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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 15th December 1857.

No. 33. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 19th November 1857, No. 5331.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, an estimate amounting to Rupees (32,500) thirty-two thousand, five hundred, for metalling the Trunk road No. 5 from Wallair to Bhowany throughout the Coimbatore District 76 miles in extent.

2. The Road very urgently requires repair and improvement and will do so still more on the completion of the Railroad to Salem as the traffic to the Hills will then be considerably increased.

3. In consideration therefore of the work being urgently required, I beg to recommend the authorization of such special grant as may prevent Trunk road No. 5 falling into a state of disrepair from which it will be impracticable to retrieve it without a very greatly augmented expenditure, and I would recommend that Rupees (16,000) sixteen thousand at least be placed at the disposal of the District Engineer.

Extract from a letter from the District Engineer of Coimbatore; to the Chief Engineer, No. 560 dated 6th November 1857.

The state of the Trunk road is well known to Major Lawford it is in some places scarcely made, directly the Railroad is opened to Salem it will be doubly as much used and will supersede the Mysore road for quick traffic to the Hills, it is a very important item for the Budget.

(Signed) P. M. FRANCIS, Captain,
District Engineer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 34. ORDER THEREON, No. 2303; dated 10th December 1857.

The Government approve for entry in the Budget of 1858-59, the estimate of 32,500 Rupees submitted with the above letter, for metalling seventy-six miles of Trunk road No. 5, from Walliar to Bhowany in the Coimbatore District. As the Budget has been already received from the Chief Engineer, the entry will be made in the Government Office.

2. In consideration of the urgency of the work, and in order to prevent the road falling into a state of disrepair, from which, it is said, it will be hard to recover it, the Chief Engineer in para. 2 of his letter, recommends that 16,000 Rupees may be placed at the disposal of the District Engineer. The Government are however unable to comply with the request, as it is contrary to the rules of the Department. It is perhaps to be regretted that a work represented to be so urgent, cannot be taken in hand immediately; but there is nothing sufficiently emergent in the case to warrant a departure from rule. The sum of 16,000 Rupees will be entered in the column of expenditure for the next official year; but no portion of the work can be undertaken, until the project itself is sanctioned by the Government of India.

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

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Coimbatore Office of C.W.E.
Fort Saint George
19th November 1857.

No. 5331.

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

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Enclosures 2.

I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, an Estimate amounting to Rupees (32,570) thirty two thousand, five hundreds, for Metalling the Trunk Road No. 5 from Vellore to Dharapuram throughout the Coimbatore District 76 miles in extent.

2 The Road very urgently requires repair and improvement and will do so still more on the completion of the Railroads to Salem as the traffic to the Hills will then be considerably increased.

3 In consideration therefore of the works being urgently required, I beg to recommend the authorization of such special Grant as may prevent Trunk Road No. 5 falling into a state of disrepair from which it will be impracticable to retrieve it without at very greatly augmented

augmented expenditure; and I would recommend that Rupees 16,000 sixteen thousands at least be placed at the disposal of the District Engineer.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Servant
A.E. Cotton Colonel
Chief Engineer

Fort St.t George
19.th November 1857

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To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

No. 2303.

Extract from the Minutes of Govt. under date the 10th Novr. 1857.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer

Fort St. George, dated 19th Novr. 1857 — No. 5331 —

The first approved for entry in the Budget of 1858/59, the estimate of 32,500 Rs. submitted with the above letter, for metalling seventy six miles of trunk road No. 5, from Vellore to Bhowany in the Coimbatore District. As the Budget has been already received from the Chief Engineer the entry will be made in the Fort Office.

In consideration of the urgency of the work, and in order to prevent the road falling into a state of disrepair, from which, it is said, it will be hard to recover it, the Chief Engineer in para 2 of his letter, recommends that 16,000 Rs may be placed at the disposal of the District Engineer. The Govt are however unable to comply

From Colonel R. Ellis, C.B. Chief Engineer, Fort St. George, dated 19th November 1857, No. 5331.

To The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

Dated 19th November 1857.

Received 24th Do.

No. 5331.

Enclosure 2. (Red)

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to submit for the sanction of Government the accompanying estimate for 32,500 Rupees for metalling seventy six miles of the Trunk Road from Vellore to Bhowany in the Coimbatore District.

2. The Budget has been received from the Military Board, and the entry will be made in the Fort Office, if Government approve the estimate.

I have &c.

(Signed) R. Ellis, Colonel

Chief Engineer.

5 Decr. 1857.

with the request, as it is ~~Letter~~ Letter contrary to the rules of the Dept. It is perhaps to be regretted that a work represented to be so urgent, cannot be taken in hand immediately, but there is nothing sufficiently emergent in the case as to warrant a departure from rule. The Chief Engr is at liberty to submit the sum of 16,000 Rs will be entered in the Column of expenditure in the next official year; but no portion of the work can be undertaken, until the project itself is sanctioned by the Govt of India.

H.S.

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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dft to Cons 15th December

No. 2303.

Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dft 10th December 57.

Approving for entry in the Estimate of 1858-59, the Estimate of £2,000 for metalling 7½ miles of Trunk Roads, and £5. from William Lee to £3. surveying in the Counties Dieties, and intimating that as the Budget Estimate already exhausted from the Cash Budget, the entry will be made in the Government Offices.

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