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Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

Forwards for information a letter from District Engineer of Canara of the 20th October No. 307, giving cover to a report from Lieutenant Drever on the state of the Coomptah and Dharwar road and Davamany Ghaut, and after describing the state of dis-repair into which it has fallen, requesting that the Rupees 18,00', assigned in the Budget may be sanctioned, and intimation despatched by Electric Telegraph to Lieutenant Drever at Dharwar. Points out that the conduct of Lieutenant Goddard in suspending operation for the repair of the road is unaccountable and so reprehensible, that he will be called upon for explanation, and that in the mean time, orders had been sent to him to resume operation with the Rupees 12,000, at his disposal by Circular of 14th August 1857, No. 193, and that a portion of the sum set apart for other roads would if necessary be also made available. } (Here enter 19th November 1857, No. 5346.)

The Government approve of the letter addressed by the Chief Engineer to the District Engineer of Canara, regarding the bad condition of the Coomptah and Dharwar road in that District; any explanation that Lieutenant Goddard may offer to the above reference it is requested, may be submitted to Government.

(A true Extract.)

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

Canara District

Central Office of Public Works
Fort St. George 19 November 1857
No. 5346

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From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Canara of the 20th October 1857, No. 307, submitting a report from Lieut. Drever under date the 16th October, on the lamentably ruinous state of disrepair into which the Road from Dharwar to Coomptah, via the Dunyamany Ghaut, in the Canara District, has fallen, in consequence of the suspension of all repairs to it during the present Monsoon, and after describing the bad state in which he found it on a late personal inspection, recommending that the full Amount of Rupees [18000] Eighteen thousand, entered in the Budget of 1857/58 for the maintenance of the 90 Miles of road in question be at once made available, and that an intimation of its being so, be despatched by Telegraph to Lieut. Drever at Dharwar.—

2 As Lieut. Goddard was duly furnished with

Enclosures 4

1. Letter from Dist. Engr. of 20th October No. 307.
1. Report from Lt. Drever dated 16th October.
1. Letter from Collector dated 29th October No. 226.—
1 Copy of Letter to Lt. Goddard 5320 of 19th Nov. 1857.

with a Copy of my Circular of the 17th July 1857. No 66, in the 5th para of which, provision was made to meet Emergent cases like this of the Dharwar and Coompetah Road, and Dawamany Ghaut, this total suspension of all repairs to that most important Highway is unaccountable, especially as my subsequent Circular No 93. of the 14th August 1857. distinctly apportioned to the Canara Road, Rupees 35,700. of the Rupees 53,107. sanctioned in the Budget of 1857/58, which included Rupees 18000. for the maintenance of the Dharwar and Coompetah Road. Reducing that allowance in the same proportion as the total proposed outlay had been diminished, there still remained about Rs. Sicca £12,000 Twelve thousand, at the District Engineer's disposal for the Coompetah road alone, and his neglecting to make use of it, when the road, by his own showing, was so fast going to decay, appears so Extraordinary and reprehendible, that he will be called upon for a full explanation. In the mean time, he has been directed to resume operations forthwith, and he will be authorized to divert from the repair of other less important lines of Communication, such portion of the sums allotted to them as may be necessary for the thorough restoration of the Condition of the Coompetah and Dhar: war Road, should the Rupees £12,000 Twelve thousand, assigned to it prove indufficient under careful Management.

Thus

may be made for the especial Intelligence of Government beyond the authority given by Telegraph, to proceed with the repairs of the Road, under the Maintenance grant already referred to.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
M Ed Saber Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of Engineers
Fort St. George
19 November 1857.

C.F.H.

To the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Ref. A Copy of my letter to the District Engineer No 5529 of the 18th Instant is herewith forwarded for the information of Government.