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No. 107. Read the following letter from Lieutenant J. GODDARD, District Engineer, Canara; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated Camp Honore, 3rd December 1857, No. 208.

SIR,

Deeming the subject under discussion in the body of the present letter a matter of such serious import to me as to admit of no delay and wishing to lay original matter before Government, I submit with a hope that the irregularity I am guilty of may be overlooked on account of the emergency of the case for favorable consideration copy of my original letter to the Chief Engineer in reply to his letter No. 5320, dated 18th Ultimo to my address, copy of which was enclosed to the Secretary to Government Department Public Works in a letter from the Chief Engineer the No. and date of which was not supplied to me.

2. In addition to this letter I add another very much to the same purpose in reply to the enclosed demi official to my address from the Chief Engineer dated 7th November 1857, in which he holds me to blame much on the same account as in the letter noted in para. 1.

3. I would note that the Chief Engineer is totally mistaken in para. 2 of his latter to the Secretary to Government Department Public Works under reference as pointed out in para. 16 of copy of my letter No. 361, dated 3rd December 1857, in stating that I am to blame in not carrying on work.

4. In the first instance the Chief Engineer stopped my road maintenance establishment in spite of all remonstrances and in the second he took away every Executive Engineer from me.

5. The money was apportioned by me the moment the sanction for spending it arrived but there was no one to spend it.

6. The above para is in fact an abstract of my letter enclosed.

7. I trust that my case may excuse the irregularity I am guilty of.

Letter from Captain C. A. ORR, Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle; to Lieutenant J. GODDARD, District Engineer, Canara, dated 18th November 1857, No. 5320.

SIR,

I have the honor under the instructions from the Chief Engineer to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Ultimo, No. 307, conveyed in a letter from the Collector of Canara No. 26 dated 29th Ultimo.

2. In your letter referred to above, you submit a Report from Lieutenant Drever on the state of Dharwar and Coomptah road, which is described to be in a hopeless and wretched state and that, if immediate repairs be not commenced, it must in another month become perfectly impassable. Lieutenant Drever remarks that the suspension of the ordinary repairs to this road has done infinite mischief &c. &c. and in the 9th para of your letter you suggest that the annual sanction at the rate of Rupees 18,000 for 90 miles of road be immediately excepted from the interdiction placed upon such grants in the Circular No. 66 of 17th July 1857. I have the honor to inform you that the Circular alluded to placed no interdiction on the prosecution of such works, and no orders emanated for the entire suspension of the ordinary repairs of the road in question.

3. By the description given, both by yourself and Lieutenant Drever of the state of the road, it would appear that no repairs had for a long time been made and that no funds were available for the purpose, but the fact is otherwise. In Extract Minutes Consultation dated the 5th August 1856 No. 1456 the grant allowed for the maintenance of this road was increased from 11,300 Rupees to 18,000 Rupees for 90 miles at 200 Rupees a mile, and in sanctioning this sum the Government authorized it to have effect from 1st May 1856, there was no interdict of any kind in 1856-57 on repairs, and yet it is not seen, vide your Progress Report for April 1857 that a single Rupee was spent on this road up to that date although the full sum of 18,000 Rupees might have been spent upon it and prevented the deplorable condition into which it is described as having fallen. Again from May to August of the present year, you might have made

a further expenditure on it of at least 4,500 Rupees but your accounts up to August shew that the paltry sum of only Rupees 1,149 was expended whereas from the date of sanction, viz. 18th August 1856, up to July last you might with equal facility and advantage have expended the large sum of Rupees 22,500 Rupees, and more.

4. You will remember that no lists were furnished by you for the Budget of 1857-58 they were however made up in the Central office, and you must have seen in the printed Budget furnished that the sum of Rupees 53,107 was allowed you for repairs under the head "communication," and so early as May last you were furnished in the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No. 713 with a list shewing the several items which constituted that amount one of which was this very road, viz., annual repairs to the road from Dharwar to Coomptah Rupees 18,000 under the sanction of Government of the 18th August 1856, No. 1456, on the receipt even of these Proceedings you might have taken immediate and vigorous measures towards the repair of this road, but such has not been the case, for up to July last, as already pointed out, the small sum of only Rupees 1,149 appears to have been spent, and spent in that month only. Under all these circumstances the Chief Engineer both regrets, and greatly blames the unfortunate erroneous impression on your part, which has caused this important line of communication to the coast to crumble into its almost worse than its natural condition whilst large funds were placed at your disposal to keep it in perfect order, and Colonel Faber requests that you will report fully your reasons for pursuing so strange a course.

5. I must also observe that if even the Circular No. 66 of the 7th July last had led you to suppose the prosecution of the work in question interdicted the Circular which followed it viz. that of the 14th August last, No. 93 must have convinced you of your error. In this last Circular the reduced amount allotted for your District for repairs is clearly shewn the aggregate amount under the head "communications" being Rupees 35,701 which is only less by about $\frac{1}{3}$rd than the original amount viz. Rupees 53,107 allowed in the Budget of 1857-58. This reduction of the aggregate sum of course reduced in the same proportion, the several items which composed it, so that instead of 18,000 Rupees for the repair of the road from Dharwar to Coomptah for 1857-58, you had and have available, more than 12,000 Rupees for the same period and you might have spent more, without any authority or instructions from the Central office so long as you did not exceed the aggregated reduced amount of communication for the whole District, shewn in the Memo, forwarded to you with the Circular last adverted to.

6. I shall now proceed to notice your letter No. 314 dated the 27th Ultimo, in which you request with reference to your letter of the 24th August last, No. 239 and the statement therewith forwarded, that Rupees 1,000 the item No. 4 irregularly entered in it, may be transferred to item No. 2 making it Rupees 9,000 instead of 8,000, observing that the Neelcoond Ghaut required no aid from the 38,000 Rupees allotted in the Chief Engineer's Circular No. 77, dated the 27th July last I have to observe, that this Circular made no special allotment of funds for Districts neither did it require any Statement to be furnished to the Central office as to the amount of expenditure required for repairs.

7. It required a statement to be furnished (with Budget numbers) of all those works on which further progress was considered indispensable,, this statement was accordingly furnished by you and disposed of in Proceedings of the Chief Engineer of the 14th September 1857, No. 3674.

8. The Circular of the 14th August last No. 93 however allotted funds for each District on account of Repairs and the total sum for Canara was Rupees 38,590 and not Rupees 38,000. These 38,590-6 P. were intended to be appropriated to the repair of the roads and Buildings described on the list furnished to you with Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No. 713, alluded to in the 4th para. of the present communication, under the sanction of Government, as accorded in the Printed Budget and the Chief Engineer had no power to authorize its expenditure on any work.

Communications Rupees.....	35,701 0
Buildings..... „	2,889 0
Total Rupees...	38,590 0

9. It is not very clear whether the works entered in the statement received with your letters of 24th August and 27th October last No. 239 and 314 have been entirely taken from the Printed Budget No. 2 or No. 3 or from both and some of the works as described in those Statements do not appear in either of the Budgets 2 or 3 and hence the necessity in all Correspondence and

* Particulars given in the list furnished from the Central office, in May last and alluded to in para. 4.

Statements and lists of estimates of works, that they should be described as in the Budgets with their numbers or as they are described in orders of Governments sanctioning the same, quoting the dates of such orders as well as the amount of the estimates.

10. In the statement received with your letter of the 27th Ultimo, No. 314 the sum of Rupees 9,000, you propose to spend on the Dharwar and Coomptah road whereas in your previous letter viz., that of the 20th Ultimo, alluded to in the 1st para. you shew the urgent necessity for the entire amount of maintenance† grant of Rupees 18,000, being spent on the work in question, neither does this statement apparently provide for any funds for expenditure on Trunk road No. 2, for which an annual allowance of Rupees 10,525 was sanctioned‡ and included in the Budget No. 3, and yet this road in your letter of the 23rd July last was represented as a very important Military road and which you had directed Mr. Boesinger, to maintain in the best possible order, and your orders were approved by the Central office. I request you will at your early convenience afford explanation on all these points.

† Sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation of 18th August 1857.

‡ In January 1854.

11. I also request information why the full amount of Rupees 8,690, sanctioned by Government for the immediate emergent repair of the Devamunny Ghaut, so far back as the 30th April 1856, No. 617 has not been expended, your Progress Report for April last shews that only Rupees 3,514, were spent up to that date, being considerably less than one half the amount sanctioned by Government. It is observed that this Ghaut forms a portion of the road from Dharwar to Coomptah and for the repairs of the whole of which an estimate amounting to Rupees 22,050, was submitted to Government for sanction in April 1856, for the repair of the Ghaut, sanction was given in the same month and for the road on the 14th May 1856, No. 691 and the amount for the latter Rupees 13,360 was entered in the Budget No. 2 of 1857, No. 396 which amount became current for expenditure on the 1st May 1857, and yet between that month and August following when expenditure on all works* in Budget No. 2 was stopped the trifling sum of Rupees 674 was spent on the repair of the road making with the sum† sxpended on the Devamunny Ghaut, the aggregate sum of Rupees 4,188, out of the estimate for Rupees 22,050, the amount sanctioned for these repairs it must be observed is irrespective of the annual maintenance grant of Rupees 18,000 alluded to in the 3rd para. of this communication.

* Same Military works.

† Rupees 3,514.

12. From the foregoing facts it appears evident that the Dharwar and Coomptah road was allowed to run to ruin more through want of attention than from want of funds.

Letter from Lieutenant J. GODDARD, District Engineer Canara; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Honore, 3rd December 1857, No. 361.

SIR,

In obedience to the orders conveyed in letter No. 5320 dated 18th Ultimo to my address received this day I do myself the honor to note as follows.

(Here enter para. 2.)

2. This circular did not reach Canara until the 22nd July 1857, nor was the work stopped on this line by my order until the 1st August 1857.

3. Extract of the Printed Budget lists for 1857-58, were circulated* in the District immediately it was received by me and Officers were urged by me to carry on work with vigor, vide extract† in margin.

* On 21st May 1857.

† "Appended is a list of works which I request the Individuals concerned will take in hand forthwith."

4. Captain Searle the Officer in charge of the Devamunny Ghaut in his letters* during the months of June and July states that the road establishments having been of necessity discharged owing to the orders† of the Chief Engineer were not to be induced to return to their work as their confidence was shaken and they placed no further reliance on our promises of permanent provision for them.

* No. 49, of 3rd June 1857, copy forwarded for the information of Chief Engineer in a letter No. 103, dated 3rd June 1857.
No. 92, of 11th July 1857, copy appended.

† Circular No. 8310, of 24th November 1856.

5. Captain Searle in July managed to get coolies together and expended Rupees 1,119* in that month upon the Devamunny Ghaut and further sent in estimates† for mile houses and cooly sheds for his road maintenance establishment which however it was utterly absurd for me to think of submitting upon receipt of Circular No. 66 of 17th July 1857

* Vide Progress Report for July 1857.
† Will be sent hereafter.

6. I make this statement and note the Diaries in margin‡ to shew that I myself was not blind to the damage being done by the dismissal of the road maintenance establishment nor did I hide this fact from the Chief Engineer as the Diaries of Lieutenant Hankin and letters of Captain Searle were all furnished to the Central Office.

‡ May 1856.
June „
July „
August „
September „
October „
November „
December „
January 1857.
February „
Submitted by Lieutenant Hankin.

7. In the month of August I had *not one* Executive Engineer left me and how work was to go on or reports to be furnished in the absence of any one competent to do so I do not understand.

(Here enter para. 3.)

8. I would beg to refer the Chief Engineer to an examination of my annual Progress Report and monthly accounts headed Sirey Road Circuit for the years 1856-57 which will satisfy him that Rupees 12,397-6-3 were spent last year upon the repairs of this Ghaut out of the sanction of 18,000 Rupees notwithstanding the difficulty experienced by Lieutenant Hankin procuring Coolies *vide that Officer's Diaries* for the whole of the years* 1856-57 in which the Chief Engineer is kept informed in detail of all proceedings and suggestions of Lieutenant Hankin with my remarks noted in margin of originals.

* Noted in Para. 6.

9. After expenditure to this amount had taken place all further expenditure was peremptorily stopped and Road maintenance Establishment discharged owing to the orders of Chief Engineer as noted in Para. 4 of this present letter.

10. By what method of calculation the Chief Engineer has arrived at the amount of Rupees 4,500 he does not inform me, but I have only to remind him that from May to the end of June, Captain Searle could not prevail upon a single Cooly to join him, vide enclosed letters noted in para. 4 in margin as their confidence was quite shaken by their dismissal of the Road maintenance Establishment as noted in paras. 4 and 5. The sum of 18,000 Rupees noted in the latter part of para. 3 of the Chief Engineer's letter under reply *might* have been spent if there had been a Road maintenance Establishment to spend it, but as there was no Road maintenance only 12,397-6-3 + 1150 = 13,547-6-3 Rupees was spent the Road maintenance Establishment having been dismissed as twice before noticed owing to orders of the Chief Engineer in the month of January 1857 and with his cognizance.

Para. 3. Again from May to August you might have made a further expenditure of at least 4,500 Rupees but your Accounts up to August shew that the paltry sum of only 1,149 Rupees was expended, &c.

(Here enter para. 4.)

11. This was owing to a total inattention to all orders on the part of my late Head Accountant Mr. D. L. Rodrigues who was dismissed from employment in Extract Proceeding Chief Engineer No. 2116 dated 18th July 1857.

"Same para. so early as May last you "were furnished with a list shewing "the several items which constituted "that amount one of which was this "very road from Darwar to Coompta, Rupees 18,000."

12. On receipt of this list copies thereof were circulated to all Officers and instructions as to the application of these funds accompanied the list a copy whereof I take the liberty to enter in the margin* and I again call the attention of the Chief Engineer to the reason already three times noted of the small sum of only 1,119 Rupees being spent. I beg to call Chief Engineer's attention to my monthly estimates for the months of May, June and July 1857, from which it will be observed that I placed the sum of Rupees 2,500 at Captain Searle's disposal for expenditure on this Ghaut during those months and am not to blame in the slightest degree I hold.

* Extract from a Statement No. 3 of expenditure proposed to be upon repairs during the years 1857-58 in the Madras Presidency, under date the 29th May 1857.
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forwarded for the information and guidance of all Officers and Subordinates in exclusive charges.

13. Captain Searle during the months of May, June and July was in charge of circles Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 which in 1856-57, was the work of 3 Officers viz. Lieutenant Drever (afterwards relieved by Captain Longcroft) Lieutenant Hankin and Lieutenant (now Captain) Searle with three European assistants viz. Messrs. Milton, Goodger and Curren but of these 3, Mr. Milton was removed and 2 only lift to Captain Searle to say nothing of the total disbanding of the road maintenance establishment and the loss of 2 Executive Engineers office writers and Goomastahs to assist him.

14. Further the Honore Jail at this particular period occupied a greater portion of Captain Searles time as he was hastening to secure it from injury to be apprehended to it owing to an unusually early and severe monsoon this year.

"Same para. under all these circumstance the Chief Engineer both regrets and greatly blames the unfortunate erroneous impression on your part which has caused, this important line of communication to the coast to crumble into its almost worst than natural condition whilst large funds were placed at your disposal &c."

15. I am prepared to admit that of the various constructions which the Chief Engineer's Circular No. 66 of the 17th July, admits of the Collector of Canara and myself have in Consultation chosen not that which was intended by the Chief Engineer and I very much regret that it is so but the threat of the *substantial displeasure** "of Government is rather a serious one and the expression that he who soonest reduces his expenditure to a cypher will be best consulting the interest of Government" left not a doubt on the mind of the Collector or myself as to the steps to be taken and it was with much reluctance that we came to the conclusion that we arrived at.

Vide para. 8 of Chief Engineer's Circular No. 66 of 17th July 1857.

16. As regards the blame to be attached to me I am not convinced in the slightest degree of having been in any respects the origin of the state of the ghaut reported in my letter No. 307 dated 20th October for the reasons herein before noted which I here re-capitulate.

I. The road maintenance establishments was owing to the orders of the Chief Engineer and with his cognizance dismissed despite of Diaries and a remonstrative letter and consequently no work† could be done from that date up to 31st of May 1857, as the Chief Engineer must well know.

† Vide paras. 4 and 5 of this letter.

II. Immediately the Budget list and the list circulated with Chief Engineer's Extract Proceedings No. 713 were received vigorous‡ measures were adopted by me and approved of by the Collector for carrying out all work and I am clearly not to blame up to date of receipt of Chief Engineer's Circular No. 66 of 17th July 1857.

Vide paras. 3 and 12 of this letter.

III. Immediately on receipt of Chief Engineer's Circular No. 93 dated 14th August 1857, I prepared requisite lists shewing the distribution of the funds (38,590) allotted to Canara but did not circulate them for a cause which is evident on a perusal of No. IV.

IV. I was deprived of my Officers and had not *a single Executive Officers* left me from 1st of August up to 1st of October 1857, and had no means of conducting work or even of acquitting myself with the state of the District except by the reports of my Sub Overseer.

V. Further as soon as Lieutenant Hunter was ordered to Canara instruction anent his work and the requisite calls for road reports were forwarded to him in *Bellary* and when his posting was altered and Lieutenant Drever was ordered to Canara in his place instructions were sent to that Officer in Bellary also. Lieutenant Drever's attention was first called to the state of the Devamunny Ghât at my request and the result you know.

I have not up to this date received from the Central office any intimation of Lieutenant Drever having been posted to Canara.

17. From an examination of the above facts the Chief Engineer will observe that the only point when any doubt may remain is in the reading the Collector and myself put upon Chief Engineer's Circular No. 66 and as this admits of more than one construction I am not blameable for taking that not contemplated by the Chief Engineer.

18. With reference to para 5 I have only again to call the Chief Engineer's attention to what has been before noted that I had not a single Executive Officer in the District. The money as stated in the last para. of my present letter was ready for all, if there had been any me to use it, and the Chief Engineer Iopine is responsible on this point and not the District Engineer who furnishes monthly to the Central office a statement of Officers and Subordinates vide those for August and September.

(Here enter para. 7.)

19. Rupees 590 should have been entered for the repairs to the Charmody Ghât. Lieutenant Law is now making use of this money to improve the Charmody Ghât.

(Here enter para. 8.)

20. Item No. 2 of District Engineer's list to this with item No. 314 of the Printed Budget list Statement No. 2 Item No. 1 was inserted by District Engineer at the particular request of the Collector and it was made by the Collector a necessary condition to ensure his approval of the Statement.

(Here enter para. 9.)

21. The 9,000 Rupees were distinctly intended for expenditure in excess of the 18,000 but at the suggestion of the Collector these 9,000 Rupees are being expended upon the Arbyle Ghât which has now in conjunction with the Neelcond Ghât totally relieved the Devamunny Ghât of the traffic which impeded workmen employed on it, and which repairs are now rapidly going on.

* To Canara portion total sanction Rupees 6,600.

Trunk road No. 2 is entered as "Mercara road" here more than ¾ viz. 5,000 Rupees of the original sanction was allotted by me* to its repairs and I am happy to be able to report that the road is in excellent order.

(Here enter para. 10.)

22. Chief Engineers Circular No. 8310 of 24th November 1856, expressly ordered me not to expend money in excess of 4,000 Rupees on this work which sum was approximately spent by Lieutenant Hankin viz. Rupees 3,514.

The subject matter of the latter part of this para. has been already fully noted upon by me in paras. 4 and 12 of this latter.

23. Work was stopped by *me* only from 1st to 24th August 1857, and no longer, but no Officers being at my disposal from 24th August up to 1st October no work was done, for this the Chief Engineer is answerable.

Letter from Lieutenant E. L. HANKIN, 2nd Assistant Civil Engineer Canara; to Lieutenant J. GODDARD, District Engineer Canara, dated Camp Sircy, 5th February 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that agreeably to the instructions conveyed in your letter of the 13th Ultimo, subject as per margin. I have been obliged to stop *all* work on the Yellapore and Sircy road circuit as the amount allowed for expenditure on these works during current official half year is only Rupees 3,000, whereas the expenditure up to the present time has been as follows:—

Restricting expenditure on Yellapore and Sircy roads to certain sums.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Sircy road from November to end of January.....	5,193	6	11
Yellapore do. from do. do.....	4,358	10	3
Total expenditure on 2 roads up to end of January.....	9,552	1	2

a further sum of about 2,000 Rupees will be required for disbursement to work people employed up to the 24th or 25th January, but which payment is not made until the month succeeding that in which the liabilities were incurred.

You will observe that the sum spent on the 2 Circuits already exceeds that allowed for expenditure by upwards of Rupees 6,000, and when the necessary payments have been made in this month for liabilities incurred in last, the excess of expenditure will exceed Rupees 8,000 this has been quite unavoidable as although all work was stopped on the receipt of your order the arrangements previously made on the 2 Circuits were such, as to allow of the annual grants viz. Rupees 12,165-8-0 and Rupees 18,000 being year, and consequently heavy expenditure was incurred month by month.

The whole of the permanent Coolies and Darogahs have been thus thrown out of employ a calamity which they could never have anticipated, Captain Walker the late Civil Engineer of the District, having given them to understand that their situations were permanent ones.

Although the sum, allowed for expenditure on the 2 Circuits has been greatly exceeded I would respectfully solicit that a small sum might be allowed both to give employment to the Coolies and Darogahs originally appointed to the 2 roads and also to execute small repairs which from

time to time may become necessary such as the slabs of a drain giving way, a tree falling across the road and similar accidents any thing of this sort occurring for the future would seriously impede the traffic as there is now none to remove such obstacles.

Letter from Captain G. A. SEARLE, Executive Engineer; to Lieutenant J. GODDARD, District Engineer Canara, No. 49.

SIR,

I have to report for your information that the Devamunny Ghâut and the whole road from Dewjee Ferry to Moondgode, are in a most frightful state of repair, that coolies at present are not procurable, and when they are, I dispair of being able to do much till after the rains, as the milehouses have not been repaired this year and the coolies have no other place to shelter themselves along the road. Owing to the permanent establishment having been dismissed (according to the order to stop all works*) nothing has been done to the main Trunk road, not even have the drains been opened out, and the consequence is, as one may well expect (particularly on the western coast that the road is entirely cut up and resembles in many places a story nullah of 1 foot to 2 feet in depth.

Circular No. 8310 of 24th November 1856
(Signed) J. Goddard Lieutenant, Dt. Engineer Canara.

SIR,

I beg to inform you that, the 2 Peons I sent to procure coolies are returned without bringing any to work on the Ghaut, they brought 90 as far as Coomptah when they found out they were to work on the Ghaut, they all returned to their villages.*

* Confidence had been destroyed.
(Signed) J Goddard Lieut, District Engineer Canara.

Will you kindly inform me how I am to procure a strong party to work on the Ghaut as the work is going on very slow at present with the few Coolies I have.

Camp Devamunny 10th July 1857.

(Signed) H. GOODGER,
Assistant Overseer.

Letter from Captain G. A. SEARLE, Executive Engineer; to Lieutenant J. GODDARD, District Engineer, Canara, dated Sircy, 11th July 1857, No. 92.

SIR,

I have the honor to enclose for your information a copy of a letter received from Assistant Overseer H. Goodger and to draw your attention to the circumstance of the Officer lately in charge of No. 3 Circle, having on more occasion than one, reported to you that he was unable to get coolies to work on the Devamunny Ghaut.

I respectfully beg you will inform me what should be done* as the Ghaut is in a most frightful state of repair and unless coolies are procurable for this work Government will suffer a considerable loss. On referring to a letter accompanying an Extract No. 486 from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 17th March 1857, I observe that in cases of accident such as floods and breaches when for the common safety the Tahsildars are to use impressment of coolies &c.

* This circumstance was fully explained to Chief Engineer in letters Nos. 153 and 172 dated 3rd and 9th July 1857.
and
The Right Honorable the Governor in Council was pleased to sanction the disbursement of high rates to Coolies vide Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1699 dated 8th September 1857.

I would respectfully suggest that this may be done with regard to the Devamunny Ghaut as unless it is Ghaut; in sum state of repair the traffic on this line of road will be entirely stopped.

Letter from Lieutenant J. GODDARD, District Engineer Canara; to Captain G. A. SEARLE, Executive Engineer Canara, dated Mangalore, 16th July 1857, No. 162.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 92 of the 11th Instant received this day I have the honor to report, that we are not at liberty, under the cricumstances you represent to call on the revenue authorities,

2nd. You must trust to your own resources for coolies.

3rd. If necessary I hereby authorize you to raise the pay ½ a Rupee per mensem (or if that will not induce them to come to work you may go as far as a Rupee) until the close of the monsoon when the old rates will be resumed.

Letter from Lieutenant J. GODDARD, District Engineer Canara; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Honore, 23rd November 1857, No. 339.

SIR,

I was not less surprised than hurt by the contents of your letter of the 7th November current (demi official) to the address of the Collector of Canara with a copy of which you furnished me I here note in the margin* a copy of Para. 4 of Chief Engineer's Circular No. LXVI of 1857-58.

But with the spirit of this order there nevertheless is to be no pattering and references recommending exemption for exceptional reasons, will be received with marked displeasure. In all cases however critical there must always be a certain discretion confided to local Officers but they whose expenditure is the most rapidly reduced to a cypher will at the present conjuncture but exhibit their discretion.

2. you will observe that on receipt of the Chief Engineer's Circular* No. XCIII of the 14th August 1857, relaxing somewhat the stringency of the first noted Circular, I allotted 8,000 Rupees to the Devamunny ghaut vide my statement of the 31st August 1857 forwarded with my letter No. 239, dated 21th Idem which would have sufficed to maintain it for 6 months if not more bearing in mind the fair state of repair the road was in before the breaking out of the monsoon.

* With reference to Circular No. 77 of the 27th July 1857 and in accordance with the views of Government forwarding a Memo. exhibiting the apportionments of Rupees 14,67,822 allowed for repairs for the guidance of District Engineer.

3. This money however was utterly useless as I had not one Executive Officer in the District to spend it and the Officers lost to Canara were removed with your cognizance I suppose.

4. The road maintenances* were stopped by you in Circular No. 8310 dated 21th November 1856, and in spite of the remonstrances on the part of Lieutenant Hankin in his Diary for the month of January 1857, and on my part in my letter No. 384, dated 11th February 1857 to the Central office and the ruin to the Ghaut there in predicted you would not permit me to retain the services of the road maintenance establishments*. How after this you can accuse me of neglect of my duty is incomprehensible to me.

* The road maintenances of Canara, amount to Rupees 48738 being Rupees 13,037 in excess of the grant for Canara which is only 35,701 Rupees and now in the face of this excess does the Chief Engineer expect me to make use of my *road maintenances* as noted by him vide E. P. Chief Engineer No. 713, of 3rd May 1857.

* District Engineer's letter No. 577, dated 26th April 1857 and No. 163 dated 6th July 1857.
These are the exports upon the 5 servants turned out with the road maintenance.

5. From para. 2 of Extract Proceedings Chief Engineer No. 4903, dated 3rd Instant, I infer that you accuse me of not making use of the 35,701 Rupees placed at my disposal in Chief Engineer's Circular No. XCIII dated 14th August 1857, but a reference to para. 2 of this letter will answer you on this point.

6. How I was to be kept informed of the state of the Devamauny Ghaut with no Officers to put in charge of it, I cannot see clearly. Nearly the first order Lieutenant Drever received from me on arriving in Canara desired him to furnish a report upon the state of the Devamunny Ghaut.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, No. 2380; dated 23rd December 1857.

Ordered that these papers be returned to the District Engineer through the Chief Engineer who will point out to Lieutenant Goddard that he can address the Government on the duties of his Office only through the Chief Engineer.

2. Colonel Faber will at once afford Lieutenant Goddard an opportunity of laying before Government through the prescribed channel any explanation he may wish to offer, and will submit it to Government as soon as it may be received.

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

District Engineers Office
Canara
Camp Honore 3d Dec.r 1857
No 208

From
Lieutenant J. Goddard
District Engineer
Canara

To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.
Fort St. George

Sir,

Deeming the subject under discussion in the body of the present letter a matter of such serious import to me as to admit of no delay and wishing to lay original matter before Government I submit with a hope that the irregularity I am guilty

guilty of may be overlooked on account of the emergency of the Case. I for favorable consideration copy of my original letter to the Chief Engineer in reply to his letter No. 5320 dated 18th. Ultimo to my address: copy of which was enclosed to the Secretary to Government D. P. W. in a letter from the Chief Engineer the No. and date of which was not supplied to me.

2. In addition to this letter I add another very much to the same purpose in reply to the enclosed demi-official to my address from the Chief Engineer dated 7th. November 1857 in which he holds me to blame much on the same account as in the letter noted in para 1.

3. I would note that the Chief Engineer is totally mistaken in para 2 of his letter to the Secretary to Government D. P. W. under reference as pointed out in para 16 of copy of my letter No. 361 dated 3rd December 57 in stating that I am to blame in not carrying on work.

4. On the first instance the Chief Engineer stopped my Road Maintenance Establishment in spite of all remonstrances and in the second he took away every Executive Engineer from me.

5. The money was apportioned by me the moment the Sanction for Spending it arrived but there was no one to spend it.

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6 The above para is in fact an abstract of my letter enclosed.

7 I trust that my case may excuse the irregularity I am guilty of

/Signed/ J. Goddard Lieut.
District Engineer, Canara.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
18th November 1857.

No. 5320.

From

The Acting Superintending Engr.
Northern Circle

To

The District Engineer
Canara

Sir.

I have the honor under the

the instructions from the Chief Engineer to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Ultimo No. 307, conveyed in a letter from the Collector of Canara No. 26 dated 29th Ultimo.

2 In your letter referred to above, you submit a Report from Lieutenant Drever on the state of Dharwur and Coomptah road, which is described to be in a hopeless and wretched state and that, if immediate repairs be not commenced it must in another Month become perfectly impassable. Lieutenant Drever remarks that the suspension of the ordinary repairs to this road has done infinite mischief &c. &c. and in the 9th para of your letter you

you suggest that the annual sanction at the rate of Rs. 18,000 for 90 Miles of road be immediately excepted from the interdiction placed upon such grants in the Circular No. 66 of 17th July 1857. I have the honor to inform you that the circular alluded to placed no interdiction on the prosecution of such works, and no orders emanated for the entire Suspension of the ordinary repairs of the road in question.

3 By the description you give, both by yourself and Lieutenant Driver of the state of the road, it would appear that no repairs had for a long time been made and that no funds were available for the purpose, but the fact is otherwise. In Extract Minutes

Minutes Consultation dated the 8th August 1856 No. 1456 the grant allowed for the maintenance of this road was increased from 11300 Rs. to 18,000 Rupees for 90 Miles at 200 Rs. a Mile, and in sanctioning this sum the Government authorized it to have effect from 1st May 1856, there was no interdict of any Kind in 1856/57 on repairs, and yet it is not seen, vide your Progress Report for April 1857 that a single Rupee was spent on this road up to that date although the full sum of 18,000 Rupees might have been spent upon it and prevented the deplorable condition into which it is described as having fallen

fallen - Again from May to August
of the present year, you might
have made a further expenditure on
it of at least 4500 Rs but your
accounts up to August shew that
the paltry sum of only Rupees 1149
was expended whereas from the
date of Sanction, viz^t. 18^th. August
1856, up to July last you might
with equal facility and advantage
have expended the large sum of
Rs. 22500 Rupees, and more.

You will remember that
no lists were furnished by you for
the Budget of 1857/58 they were
however made up in the Central
Office, and you must have seen
in the printed Budget furnished
that the sum of Rupees 5^3107 was
allowed

allowed you for repairs under the
head "Communication." and so early
as May last you were furnished in
the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
No. 713 with a list shewing the
several items which constituted
that amount one of which was this
very road, viz^t. annual Repairs
to the road from Dharwar to
Coomptah Rupees 18,000 under the
sanction of Government of the 18^th.
August 1856 No. 1456, on the receipt
even of these Proceedings you might
have taken immediate and vigorous
measures towards the repair of
this road, but such has not been
the case, for up to July last, as
already pointed out, the small
sum of only Rupees 1149 appears
to

to have been spent, and spent in that Month only. Under all these circumstances the Chief Engineer both regrets, and greatly blames the unfortunate erroneous impression on your part, which has caused this important line of Communication to the Coast to crumble into its almost worse than its natural condition whilst large funds were placed at your disposal to Keep it in perfect order, and Colonel Taber requests that you will report fully your reasons for pursuing so Strange a Course.

5. I must also observe that if even the Circular No. 66 of the 7th. July last had led you to suppose the prosecution of the work in

in question interdicted the Circular which followed it viz^t. that of the 14th. August last No. 93 must have Communicated you of your error. In this last Circular the reduced Amount allotted for your District for Repairs is clearly shewn, the aggregate amount under the head "Communications" being Rs. 35701 which is only less by about 1/13th. than the original Amount viz^t. Rupees 53107 allowed in the Budget of 1857/58. This reduction of the aggregate sum of course reduced in the same proportion, the several items which composed it, so that instead of 18,000 Rupees for the repair of the road from Dharwar to Coomptah

Comptah for 1857/58 you had and have available, more than 12,000 Rs. for the same period and you might have spent more, without any authority or instructions from the Central Office so long as you did not exceed the aggregated reduced amount of communication for the whole District, shewn in the Memo. forwarded to you with the Circular last adverted to.

6. I shall now proceed to notice your letter No. 314 dated the 27th. Ultimo. in which you request with reference to your letter of the 24th. August last No. 239 and the statement therewith forwarded, that Rs. 1000 the Item No. 4 irregularly entered in it, may

may be transferred to Item No. 2 making it Rs. 9000 instead of 8,000; observing that the Neelcoond Ghaut required no aid from the 38000 Rs. allotted in the Chief Engineers Circular No. 77 dated the 27th. July last I have to observe, that this Circular made no special allotment of funds for Districts neither did it require any Statement to be furnished to the Central office as to the Amount of expenditure required for repairs.

7. It required a Statement to be furnished (with Budget numbers) of all those works on which further progress was considered indispensable, this Statement was accordingly furnished by you and disposed of in

in Proceedings of the Chief Engineer of the 14th September 1857 No. 3674-8.

The Circular of the 14th August last No. 93 however allotted funds for each District on account of Repairs and the total sum for Canara was Rupees 38590-0-0

Communications Rs.	35701-0-0
Buildings — "	2889-0-0
Total Rs.	38590-0-0

and not Rs. 38000. These 38590 00 were intended to be appropriated to the repair of the roads and Buildings described on the List furnished to you with Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No. 713, alluded to in the 4th para of the present communication, under the sanction of Government, as accorded in the printed Budget and the Chief Engineer had no power to authorize its

its expenditure on any other work-

9 It is not very clear whether the works entered in the Statement received with Your letters of 24th August and 27th October last Nos 239 and 314 have been entirely taken from the printed Budget Nos 2 or Nos 3 on from both and some of the works as described in those Statements do not appear in either of the Budgets 2 or 3 and hence the necessity in all correspondence and Statements and lists of estimates of works, that they should be described as in the Budgets with their numbers or as they are described in orders of Government sanctioning the same, quoting the dates of such orders as well as the Amount of the Estimates.

* particulars given in the list furnished from the Central Office in May last & alluded to in para 1-

10- In the Statement received with your letter of the 27th Ultimo No. 314- the sum of Rs. 9000. you propose to spend on the Dharwar & Coomptah Road whereas in your previous letter Viz. that of the 20th Ultimo alluded to in the 1st Para you

state

Shew the urgent necessity for the entire amount of maintenance grant of Rs 18000 being spent on the work in question, neither does this statement apparently provide for any funds for expenditure on Trunk Road No 2 for which an Annual allowance of Rs 10525 — was sanctioned and included in the Budget No 3, and yet this road in your letter of the 23d July last was represented as a very important Military Road and which you had directed Mr Boesingin to maintain in the best possible order, and your orders were approved by the Central Office. I request you will at your early convenience afford explanation on all these points.

Sanctioned in Cont. Minutes of Govt of 18 Augt 1854

in January 1854

11. I also request information why the full Amount of Rupees 8690 sanctioned by Government for the immediate emergent repair of the Devimany Ghaut so far back as the 30th April 1856 Rs 617 has not been expended. Your progress Report for April last shews that

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that only Rs 3514 were spent up to that date being considerably less than one half the Amount sanctioned by Government. It is observed that this Ghaut forms a portion of the road from Dharwar to Coomptah and for the repairs of the whole of which an Estimate amounting to Rs 22050 was submitted to Government for Sanction in April 1856 for the repair of the Ghaut, Sanction was given in the same month and for the road on the 14th May 1856 No 691 and the amount for the latter Rs 13360 was entered in the Budget No 2 of 1857 No 396 which Amount became current for expenditure on the 1st May 1857 and yet between that month and August following when expenditure on all works in Budget No 2 was stopped the trifling Sum of Rs 674 was spent on the repair of the road making with the Sum expended on the Devemany Ghaut, the aggregate Sum of Rs 4188 out of the Estimate for

* Same Military works of

Rs 3,514

Rs

Rs. 22,050 the amount sanctioned for these repairs it must be observed is irrespective of the Annual Maintenance grant of Rs. 18000 alluded to in the 3d para of this Communication.

12. From the foregoing facts it appears evident that the Dharwar & Coomptah road was allowed to ruin more through want of attention than from want of funds.

/Signed/ C.A. Orr, Captain.
Asst Supt Engr. Nor. Circle

True Copy
/Signed/ J. Goddard, Lieutenant
District Engineer Canara

L.S

From

Northern Circle.
No 3361.

District Engrs
Office Canara
Camp Honore 3d
Decr 1857.

From
Lieut J. Goddard
District Engineer
Canara

To
Col C.C. Faber
Chief Engineer D.P.W.
Fort St George.

Sir

I beg to refer to the orders conveyed in letter No 5320 dated 18th Novr in my address received this day I do myself the honor to report as follows.

2. This Circular did not reach Canara until the 22nd July 1857, nor was the work stopped on this

this line by my order until the 1st August 1857.

3. Extract of the printed Budget lists for 1857-58 were circulated * in the District immediately it was received by me and — Officers were urged by me to carry on work with vigour vide Extract in margin —

* on 21st May 57.

" All spades, axles & tools of work to be marked & kept most thoroughly repaired & in hand for the with.

4. Captain Searle the — Officer in charge of the Demmany Ghat in his Letters during the — months of June and July states that the Road Establishment is standing — been of necessity employed owing — to the orders of the Chief Engineer — were not to be reduced to return to their work as their services was considered —

Shaken

D No 490 of 3 June 57 Copy forwarded for the information of Chief Engineer's letter No. 1034 of 3d June 1857.

No 92 of 11th July 57 Copy suspended.

Circular No. 5310 of 24th Nov. 1856.

shaken and they placed no further reliance on our promises of permanent provision for them.

5. Captain Searle in July managed to get Coolies together — and expended Rs. 1149 in that — month upon the Demmany Ghat and further sent in Estimates for milehouses and Cooly sheds for his road maintenance Establishment which however it was utterly absurd for me to think of submitting — upon receipt of Circular No 886 of 17th July 1857.

* Vide Progress Report for July 57.

Will be sent hereafter

= May — 1856.
June —
July —
August —
Sept. —
Octo. —
Nov. —
Decr. —
January 1857
February —

Submitted by Lieut. Rowlett

6. I make this Statement and note the Diaries in margin # = to shew that I myself was not blind to the damage being done by the dis-

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-nicipal of the Road Maintenance
Establishment nor did I divide
this fact from the Chief Engineer
as the Diaries of Lieut.t Hankin
and letters of Captain Searle
were all furnished to the Central
Office.

7. In the month of August
I had not one Executive Engr.
left me and how work was to go
on or what was to be furnished in
the absence of any one Competent
to do so I do not understand.

8. I would beg to refer the
Chief Engineer to an examination
of my Annual Progress Report &
monthly Accounts Headed

Surrey

(Hereunder para 3)

Surrey Road Circuit for the year
1856/57 which will satisfy him that
Rs. 12397-6-3 were spent last year
upon the repairs of this by laid out
of the sanction of 18000 Rupees
notwithstanding the difficulty
experienced by Lieut.t Hankin
procuring Coolies vide that Officers
Diaries for the whole of the year
1856/57 in which the Chief Engr
may be referred for detailed
of all proceedings and suggestions
drains of Lieutenant Hankin
with any remarks noted in
margin of originals.

9. After expenditure to
this amount had taken place

all

x noted in para 6.

all further expenditure was peremptorily stopped and Road maintenance Establishment discharged owing to the orders of Chief Engineer as noted in Para 4 of this present letter.

10. By what method of calculation the Chief Engineer has arrived at the amount of Rs. 4500 he does not inform me but I have duly demanded him that from May to the end of June Captain Searle could not prevail upon a single Cooly to join him vide Enclosed Letters noted in para 4 in margin as their confidence was quite shaken by

Para 3. Again from May to the following 1st June you have made a further expenditure of at least 4500 Rs. but your accounts up to August show that the paltry sum of only 1119 Rs. was expended &c.

by their dismissal of the Road maintenance Establishment as noted in para 4 & 5. The sum of 13000 Rupees noted in the latter part of para 3 of the Chief Engineers letter under reply might have been spent if there had been a Road maintenance Establishment dismissed at least as there was no Road maintenance only 12397-6-3 + 1150 = 13547-6-3 Rupees was spent the Road maintenance Establishment having been dismissed as twice before noticed owing to orders of the Chief Engineer in the Month of January 1859

and

and with his cognizance.

11. This was owing to a total (Hereunder para 1.)
inattention to all orders on the
part of my late Hd Accountant
Mr D'L Rodrigues who was dis-
missed from Employment in
Genl Pro. Chief Engrs No 2116 dated
18th July 1857.

12. On receipt of this List Copies
thereof were circulated to all Officers
and strict Injunctions as to the application
of these funds accompanied the list
a Copy whereof I take the liberty
do enter in the margin and Again
call the attention of the Chief Engr
to the Reasons already three times
noted of the small sum
of

* Same para vacant,
as they last year were
furnished with a
List shewing those
Incumbents which
constituted the
Amount of which
was Thirty roads
from 2 Parwar to
Coompta Rupees
13,000.

* Extract from Statement
No 2 of Expenditure
proposed to be upon
Roads during the
year 1857-58 in the
Madras Presidency
under date the 29th
May 1857.

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forwarded for the
information guidance
of all officers subor-
dinate in the Executive
charges.

of only 1149 Rupees being spent. I beg to call Chief
Engineers, attention to my monthly Estimates
for the months of May June & July 1857 from
which it will be observed that I placed
the sum of Rupees 2500 at Captain Searles dis-
posal for expenditure on this Ghat during
those months and am not to blame in
the slightest degree I should.

13. Captain Searle during the
months of May June & July was in charge
of Circle No 1. 2. 3. & 4 which in 1856-57 was
the war Est of 3 Officers viz Mr Drew after-
wards relieved by Captain Longcroft Lieut
Hamkin and Lieut now Captain Searle
with three European assistants viz Messrs
Millon Goodyer & Curran but of these 3 Mr
Millon was removed and 2 only left to
Captain Searle to say nothing of the total
disbanding of the Road maintenance
Establishment and the loss of 2 Executive
Engineers office Writers and Joomadahs to
assist him

In the

14. Further the Honore gentleman at this particular period occupied a greater portion of Captain Searles time as he was hastening to assure it from injury to be apprehended to it owing to our unusually early & severe monsoon this year.

15. I am prepared to admit that of the various constructions which the Chief Engineers Circular No 66 of the 17th July admits of the Collector of Canara & myself have in consultation, chosen not that which was intended by the Chief Engineer and I very much regret that it is so but the threat of the substantial displeasure* of Govt is rather a serious one & the expression that he who soonest reduces his expenditure to

Same para - Under all these circumstance the Chief Engineer both regrets and greatly blames the unfortunate erroneous impression on your part which has caused this important line of communication to the coast to crumble into its almost worst than natural condition whilst large funds were placed at your disposal &c

* Vide paras of Chief Engineers Circular No 66 of 17th July 1857.

a system will be best consulting the interest of Government left not a doubt on the mind of the Collector or myself as to the steps to be taken and it was with much reluctance that we came to the conclusion that we arrived at.

16. As regards the blame to be attached to me I am not convinced in the slightest degree of having been in any respects the origin of the state of the Ghat reported in my letter No 307 dated 20th October for the reasons therein before noted in which I do I have recapitulate.

I The Road maintenance & Establishment was owing to the orders of the Chief Engineer and with his Cognizance dismissed despite of Petitions and remonstrative letter & consequently no works could be done from that date up to 31st of May 1857 as the Chief Engineer must

* Vide paras 1 & 5 of this letter.

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must well know—

II Immediately the Budget list × vide paras 3 & 12 of this letter and the last circulated with Chief Engineers Extract Proceedings dt. 7/13 were received vigorous measures were adopted by me and approved of by the Collector for carrying out all work and I am clearly not to blame up to date of receipt of Chief Engineers Circular dt. 66 of 17th July 1857—

III. Immediately on receipt of Chief Engineers Circular No 93 dated 14th August 1857 I prepared requisite lists shewing the distribution of the funds (38590) allotted to Canara but did not circulate them for a Cause which is evident on a perusal of No IV.

IV. I was deprived of my Officers and had not a single Executive Officer left me from 1st of August upto 1st of October 1857 and had no means of conducting work or even of acquainting myself with the state of the District except by the reports of my Sub Overseers—

V. Further as soon as Lieut Hunter was ordered to Canara instruction anent his work and the requisite calls for Road Reports were forwarded to him in Bellary and when his posting was altered and Lt Drever was ordered to Canara in his place instructions were sent to that Officer in Bellary also—

× I have not up to this date received from the Central Office any intimation of Lt Drever having been posted to Canara.

Lt Drever's attention was first called to the state of the Dist many Ghat at my request of the result you know—

17 From an examination of the above facts the Chief Engineer will

will observe that the only point
which any doubt may remain is
in the reading the Collector and
myself put upon Chief Engin-
neers Circular of No: 66 and as
this admits of more than one
Construction I am not to blame
able for taking that not contem-
plated by the Chief Engineer
18 With reference to para
5. I have only again to call the
Chief Engineers attention to what
has been before noted that
I had not a single Executive
Officer in the District - The
money as stated in the last para
of my present letter was
ready for all, if there had
been

been any one to use it. I the Chief Engineer
I opine is responsible on this point and
not the District Engineer who furnishes
monthly to the Central Office a Statement
of Officers and Subordinates vide those
for August & September
Rupees 590 should have been
(Para enter from 7) 19 entered for the repairs to the Chaumody
Ghat. Lt Lewis now making use of
this money to improve the Chaumady Ghat
(Para enter para 8) 20 Item No 2 of District Engineers
list to this with item No 31 of the Printed
Budget list Statement No 2 Item No 1
was inserted by District Engineer at the
particular request of the Collector and
it was made by the Collector a necessary
Condition to ensure his approval of
the Statement.
(Para enter para 9) 21. The 9000 Rupees were distinctly
intended for Expenditure in excess of
the

the 18000 but at the suggestion of the Collector these 9000 Rupees are being expended upon the Arbyle Ghat which has now in Conjunction with the Neelcond Ghat totally relieved the Demmany Ghat of the traffic which impeded workmen employed on it & which repairs are now rapidly going on

Trunk Road No 2 is entered as "Canara Road" here more than 3/4 Viz: 5000 Rupees of the original Sanction was allotted by me* to its repairs and I am happy to be able to report that the road is in excellent order.

* To Canara portion
Total Sanction Rs 6600

22 Chief Engineers Circular No 8310 (Para 5 of 24th November 1856 expressly ordered me not to expend Money in excess of 4000 Rupees on this work which sum was approximately spent by Lt Hamkin Viz: Rs 3514.

The subject matter of the latter part of this para has been already fully noted upon by me in paras 4 & 12 of this letter.

23 Work was stopped by me only from 1st to 24th August 1857. and no longer, but no Officers being at my disposal from 24th August up to 1st October no work was done, for this the Chief Engineer is answerable

District Engrs Office
Canara,
Honore 3d December
1857

(Sd) J. Goddard Lieut
Dist Engr of Canara

(True Copy)
(Signed) J. Goddard Lieut
Dt Engr of Canara.

Camp Sirey 6th July. 1857.

From Lieut C. L. Hamkin
2nd Assist Civil Engineer
Canara

To Lieut J. Goddard
District Engineer Canara

Sir I have the honor to inform you

you that agreeably to the instructions conveyed in your letter of the 13th Ultimo subject as per margin, I have been obliged to stop all work on the yellapore and Surey Road Current as the amount allowed for Expenditure on these works during Current Official half year is only Rs 3000, whereas the Expenditure up to the present time has been as follows.

Restricting Expenditure on yellapore & Surey Roads to Certain Sums.

Surey Road from Nov.r to end of Jany. Rs 5193-6-11
Yellapore do from do do 4358-10-3
Total Expenditure on 2 Roads up to end of Jany. 9552-1-2

a further Sum of about 2000 Rs will be required for disbursement to work people employed up to the 24th or 25th January but which payment is not made until the month succeeding that in which the liabilities were incurred.

You will observe that the Sum spent on the 2 Circuits already exceeds that allowed for Expenditure by upwards of Rupees 6,000, & when the necessary payments have been made in this month for liabilities incurred in Last, the excess of Expenditure will exceed Rs 8000 this has been quite unavoidable as altho all work was stopped on the receipt of your order the arrangements previously made on the 2 Circuits were such, as to allow of the annual grants 12th Rs 12165-8-0 & Rupees 18,000 being Year, & Consequently heavy expenditure was incurred in one by months.

The whole of the permanent Culverts & Dawgahs have been thro Straw out of employ a Calamity which they could never have anticipated, Captain Walker the late Civil Engineer of the District, having given

given them to understand that their situations were permanent ones.

Altho the sum, allowed for expenditure on the 2 Circuits has been greatly exceeded I would respectfully solicit that a small sum might be allowed both to give employment to the Coolies & Darogahs originally appointed to the 2 Roads and also to execute small repairs which from time to time may become necessary such as the slabs of a drain giving way, a tree falling across the road & similar accidents - any thing of this sort occurring for the future would seriously impede the traffic as there is now none to remove such obstacles.

I have &c
(Signed) E. L. Hankin Lt.
2nd Asst. Civil Engr. Canara

(True Copy)
(Signed) J. Goddard Lt.
Distt. Engr. Canara

No. 49.

From Captain G. A. Seale
Excent. Engineer

To, Lieutenant J. Goddard
District Engineer Canara

Sir,

I have to report for your information that the Dammany Ghât and the whole road from Dewgee Ferry to Moondgode, are in a most frightful state of repair, that Coolies at present are not procurable, and when they are; I despair of being able to do much till after the rains, as the bulkheads have not been repaired this year & the Coolies have no other place to shelter themselves along the road owing to the permanent Establishment having

having been dismissed (according to the order to stop all works) nothing has been done to the main Trunk Road, not even have the Drains been opened out, and the Consequences is, as one may well expect — (particularly on the western Coast) that the road is entirely Cut up and resembles in many places a Stony Nullah of 1 foot to 2 feet in depth.

Circular No 5310 of 24th November 1856

137 J Goddard Lt. Dy Engr

I have &c

(signed) G. A. Searle Captn
Execut Engr.

(True Copy)

(signed) J. Goddard Lt.
Dy Engr of Canara

Camp

Camp Devimmany 10th July 57.

Sir

I beg to inform you that, the 2 Peons I sent to procure Coolies are returned without bringing any to work on the Ghaut, they brought go as far as Compleah when they found out they were to work on the Ghaut, they all returned to their villages.x

Will you kindly inform me how I am to procure a strong party to work on the

x Confidence has been restored.

137 J. Goddard Lt. Dy Canara.

the Ghaut as the work is going on very slow at present with the few Coolies I have.

I remain &c

(signed) H. Gordger

Assistt Overseer

(True Copy)

(signed) G. A. Searle Captn

Exec: Engineer Canara

(True Copy)

(signed) J. Goddard Lieut.

District Engineer

Canara

From

No. 92

From Captain G. A. Searle

Executive Engineer

To

Lieutenant J. Goddard

District Engineer

Canara

Sir

I have the honor to enclose, for your information a copy of a letter received from Assistant Overseer H. Gordger and to draw your attention to the circumstance of the officer lately in charge of No. 3 Circle, having on more occasions than one, reported to you that he was unable to get Coolies to work on the Devamanny Ghauts.

I respectfully beg you will inform me what should be done as the Ghaut is in a most frightful state of repair and unless Coolies are procurable for this work Government will suffer a considerable loss. On referring to a letter accompanying an Contract No. 486 from the Minutes of Consultations under date the 7th March 1857, I observe that in cases of accidents such as floods and

X The circumstances was fully explained to [illegible]

and breaches as him for the common safety the Talukdars are to visit imprisonment of Coolies &c.

I would respectfully suggest that this may be done with regards to the Devenmany Ghaut as unless it is Ghaut; in some state of repair the traffic on this line of road will be entirely stopped.

Executive Engrs Office
Canara Dirty
11th July 1857

Sd/ G. A. Searle Capt
Executive Engr Canara

No 162

From
Lieut J. Goddard
District Engineer Canara

To
Captain G. A. Searle
Executive Engineer Canara

Sir

In reply to your letter No 92 of the 11th Inst received this day I have the honor to report that we are not at liberty, under the circumstances you represent to call on the revenue authorities.

2d You must trust to your own resources for coolies.

3rd If necessary I hereby authorize you to raise the pay 1/2 a Rupee per mensem (or if that will not induce them to come to work you may go as far as a Rupee) untill the close of the Monsoon when the old rates will be resumed.

Dt Engrs Office
Canara Mangalore
16th July 1857

Sd/ J. Goddard
Distt Engr Canara

"True Copies"

Sd/ J. Goddard Lieut
Distt Engineer Canara

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No 339

From
Lieutenant J. Goddard
District Engineer Canara

To
Colonel C. G. Fraser
Chief Engineer D. P. W.
Fort St George

Sir

I was not less surprised than [illegible] by the contents of your letter of the 7th November last with the enclosure of Circular No 1 of the 7th ditto ditto

Current / demi official / to the address of the Collector of Canara with a copy of which I was furnished me I herewith in the margin as Copy of Para 4 of Chief Engineers Circular No LXVI of 1857-58.

2. You will observe that in receipt of the Chief Engineers Circular No XCIII of the 11th August 1857 relaxing somewhat the stringency of the first noted Circular I allotted 8000 Rs to the Devenmany Ghaut vide my statement of the 31st August 1857 forwarded with my letter No 289 dated 24th Idem which would have sufficed to maintain it for 6 months if not more bearing in mind the fair state of repair

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Read with the spirit of this order there never will be lists ill to be no haltering & references recommending every exceptional case, will be received with marked high favour. Small cases however critical they must always be a certain direction carried to head office but they will be known as such & dispatch is the most rapidly transmitted to a Cypher will at the present conjuncture be advisable till their discretion.

With reference to Circular No 1 of the 7th July 1857 and in accordance with the views of Govt forwarding a memo exhibiting the apportionments of Rupees 14,67,822 allowed for repairs for the guidance of Distt Engineers

the road was in before the breaking out of the monsoon.

3 This money however was utterly useless as I had not one Executive officer in the District to spend it and the officers lent to Canara were removed with your Cognizance I suppose.

4 The road maintenances were stopped by you in Circular No. 8310 dated 21st November 1856 and in spite of the remonstrances on the part of Lieut. Hankin in his Diary for the Month of January 1857 and on my part in my letter No. 384 dated 11th February 1857 to the Central office and the ruin to the Ghaut there in predicted you would not permit me to retain the services of the road maintenance Establishments. How after this you can accuse me of neglect of my duty is incomprehensible to me.

The road maintenances of Canara amount to Rs. 1,87,38 being Rs. 130.3 per 80 of the grant for Canara which is only 38,701 Rs. and now in the face of this receipt does the Chief Engineer expect me to make use of my road maintenances as noted by him Dist. E. P. Co. Engr. No. 713 of 3d May 1857.

Dist. Engr. letter No. 577 dated 21st April 1857 and 1213 dated 6th July 57. These are the reports upon the Servants turned out with the road maintenance.

5 From para 2 of Exct. Dist. Ch. Engr. No. 1903 dated 3d Instant I infer that you accuse me of not making use of the 35,701 Rs. placed at my disposal in Chief Engr. Circular No. XCIII dated 11th August 1857,

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first a reference to Para 2 of this letter will answer you on this point.

6. How I was to be kept informed of the state of the Devimany Ghaut with no officers to put in charge of it, I cannot see clearly. Nearly the first order Lt. Drever received from me on arriving in Canara directed him to furnish a report upon the state of the Devimany Ghaut.

Dist. Engr. Office
Canara
Camp Honore
23d November 1857.

/Sigd/ J. Goddard, Lt.
Dy. Engr. Canara

/True Copy/
/Signed/ J. Goddard, Lt.
District Engr. Canara

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Ordered that these papers be returned to the District Engineer thro' the Chief Engineer who will point out to Lieutenant Goddard that he can address the Govt on the duties of his Office only thro' the Chief Engineer.

Colonel Talcott will afford Lt Goddard an opportunity of laying before Govt through the Intersected channel any explanation he may

wish to Hear, and will
submit it to Govt as
soon as it may be
received

R E

Fort St Geo.
3d Decr/57

Copies to the Chief Engr. Dispt 24
with Chief Letter of Private Date

No 107 & 108.

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Cons: 23d December

From

The Protht Engineer

Canara

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The Secretary to Govt

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Fort St. Geo.r

Dated 3d. December 1834

Recd 16th Dec.r

Remits Chia Serg.t St. Jacob's

&c. 24 Enclosures & Rags

Forwards certain documents

Reports upon the

Examinations that have

been taken in the case

of Sheristadar the Inspec.r

Vaculy he is guilty of

No 2380. 23d December

William Oliver

From the District Engineer
Canara dd 15 Dec.r 34 Rec.d 16 Dec.r 34
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