of Government, for such new roads as may be required. In respect to repairs, the Government observe that this object is sufficiently provided for by the maintenance allowances sanctioned from time to time, and entered in Statement No. 3 of the Budget for each year. Should however any of the made roads in Cuddapah remain unprovided with such an allowance, the District Engineer is at liberty to submit an application for the grant, specifying the road, (with particulars,) for which it may be required.

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

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Central Office of P. W.

No. 4284 Fort Saint George,
7th October 1857.

From,

The Chief Engineer.

"Public"

To,

The Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Sir,

Original Enclosure 1 / Letter from the Dist. Engr. Cuddapah dated 29th September.

I feel it incumbent on me, to submit for the consideration of Government, the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Cuddapah, proposing an increase of the annual Road allowance in that District, from (2500) Two thousand and five hundred to (10,000) Ten thousand Rupees.

2 Of the inadequacy of the present amount, Lieutenant Keemery only speaks with perfect accuracy, and in supporting his recommendation I believe that I am rather falling short of, than exceeding the necessities of the case.

3 But while I concur entirely with Lieutenant

Keemery

concurring

Hemery on this point, I do not altogether agree with that Officer, in the proposed allotment of the aggregate sum of several Specified lines, and I would propose to place the sum of Rs (12,000-) Twelve thousand Rupees at the disposal of the Collector and Civil Engineer, for the general Repair of Roads in 1858/59, on exactly the same footing as the discretionary allowance of (20,000) Twenty thousand Rupees, is now disbursed in Tanjore.

Circumstances may so vary the amount required to be spent on the several lines, as to render it highly expedient to allow a liberty of selection.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servt
Alfd Fisher Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George,
7 October 1857

To,
The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

E.S. Powell

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No. 2133.

Extract from the Minutes of Government
Under date the 4th November 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer

(Received 3rd Oct. 1857. No. 4284.)

With the letter No.
1857 of the Engineer Secretary &
Chief Engineer forwards
one from the District Engineer
Cuddapah praying
for an increase of
Rupees 7500 to the annual
Discretionary Allowance
of Rs. 2500, sanctioned for
that District, should be
increased to Rs. 10000 for
expenditure in 1858/59 on
certain specified lines of
Road. The Chief Engineer
considers Rs. 10000 too much
a sum for Rs. 12000 should
be sanctioned for the
Several objects of the
Roads of the District
during the next official year,

Govt.

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From
The Chief Engineer.

To
The Secretary to Government
C. P. D.

Dated 7th
Received 8th } October 1857.

No 4284

Enclosure 1 Rec.

C. No. 2133. 19th Nov.

Submits with the Chief Engineer's
recommendation a letter from the
District Engineer Cuddapah
applying for an increase of
Rupees 7500 to the Discretionary
allowance for roads in his Dist.
and offering observations with reg.
to the allotment of the same.

No. 52.

C. Nov. 17th

observing that "circumstances may so vary the amounts required to be spent on the several lines specified, as to render it highly expedient to allow a liberty of selection."

2 The C. E. of the G. in Ch. is unwilling to accede to either of the above propositions, and he requests the Chief Engineer's attention to the orders passed on the C. of the 11 June last No 1120, on a similar application in behalf of the Leltee District. In those orders it was demanded that it would be more in accordance with the present system of the Public Works Dept, to submit Estimates in the usual course for the ordinary Forks, for such new roads as may

may be ~~considered to be~~ required. In respect to repairs, the Govt observe that this object is sufficiently provided for by the Maintenance Allowances sanctioned from time to time, and entered in Statement No 3 of the Budget for each year. Should however any of the made roads in Andropah remain unprovided with such an allowance, the Dist Engr is at liberty to submit an application for the grant, specifying the road, (with ~~other necessary~~ particulars) for which it may be required.

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From the Offg Chief Engineer
Dated 6th Decr/57 No. 2968
rd in Cons 21st Dec

On the proposition
for an increase to the annual
discretionary allowance for
roads at Cuddalore.

No. 32-453.

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