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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Lr. 19-5-57

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Dated 14—5— 1857.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 19th May, 1857.

No. 20. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 16th April 1857, No. 11710.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government a Petition from certain bullockmen of Salem, with regard to the Salem and Yercaud cattle ghaut together with the report* of the District Engineer of Salem on the subject.

* No. 649 dated 1st April 1857.

2. The Petition was referred to me for disposal by Government on the 20th March 1857, and has therefore been before Government already. As it is fully dealt with by the District Engineer, I need not repeat the expressions of his satisfactory report, I will therefore confine myself to recommending that the District Engineer of Salem be directed to submit an estimate for the improvement of the lower half of the ghaut which he acknowledges to be at present too narrow for the traffic.

3. I hardly suppose that 1,000 Rupees for the expenditure of which he requests sanction will do more than allow of the execution of a few useful, but minor improvements, and of repairs rendered necessary by want of skill and discretion on the part of the cattle drivers. I would however state that I am of opinion that even in this way it may be at once profitably expended, and that the sanction of this amount, viz., Rupees (1000) one thousand, immediately is on this account, desirable.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 931; dated 14th May 1857.

On the 20th March last, the Government referred for the early attention and disposal of the Chief Engineer, a Petition from certain bullockmen of Salem, complaining of the present state of the Salem and Yercaud cattle ghaut. With his present letter, Colonel Faber submits one from the District Engineer of Salem, reporting upon this Petition, accompanied by his own observations.

2. From this report, the Government observe that the defects complained of in connection with the ghaut are attributable more to the carelessness and want of skill on the part of the bullockmen themselves, than to any imperfections in the construction of the ghaut, as was represented by them. The District Engineer of Salem however admits that "the lower half "of the ghaut, though not in bad order, is certainly dangerously narrow in many parts, and "rocky," and strongly supports the prayer of the Petitioners that a sum of Rupees 1,000 may be sanctioned for expenditure on this portion of the ghaut.

3. The Chief Engineer on the other hand suggests that estimates should be called for, for the improvement of the lower half of the ghaut, which the District Engineer acknowledges to be too narrow for the traffic, and recommends that the sum now applied for may be immediately sanctioned, to allow of the execution of the minor improvements and repairs "rendered necessary by want of skill and discretion on the part of the cattle drivers."

4. The Government observe that the cattle ghaut in question has been already provided with a maintenance allowance of 420 Rupees, in the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 16th January 1856, No. 70, and it appears unnecessary to give so large a sum as 1,000 Rupees for the minor improvements and repairs suggested by the Chief Engineer. The Government direct that an estimate for the widening and general improvement of the lower portion of the ghaut, and for such repairs as may be considered necessary, be called for, and submitted for the sanction of Government.

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

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Central Office P.W.
Fort St George 16 April 57.

No 1171/0

From,

The Chief Engineer,

To,

The Secretary to
Government P.W.D.

Sir,

Public
Salem & Jercaud
Cattle Grant

I have the honor to forward for the information of Government a petition from certain Inhabitants of Salem, with regard to the Salem and Jercaud Cattle Grant together with the report of the District Engineer of Salem on the Subject

+ No 649 dt 7th April 57.

Enclosures &c
1 Petition
1 letter No 649 dated 7th April 1857

2- The Petition was referred to me for disposal by Government on the 20th March 57 and has therefore been before Government already. As it is fully dealt with by the District Engineer, I need not repeat the suggestions of his satisfactory report, I will therefore confine myself to recommending that the District Engineer of Salem be directed to submit an Estimate for the im-

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improvement of the lower Calf of the Ghaut which he acknowledges to be at present too narrow for the traffic

3- I hardly suppose that 1000. rupees for the Expenditure of which he requests - Sanction will do more than allow of the Execution of a few useful, but minor improvements, and of repairs rendered necessary by Lapse of Skill and discretion on the part of the Cattle drivers. I would however state that I am of opinion that even in this way it may be at once profitably Expended, and that the Sanction of this amount, (viz - Rs (000) one thousand,) immediately is in this account, desirable -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant

Lieut. Colonel,
City Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to,
Government P.W.D. -

Lt. Miles -

From

P.W. Dept.

No. 981

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 4th May 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer

(Here enter 18th April 57 No. 11710)

On the 26th March
last the Government referred
for the early attention and
disposal of the Chief Engineer
a Petition from certain Inhabitants of Salem, complaining
of the present State of the
Salem and Yercaud Cattle
Grants. With this present letter
Colonel Faber submits one
from the District Engineer
of Salem reporting upon
this Petition, accompanied
by his own observations.

From

Public Works Department
Fort St. George 19th April 1857.

From
The Chief Engineer,
To
The Secretary to
Govt. of Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government a Petition addressed to me by certain Inhabitants of Salem, complaining of the present state of the Salem and Yercaud Cattle Grants.

2. In submitting this Petition I beg to state that I have not a little doubt in my own mind as to the practicability of the Petitioners' wishes being carried into effect, but as the Petitioners have applied to me for an opinion on the subject, I have thought it best to forward the Petition, with the observations which I have made upon it, for the consideration of Government.

I have &c.
(Signed) A. Faber
Chief Engineer.

Received 21st April 1857.

No. 981.

Read 4th May 1857.

2 From this report the Government observe that the defects complained of in connection with the Ghaut are attributable more to the carelessness and want of skill on the part of the ~~Bullock~~ men themselves, than to any imperfections in the construction of the Ghaut, as represented by them. The district Engineer of Salem however admits that "the lower "half of the Ghaut, though not "in bad order, is certainly dan- "gerously narrow in many "parts, and rocky" and strongly supports the prayer of the Petitioners that a sum of Rupees 1000 may be sanctioned for expenditure on this portion of the Ghaut.

3 The Chief Engineer on the

the other hand suggests that Estimates should be called for, for the improvement of the lower half of the Ghaut, which the District Engineer acknowledges to be too narrow for the traffic, and recommends that the sum now applied for may be sanctioned immediately, to allow of the execution of the minor improvements and repairs rendered necessary by want of skill and discretion on the part of the Cattle drivers."

4. The Govt observe that the cattle Shaut in question has been already provided with a maintenance allowance of 420 Rupees vide the Dy. Mins: of Cons. dated 16th January 56. No 70, and it appears unnecessary to give so large a sum as 1,000 Rupees for the minor improvements and repairs suggested by the Chief Engineer. The Govt direct that the Estimate for the widening and general improvement of the lower portion of the Shaut and for such repairs as

as may be considered necessary be called for, and submitted for the sanction of Government

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Public Works 1857. Dept. 21.
Do to Govt. 19th May.

No 931.

Extract Mins. of Govt.
Dy 14th May 57.

Observing that the Salem & Yercaud Calle
Grant has been already
provided with a mainte-
nance allowance of
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an Estimate for the wid-
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ment of the lower por-
tion of the Grant & for
such repairs as may be
considered necessary, be
called for & submitted for
the sanction of Govt.

No 20 & 21.

Cb 4th May 57.