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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 5th May 1857.

No. 60. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 28th March 1857, No. 11352.

SIR,

I have the honor, to forward under para. 2 Extract Minutes Consultation No. 696, dated 18th October 1855, for the consideration of Government a letter from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, No. 34 dated 3rd March 1857, together with two estimates for completing the Hassanoor ghaut, and a Statement of the traffic on the same, for the eight months, commencing with May, and ending with December 1856.

2. The larger of the two estimates* provides for widening the ghaut, where it is now narrow, for removing rock, and for improving the drainage of the road, surface, it amounts to Rupees (5,600) five thousand, six hundred, its necessity arises from the great irregularity in the present width of road (varying from 3 to 8 yards) combined with the obstruction, caused by rocks; for so great is the inconvenience resulting from these imperfections, that as the District Engineer asserts, the carts now hug the inner side of the road, and two Carts can scarcely cross each other with safety.

* Rupees 5,600.

3. The traffic return, shews, that the road is used as fully as can be expected, now that it is in an imperfect state, I have therefore the honor to recommend, that this estimate amounting to Rupees (5,600) five thousand, and six hundred be entered in the Budget for 1858-59.

4. The smaller of the two estimates, submitted by the District Engineer, amounts to Rupees (1,190) eleven hundred and ninety, it provides for repairing tanks, and Wells, on the ghaut, and is really much more important, than from its trifling amount it at first sight, appears to be there was a great want of water last year, and there is none now, from Sathimungalum to Bennairy, a distance of 8 miles, and only a little at the latter place, there is no water on the ghaut, and only a little at Dimum used by men and Cattle alike, and defiled by the latter.

Rupees 1,190.

5. Looking upon it as very important to add as much as possible to the value of a work of communication, by providing such necessaries as the scanty population of the neighbourhood, are not likely or perhaps able to supply, I have the honor to recommend that this estimate be sanctioned for execution during the Official year, 1857-58, and that the District Engineer, be directed to consider it not as a new work, to be paid for out of the Funds entered in the Budget for 1857-58 for repairs, this arrangement will cause no confusion, as the sum total of the budget will not be exceeded, and the work will *not* be entered under a fictitious heading.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, No. 840; dated 1st May 1857.

With this letter, the Chief Engineer submits one from the District Engineer of Coimbatore, forwarding for sanction, an estimate for completing the Hussanoor ghaut in that District.

2. This estimate provides "for widening the ghaut, where it is now narrow, for removing rock and for improving the drainage of the road surface." The necessity for the work is explained to arise "from the great irregularity in the present width of the road, varying as it does from 3 to 8 yards, combined with the obstruction caused by rocks," to the great inconvenience of traffic. The road, it is further stated, is used as fully as can be expected in its present imperfect condition.

3. Under these circumstances, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the work for entry in the Budget of 1858-59 at the estimated cost of Rupees (5,600) five thousand and six hundred.

4. A second estimate is also submitted, amounting to Rupees (1,190) one thousand, one hundred and ninety, for repairing Tanks and Wells on the ghaut. The work is stated to be very

now

necessary, in consequence of the great want of water experienced in the locality; and in compliance with the Chief Engineer's recommendation, the Government grant authority for its execution; the proposed outlay being met out of the funds allowed in the Budget for repairs.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government

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No. 1014

To

Colonel G. T. Taber
Chief Engr. D.P.W.
Fort St. George

Sir,

At the request of Captain Francis District Engineer of Coimbatore, I have the honor to forward herewith an original letter from that Officer to your address, together with Estimates &c as per Margin for completing the Causeway Chank, with my Countersignature affixed thereto.

1. Estimate for Completing the Causeway from Kunny to Frontier Rs 5600
1. Do. Do. for Approaches Bank and walls &c on the Causeway Chank 1150
1. Traffic Return in the Causeway

2. The necessity for the proposed works, is so fully explained by Captain Francis, that it is hardly necessary for me to add to it beyond expressing my Concurrence in the same.-

Combatore
16th Feby/57.

Shown to
Sd/ G. B. Thomas
Collector

True Copy
Asst Exter Colonel
Chief Engr

Lt. Mills-

now

P. W. D.
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No. 840

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 1st ~~May~~ April 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer

(Here enter 28th March/57 No. 1352)

With this letter
the Chief Engineer sub-
-mits one from the Dist.t
Engineer of Coimbatore,
forwarding for sanction,
an Estimate for com-
-pleting the Hajeanoor
Shaut in that Dist.t.

This Estimate
provides for widening
the Shaut, where it is
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Received this 30th
March 1857.
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Copy for Letter
from the Collector
of Coimbatore giving
his Letter with Est.e
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District Engineer
Coimbatore &c
Coimbatore the 28th
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Estimate for completing Steamer in

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From the Chief Engr. Dd 18th
May 58 & No. 1103 in box;
From — Do — 9th Novr 58.
C No. 2663 in B. 50 " No. 33-34

No. 60 & 61.

Sanctioning an Estimate, for completing the Mufsanoor Ghauts in the District of Coimbatore, for entry in the Budget of 1858/59 and granting authority for repairing Tanks and wells on the Ghauts.