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

No. 64. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 9th November 1857, No. 5069.

SIR,

1. Under Clause 2, of Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 18th October 1855, No. 696, and in accordance with the permission granted in para. 6 of Extract Minutes of Consultation 19th October 1857, No. 1958, I have the honor to forward for sanction, in the Budget of 1858-59, the accompanying supplemental estimate of Rupees (10,000) ten thousand, for completing the road for Aska to Russelcondah in the Ganjam Distict.

1 Letter from the Acting Collector Ganjam No. 440, dated 10th October 1857.
1 Do. from the District Engineer Ganjam No 992, dated 6th October 1857,
1 Abstract estimate.
1 Plan.

2. This piece of road is a portion of that from Berhampore to Russelcondah, which was sanctioned in 1853, on an estimate of Rupees 1,42,216.

3. The District Engineer, quoting a report of Lieutenant Harington's, states that, that part of the road from Berhampore to Aska had been completed, but little had been done between Aska and Russelcondah up to August 1856, and that, although it appeared from an estimate then made, and which has been before Government, that the balance then in hand of the original estimate would complete the work, it had been found, as it proceeded, that the estimate was quite inadequate, owing to the much greater number of bridges that had to be provided than the survey of the line had given reason to expect, the jungle having been so thick as to have prevented the Officer from making it correctly. This jungle having been cleared, Lieutenant Harington, after minutely inspecting the line and satisfying himself of what was required, prepared a revised estimate, which he considers will be sufficient to complete the road in a thorough manner, if it be carefully carried out. He shows that for a distance of 11½ miles from Aska to Bontapully, the earthwork, turfing, and masonry are complete, and for the remaining 13 miles, the jungle has been cleared, and through most of the low grounds, the embankments thrown up levelled and turfed.

Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2389, of 22nd December 1856.

4. The revised estimate for completing what remains to be done amounts to Rupees 24,891, from which deducting the balance still in hand of the old estimate Rupees 14,891, these results to be provided by a supplemental grant the sum of Rupees (10,000,) ten thousand, which I recommend for sanction.

5. I consider the explanation afforded by Lieutenant Harington, in whom I have every confidence, quite satisfactory, and as the road, when finished, is certain to be of the utmost advantage for the transport of the Jaggery, and other produce of Goomsoor, to Aska and the Coast, and of Salt in the opposite direction, it is very desirable that funds should be available to allow of its being proceeded with to completion, as soon as the restriction on expenditure shall have been removed.

Letter from W. KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Chetterpore, 10th October 1857, No. 440.

SIR,

I beg leave to forward supplemental estimates &c. for completion of road from Aska to Russelcondah received from the District Engineer of Ganjam; the necessity of the road in question being completed at an early date is allowed on all hands; very lately it would have been most valuable as owing to a panic there was a sudden rise in the price of rice at Berhampore, this would have been easily checked had the roads through Goomsur been open through the rains.

That the supplemental estimate also necessary is a question for the Engineer's Department which I think for a perusal of Lieutenant Harington's letter and Diary must be answered in the affirmative. I have no hesitation therefore in strongly supporting the proposed estimate and only hope leave may soon be obtained to recommence work.

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

Letter from Lieutenant E. R. BLAGRAVE, District Engineer Ganjam; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Chetterpore, 6th October 1857, No. 992.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the accompanying supplemental estimate for completion of road from Aska to Russelcondah, and to request your favorable consideration of the same and its entry in the Budget of 1858-59, as the road is one of considerable importance as regards the explanations necessary in forwarding a supplemental estimate, I cannot do better than give an Extract from Lieutenant Harington's letter to me, which will explain the reasons of the extra sanction being required; as I have not had the benefit of a personal inspection.

"2. The road from Aska to Russelcondah is a portion of the road from Berhampore to "Russelcondah, which was sanctioned in 1853 at a cost of Rupees 1,42,216."

"The portion from Berhampore to Aska had been completed, but little had been done "between Aska and Russelcondah. Accordingly an estimate for this portion was forwarded in "August 1857, and it was hoped that it could have been made *within* the balance *then* remain- "ing of the aforesaid sanction, the estimate amounted only to Rupees 25,500 (somewhat within "the balance.)"

"3. This estimate Rupees 25,500 included a bridge over the Lohurkandee river at Rus- "selcondah Rupees 10,400 thus leaving only 15,100 Rupees for the construction of about 25 "miles of road, or about 600 Rupees per mile. I have found it impossible to bridge the road "throughout, and metal it where required for so small a sum."

"4. The estimate (Rupees 25,500) was chiefly made on a survey of Lieutenant Macquoid's "but in making it, though he certainly chose a good general line, he laboured under the difficul- "ty of surveying through thick jungle, and through a tract of country considered unhealthy "and very little known."

"5. During the operations of the last twelve months, I have cleared this jungle, and de- "termined the line but it requires more expenditure than, according to Lieutenant Macquoid's "Survey, was thought necessary. There are many small Nullahs and jungle ravines which must "be bridged some bad soil and low ground, and a few portions of Paddy land which must be me- "talled."

"6. I have accordingly, during the past month, taken the opportunity of seeing the coun- "try in the height of the monsoon, and I have made an estimate *throughout* for completing the "road which if adopted and carefully carried out, will, I am sure, be in every way sufficient."

"7. This revised estimate amounts to Rupees 24,891. To meet this, there is still a balance "of Rupees 14,891, from the sanctioned estimate Rupees 1,42,216, and a supplemental grant of "Rupees 10,000 is solicited, and, I hope, may be included in the next year's Budget."

"8. I am able to state that considerable progress has been made already in this line dur- "ing the past year. The road is complete with earthwork and masonry works from Aska to "Buntapully 11½ miles, and is much used by travellers."

9. From the above report of Lieutenant Harington's you will observe that he has taken every pains, to ascertain the necessity of a supplemental estimate; and in framing the same. I trust therefore that this amount may be entered in the approaching Budget.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, No. 2202; dated 28th November 1857.

In consideration of the circumstances explained in the above letter, and under the provisions of No. II. of the Rules communicated with Colonel Baker's letter of the 1st August 1856, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction for entry in the Budget of 1858-59, the supplemental estimate amounting to Rupees (10,000) ten thousand, submitted by the Chief Engineer, for completing the portion of the road from Berhampore to Russelcondah in the Ganjam District, lying between Aska and Russelcondah.

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

No. 5069. Central Office of R. W.
Fort St. George, 9 November 1857.

From The Chief Engineer.

To The Secretary to Government
R. W. Department.

Ganjam District
Public Communications
Roads.

Sir,

1. Under Clause 2 of Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 18 October 1855 No. 696 and in accordance with the permission granted in para 6 of Extract Minutes of Consultation 9 Oct. 1857 No. 1958 I have the honor to forward for Sanction, in the Budget of 1858/59, the accompanying Supplemental Estimate of Rupees 10000/Ten Thousand/ for completing the road from Aska to Russelcondah in the Ganjam District.

2. This piece of road is a portion of that from Berhampore to Russelcondah which was sanctioned in 1853, on an Estimate of Rupees 142246.

3. The District Engineer, quoting a report of Lieutenant Harington's, states that that part of the road from Berhampore to Aska has been completed, but little had been done between Aska and Russelcondah up to August 1856, and that, although it appeared from an Estimate then made, and which has been before Government, that the balance then in hand of the Original Estimate would complete the work, it had been found, as it proceeded, that

Enclosures:
1 Letter from the Actg Collector Ganjam No 440 dated 10 Oct/57
1 Do from the Do Engr Ganjam No 992 d/6 Oct/57
1 Abstract Estimate
1 Plan

Ex Comm Cons No 2389 of 32 Dec 1856.

that the Estimate was quite inadequate, owing to the much greater number of bridges that had to be provided than the Survey of the line had given reason to expect, the jungle having been so thick as to have prevented the Officer from ascertaining it correctly.- This jungle having been cleared, Lieutenant Harrington, after minutely inspecting the line and satisfying himself of what was required, prepared a revised Estimate, which he considers will be sufficient to complete the road in a thorough manner, if it be carefully carried out.- He shows that for a distance of 11½ miles from Aska to Pontapilly, the Embankments, Surfacing and Masonry are complete, and for the remaining 13 miles, the jungle has been cleared, and, through most of this low grounds, the Embankments thrown up, Levelled and turfed.

4.- The revised Estimate for completing what remains to be done Amounts to Rupees 24,891. from which deducting the balance still in hand of the old Estimate Rupees 14891- there results to be provided by a Supplemental grant the sum of Rupees 10,000/ Ten thousand, which I recommend for Sanction.

5.- I consider the explanation offered by Lieutenant Harington, in whom I have every confidence, quite satisfactory, and as the road, when finished, is certain to be of the utmost utmost advantage for the transport of the Jaggery, and other produce of Coimbatore to Aska and the Coast, and of Salt in the opposite direction, it is very desirable that funds should be available to allow of it's being proceeded with to completion, as soon as the restriction on expenditure shall have been removed.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Servant
M Eddeter Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of Rly.
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From The Chief Engineer
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With the order
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In consideration of the
Circumstances explained in the above
letter, and under the provisions of
No II of the Rules communicated
with the Capt Baker's letter of the
1st Augt 1856, the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council is pleased to
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Amounting to Rs (10,000) Ten Thou-
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