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From

H. FORBES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

To

CAPTAIN H. YULE,
Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W.

SIR,

The Budget of 1857-58 contained an item* for constructing a road from Yercaud on the Sherveroy Hills to the Railway Station at Mullapooram in the Salem District, a distance of 19 miles 5 Fur. and 98 yards, which was sanctioned by this Government on the 30th of October 1855, at an estimated cost of Rupees 24,600.

* No. 375 of Statement No. 2.

2. The Chief Engineer has now forwarded a revised estimate amounting to Rupees 44,000 for this road, together with a communication from the District Engineer, explaining the circumstances which render so large an outlay necessary. The District Engineer states that the quantity of work of every description, to be done, is considerably in excess of that allowed for in the original estimate, especially in the items of rough stone work, jungle clearing, and removing rock, and that the water-way allowed for several of the jungle streams was very insufficient. Another fact mentioned by the District Engineer, and on which he lays some stress, is the extraordinary rise which he states has taken place since the first estimate was framed, in the rates of labor and prices of materials and tools, in consequence of the Railway operations in the neighbourhood. Major Lawford, the Superintending Engineer of the Southern Circle, who has recently inspected the road, expresses his conviction that it cannot be made for less than the amount now stated by the District Engineer to be necessary. He reports that a sum of Rupees 19,481 had already been expended on the Line, and observes that "it is impossible to calculate on the effects of a stoppage of the work while in progress, and that the lapse of another season would probably occasion considerable loss and increase of expenditure."

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers it of much importance that this road on which so large an outlay has already been incurred, should be continued without interruption, and a good communication thus opened between the Sherveroy Hills and the Railway, both for the accommodation of Travellers and for the transport of the Coffee which is the staple produce of the Hills. The revised estimate submitted by the Chief Engineer, a copy of which accompanies, amounts as stated above, to Rupees 44,000, from which being deducted Rupees 24,600 the amount authorized by this Government, there remain Rupees 19,400 now requiring sanction; but as the sum is in excess of that which this Government can authorize under No. 1 of the Rules communicated with Colonel Baker's letter of the 1st August 1856, No. 3695, I am directed to solicit that the sanction of the Government of India may be accorded to the outlay at an early date.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

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

Public Works Dept.

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No. 2343

To

Captain H. Yule

Officiating Secy to the Govt. of India

P.W.D.

Sir

The Budget of 1857/58 contained an item for constructing a road from Yercaud on the Shevaroy Hills to the Railway Station at Mullapooram in a distance of 19 miles 5 Fur. and 98 yards, the Salem District, which was sanctioned by this Government on the 30th of October 1855 at an estimated cost of Rs. 24,600.

No. 375 of Statement No. 2.

The Chief Engineer has now forwarded a Revised Estimate amounting to Rs. 44,000 for this road, together with a communication from the District Engineer, explaining

explaining the circumstances which render so large an outlay necessary. The District Engineer states that the quantity of work of every description, to be done, is considerably in excess of that allowed for in the original Estimate, especially in the items of rough stone work, jungle clearing, and removing rock, and that the waterway allowed for several of the Jungle Streams was very insufficient. Another fact mentioned by the District Engineer, and on which he lays some stress, is the extraordinary rise which has taken place since the first Estimate was framed, in the rates and prices of labor materials and Tools, in consequence of the Railway operations

operations in the neighbourhood. Major Crawford the Superintending Engineer of the Southern Circle, who has recently inspected the road, expresses his conviction that it cannot be made for less than the amount now stated by the District Engineer to be necessary. He reports that a sum of Rs 19,481 had already been expended on the line, and observes that it is impossible to calculate on the effects of a stoppage of the work while in progress, and that the lapse of another season would probably occasion considerable loss and increase of expenditure.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council considers it of much importance that this road on which so large an outlay has already

already been incurred should be continued without interruption, and a good communication thus opened between the Sherevoy Hills and the Railway, both for the accommodation of Travellers and for the transport of the Coffee which is the staple produce of the Hills. The revised Estimate submitted by the Chief Engineer, a copy of which accompanies amounts as stated above, to Rupees 44,000 from which being deducted Rs 24,600 the amount authorized by this Government, there remains Rs 19,400 now requiring sanction, but as the sum is in excess of that which this Government can authorize under No 1 of the Rules communicated with Colonel Baker's letter of the 1st August 1856

Govt Wks Surveyor
18th Nov 1857

1856 No 3605, I am directed to solicit that the sanction of the Government of India may be accorded to the outlay at an early date.

Public Works 1857 Dep.t
Dr to Govt 23d Decr

No 2343.

To the Offg Secretary
to the Government of
India. D.P.W.
D/ 18th December 57.
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Soliciting that the sanction of the Govt of India may be accorded at any early date to the outlay of Rs 19400 for constructing a road from Yercaud on the Shevaroy Hills to the Railway station at Mallapooram in the Salem District.

No 34.

9 Dec 1857