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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 23rd December 1857.

No. 89. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 21st November 1857, No. 5402.

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Sub-Collector of Canara; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, Madras, dated Sircy, 7th November 1857, No. 193.

SIR,

On my return a week ago to this Division, I had occasion to travel along a part of the Dharwar and Coomptah line, the bad state of which had already been brought to my knowledge while in charge of the Collector's office at Mangalore.

2. The present condition of this most important road beggars all description, and is so truly deplorable that, I feel it to be my imperative duty, as Revenue Officer in this part of the District, to bring the subject to your immediate and earnest consideration.

3. Lieutenant Drever has, I am aware, anticipated me, and entered at length into the case of this road, in a report of which he was kind enough to allow me to the perusal.

4. To Lieutenant Drever's report I have nothing to add, save that I heartily endorse what is therein stated.

5. It is most circumstantial, and in no degree exaggerates the evil, nor are any comments from any pen required to prove the necessity of vigorous and liberal measures being adapted for the speedy repair and further improvement of this the most valuable and important of all our Canara communications.

6. With a stipendous trade streaming along it day and night, a thorough repair is out of the question until next monsoon, but in the meantime the worst parts of the road might be taken in hand, and rendered passable, and provision made for carrying out during the rains a more extensive and systematic place of operations.

7. How these can be most effectually and economically conducted is a professional question, upon which I shall not venture to offer an opinion, but this much is self evident that, before any work of practical utility can be undertaken, the road must be relieved of a portion of the traffic, by facilitating the passage of bullocks and carts down the sister Ghauts of Neelkoond and Arbyle.

8. The first of these two lines is, owing to the absence of bridges, impracticable for wheels, but, being otherwise in excellent order, might relieve the main line of all the bullock traffic.

9. The Arbyle line is throughout in very indifferent order, but may be patched up, and with the addition of a temporary causeway over the rocky bed of the Gungawally river, (the grand existing impediment to the passage of carts) might be made a most useful auxiliary and substitute, while the Devamunny line is under repair.

10. The District Engineer informs me he has already claimed your immediate orders in regard to this road, and I am therefore in hopes that ere this letter came to hand your instructions will have been communicated to him and a liberal allowance placed at his disposal.

Resolved, to forward the foregoing letter from the Sub Collector of Canara No. 193 of the 7th instant, for the information of Government, with reference to the Chief Engineer's letter No. 5346 of the 19th Idem, laying before Government reports from the District Engineer of Canara and Lieutenant Drever, on the state of the Dharwar and Coomptah road, and Devamunny Ghaut.

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

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, No. 2371; dated 22nd December 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

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

No 193.

Sub Collector's Cutcherry
Cancy 7th November 1857.

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From

J. D. Robertson Esqre
Sub Collector of Canara

To

Colonel Faber
Chief Engineer
Madras

Sir

On my return a week ago to this Division, I had occasion to travel along a part of the Mangalore and Coompta line, the last state of which had already been brought to my knowledge while in charge of the Collector's Office at Mangalore.

2 The present condition of this most important road leaves all description, and is so truly deplorable that, I feel it to be my imperative duty, as Revenue Officer in this part of the District, to bring the subject upon immediate and earnest consideration.

3 Until I arrived here, I am aware, anticipated me and entered at length into the case of this road, in a report

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most Obed. Servt.
D. Wilson Asst.
Sub Collr.

No 5402

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works Fort St George
Under date the 21st November 1857

Read the following letter
from the Sub-Collector of Canara C

(Here Order 7 November 1837 No 193)

Enclosure

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W. Caldwell Colonel
Chief Engineer

To the Secretary to Government
P.W. Department

W.C.

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Sub Collectors letter of 7 Nov 1857

From
Lewis Cotton Esqr
Sub Collector Canara
To
Lieut Colonel Caldwell
Chief Engineer &c &c &c

Sir

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government the accompanying Report regarding the Dharwar & Comptah Road which was submitted to me for publishing with a view to repair

I have &c
(Signed) Lewis
Sub Collector

From Chief Engr. Bo. 19th Nov. 57
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To

The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 21st
Rec'd 24th } November 1857.

1 Encl: Nº 3416

Forwarding for the information of Govt a letter from the Sub Collector of Canara Nº 193 of the 3d Instant with reference to Chief Engr. letter Dº 5346 of the 19th idem laying before Government Reports from the District Engr Canara and Lieutenant Drever on the state of the Dharwar and Combitkar Road & Devamanay Ghaut.

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