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No. 20. Read the following letter from M. C. CHASE, Esq., Acting Sub Collector, in charge Masulipatam; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 13th February 1857, No. 5.

SIR,

Para 1. With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 261, dated 5th February 1857, calling for a report as to the relative importance of the Masulipatam, and Ellore, and other roads, and means of communication within this District, I have the honor to state that fully sensible as I am to the necessity that exists for a road practicable for wheeled conveyances at all times of the year from Ellore to Masulipatam, inasmuch as a connection thereby will be formed between the central Talook of the District with the coast, of which there is now none worthy of being called such, because from the nature of the soil this country during the rains, is wholly impassable, and the traffic is obliged to be carried via Bezoarah a distance of 41 miles in excess of the route between Masulipatam and Ellore via Goodewadah, and anxious therefore as I am that no time should be lost in carrying out this important communication, I am nevertheless of opinion that the necessity for the improvement of this route, is secondary to that of the great western road from Masulipatam to Madhavarum, on the Hyderabad frontier a distance of 117 miles, a portion of which road from Masulipatam to Ibrahimpatam stands in need of immediate improvement, and to that of the portion of the great Northern road which, for a distance of 71 miles runs through this District from Bezoarah to Vizzaswarum, and of the prosecution of the irrigation, and navigable Canals, and other works in active operation within this District.

2. I am not of opinion that a perishable form of construction will prove cheaper than no construction at all, as the traffic is not such as to warrant any amount of expenditure rather than incur the delay of another trading season and the traffic moreover may find a vent by means of the Ellore Canal to the Rajahmundry ports. I therefore concur in the opinion expressed by Captain Orr as to the advisability of employing all the labour that is procurable upon the other roads, and projected works, and of deferring the improvement of the road in question (from Masulipatam to Ellore,) with its further extension to Tirwoor, until such time as the completion or progress of more important works renders necessary.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 465; dated 13th March 1857.

Under the circumstances explained in this letter, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to accede to the recommendation made by the Chief Engineer in his letter of the 22nd January last, that the improvement of the road from Masulipatam to Ellore in the Masulipatam District be for the present placed in abeyance. It is observed that the amount sanctioned for this road in Extract Minutes Consultation of 31st January 1851, No. 44, was Rupees 6,906.

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

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No 5

Masulipatam Collectors
Cutcherry 13th February 1857

From

M. C. Chase Esqr
Acting Sub Collector in charge
Masulipatam

To

H. Forbes Esqr
Acting Secretary to Governmr
Fort St. George

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Concurring in the opinion expressed by Captain Orr as to the advisability of deferring the improvement of the Road from Masulipatam to Ellore & Bezwarah in reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No 261 dated 5th February 1857

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