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No. 112. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 13th March 1857, No. 1222.

SIR,

With reference to the communication from this Department noted in the margin,* I am directed to forward for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, copy of a Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors, No. 2 dated 14th January 1857, sanctioning the project for a road from Hooligee on the Madras frontier to Hoolekeree on the Bombay frontier to the extent of the estimates already furnished.

* No. 3173, dated 11th July 1856.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 2 of 1857.

OUR GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

1. In your letters Nos. 36 and 48 of the 6th July and 18th August last, transmitting the Budgets for 1856-57 of the assigned Provinces of Hydrabad and of Bombay, you promised a separate communication respecting a project common to both Budgets, viz. a line of road extending through the territories of Madras, Hydrabad and Bombay, from Bellary to the Western Coast. This scheme must necessarily be considered as a whole and it accordingly forms the subject of your separate letter No. 59 of the 9th September last.

2. The main use of the entire road would be to connect Bellary and the cotton fields of Dharwar with the nearest sea-ports. It would run from the town of Bellary, through the Collectorate of the same name to Osoor: thence through a corner of the Raichare Doab, to Hullikerry in Dharwar the whole of which Collectorate it would traverse, throwing off a branch to the town of Dharwar, and from Sunguthope, where it would enter Canara it would proceed to Zellapore whence diverging roads would lead to the ports of Sedashegur, Tuddry, and Coompta.

3. The distance between the extreme points may be about 220 miles, but roads either already exist or are in process of formation on those portions of the line which lie within the Madras Provinces of Bellary and Canara, such also would seem to be the case (from no provision being made for it) with the section extending from Hullikerry to Anneegeeree through nearly one half of the Dharwar Collectorate. The portions of road remaining to be made in the Bombay Presidency are one of 49½ miles, expected to cost Rupees 1,51,069, or about Rupees 3,000 a mile, through the western half of Dharwar from Anneegeeree through Hooblee to the Madras Frontier: and another to cost Rupees 43,973 of 20½ miles branching off from the first section to the town of Dharwar. A road 32 miles long is to be carried at a cost of Rupees 63,218 through the Raichore Doab in the Hydrabad Districts.

4. The estimates for the Dharwar sections amounting to Rupees 1,95,042 for earthwork and metalling alone are confessedly high owing as is explained, to the rate for metalling being raised to more than twice the average, by the great distance from which materials must be procured. Probably you are not aware of the way in which the roads are now made round London. The contractors bring no material at all for metalling but half burn the soil and then beat it into a maccadamized road.

5. Estimates for bridging these sections have not yet been furnished, and though expected to be unusually low must still be of large amount, and as already mentioned, a further sum of Rupees 63,218 is set down as required for constructing and bridging the Raichore Doab section. Although, however the aggregate outlay required must be very considerable, there is reason to believe that its results would be amply compensatory, the proposed new sections of road, independently of their intrinsic advantages would add greatly to the value of the existing roads which they would connect, and would, together with them constitute an uninterrupted communication for more than 200 miles from the heart of the Madras Presidency to the Coast.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 21st April 1857.

6. It is right to be circumspect in laying out money on roads in a country likely to be traversed by a Railway, but in this instance the Railway would, probably run from north to south and intersecting the road would rather increase than diminish its utility. Notwithstanding therefore the defectiveness of the estimates before as we consider that you were warranted in recommending to us the project to which they relate and which is now accordingly sanctioned to the extent of the estimates already furnished.

7. You will furnish us at your earliest convenience with the estimates for the bridges and culverts on the portions of the road within the Dharwar district.

8. The short section of road between Hospet and the Raichore Doab in the Presidency of Madras is, we observe provided for in the Madras Budget of the current year.

London,
14th January 1857.

We are &c.
(Signed) W. H. SYKES,

(True Copy.) and eleven others.

(Signed) W. E. BAKER, Lieutenant Colonel,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, No. 709; dated 18th April 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information.

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

No. 1222

From

Lieutt Colt W. E. Baker,
Secretary to the Govt of India

To

J. D. Bourdillon, Esquire,
Secretary to the Govt of Fort Saint Geo

Dated, the 13th March 1857

C. F. 1222

Pol. Works Depth,
Public.

Sir,

With reference to the Communica
tion from this Department noted in the
margin of 11th July 1856, I am directed to forward for the
information of the Right Honble the
Governor in Council, copy of a Despatch
from the Honble the Court of Directors
No 2 dated 14th January 1857, sanctioning
the project for a road from Soonjeedoo
the Madras frontier to Sooleheree on the
Bombay frontier to the extent of the Es-
timates already furnished.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most Obdt Servant.

Fort William,
the 13th March 1857.

Lieut Colt
Secretary to the Govt of India

Com. 12th May 1857 No 87 1690.

Public Works 18th April 1857
Do Com. 21st April
No 709

Sir
I am directed by the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying Petition dated 13th March 1857 from the Inhabitants of Riviere à Echalotes praying that a Road may be opened from the Settlement of Riviere à Echalotes to the Settlement of Riviere à Vache.

I am also directed to request that you will cause the Petition to be submitted to the Executive Council for their consideration.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
John St. George
Chief Clerk

The Honble
The Colonial Secretary
&c &c &c

No 709

Ordered to be communicated to the Attorney General for his information & advice.

By Command
John St. George
18th April 1857

Forwarding copy of a Despatch from the Governor No 2 dated 14 January 57 Sanctioning the proposed Road from Anse Rodrigues on the Madrad frontier to Riviere à Vache on the Banwary frontier, to be opened by the Executive already forwarded.

Nos 112 & 113.

Copy sent to the Chief Engr Office 20th April 1857

Petition order
No 709. 18th April 1857

20th April 1857