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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 1st December 1857.

No. 5. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 20th October 1857, No. 4574.

Read General observations made by Lieutenant E. R. BLAGRAVE, District Engineer Ganjam for the month of September 1857.

Ganjam District.

Poobacondah Talook, Gopaulpore, Communication, Electric Telegraph.

1. My object in visiting this Port was with the view of seeing if any thing could be done to recover the last Telegraph wire, but of this I fear there is little or no hope.

2. The road or more properly speaking track from Chetterpoor to Gopaulpore is in a very bad state and nearly impassable even in the portion partially made, breaches have occurred, and the remainder of the line is across swamps or over sand hills.

Moherry Talook Road out-side the Town of Berhampore.

Earth-work nearly if not altogether finished, work at present delayed for want of funds. When completed will be of great use in allowing of the heavy traffic from Aska, &c., passing clear of instead of through the Town, the road through which I found in a filthy and abominable state. One mass of mire and slush. This road or street, if only for sanitary reasons, should be raised and paved or metalled as well as drained.

Daracottah Talook Aska, Communication Bridge over the Rooshkoolea river.

Made a short visit to Aska to see the bridge, and examine the injury done to the flooring, from all I could see and hear, there appears to me one great defect in this structure, viz., the small space of its arches; which with the height given to the road-way, might without difficulty have been made of 45 feet span. Owing to the rush with which the water comes down in flood, and the obstacle to its free passage in the bridge, the fall of water from the upper side of bridge to lower, I am told is nearly 2 feet, if this be true, the injury done to the flooring and apron is not to be wondered at, the work however is good; and I trust the late sanction for repairs will enable the structure to be placed beyond danger.

Road from Aska to Berhampore.

As regards the state of this road so much complained of, I am really not surprised when the nature of the carriage is taken into consideration, the only wonder to me is that the road is in such good order. I trust however this monsoon will settle the earth-work and enable a firm and solid metalled surface to be kept up. While there, I noticed a Contractor for the Factory dragging heavy beams of Timber along the surface of the road without rollers: the consequence was the ploughing up of the road in a shameful way; this however Lieutenat Harrington as soon as brought to his notice put a stop to: such portions of the road as I saw, appeared to be kept in fair order, considering the season.

Poobacondah Talook Injelly bridge and Godahallow Nullah channel.

Inspected this work and approaches complete and in good order. This channel a branch of the Injelly river is used for irrigation, and the water from the river turned by a rough loose stone annicut or weir, the great complaint now is not the want of water, but the want of all means of regulating the supply, the existing annicut is of no use, and a Head Sluice is required. Such together with a new annicut and Head was proposed and estimated for by Major Birdwood. I am however having levels taken higher up above the Injelly bridge which is close to the proposed site, and if the weather allows of these levels, &c., being taken in time, I hope to be able to send in the estimate for the approaching Budget, it may be however that the rock is too close to the surface to permit of a new Head at the site, I looked to above the bridge; in which case I shall forward Major Birdwood's Plans and estimates unaltered.

Almost the whole of the water in ordinary freshes passing down *the channel.*

No 4594.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Port St George Under date the 20 October 1837

Read General Observations from the District Engineer Gangaum for the Month of September 1837.

(Here Enter 1st October 1837)

Encl. 1 in Col. Observations

With reference to District Engineers General Observations in Gangaum for the Month of September 1837, the Chief Engineer Resolves to recommend the application of a portion of the District Road Funds to Road repairs between Gopalpore and Chettenpore, and also for completing Road outside Berhampore by means of a Loan from same source.-

Sd/ Alex Taylor Colonel
Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
Rev. Department

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No. 2177

Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 25th November 1857.

Read the following Extract

from the Proceedings of the Chief

Engineer.

Here enter 20th October 1857 No. 4574.

It is observed that

the Sanction of Government is

not required for repairs to the

road between Gopaulpore and

Chetterpore in the Ganjam Dist.

referred to in the

above Proceedings, and that, as

already intimated to him, the

Chief Engineer is at liberty to

sanction the work (if he considers

it to be much required) out of the

sum allotted by his circular

No. 93 of 1857. for repairs to

Communications in the

Ganjam

† Ex: Mis: 8th September 1857. No. 1700.

(W. W. Bird) Secy. to Govt.

To

The Chief Engineer

Fort St. George.

Copy forwarded to the

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and guidance.

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Secy. to Govt.

Public Works Dept.

Fort St. George

25th November 1857.

David Cunliffe Esqr.

Secy. to Govt. Public Works Dept.

Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward

herewith a Letter from the Superintending

Engineer Ganjam Division, recommending

that the sum of Rupees 1,000 be

allotted for the repairs of the road

from Gopaulpore to Chetterpore.

2. I am directed to request that

you will move the Government to

sanction the allotment of a sum

not exceeding Rupees 1,000 for the

repairs of the road above

referred to.

I have the honor &c.

(Sd) Geo. Taylor Lt. Colonel

Chief Engineer.

Public Works Department

Fort St. George

25th November 1857.

Recommended that

the sum of Rupees 1,000 be allotted

for the repairs of the road from

Gopaulpore to Chetterpore.

(Sd) Geo. Taylor Lt. Colonel

Chief Engineer.

Ganjam District

2 In respect to the road outside the town of Berham= in the same District =pore, also referred to in the Chief Engineer's present Com= =munication, the Government observe that an Estimate for this work, amounting to an Rupees 5,450, was entered in the Budget of 1857-58 [x] and that it does not appear to them to be of such an important nature as to justify commencement its being authorized, under existing circumstances, ~~to be~~ ~~submitted~~.

[x] Item No. 12 of Statement No. 2.

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No 576.

Observing that the Sanction of Government is not required for repairs to the road between Gopaulpore and Chittersepore in the Ganjam District and that as the Estimate of Rupees 5,450 regarding the road outside the Town of Berhum-pore in the same District was entered in the Budget of 1857/58, it does not appear to them to be of such an important nature as to be authorized under existing circumstances.

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