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

No. 46. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 7th May 1857, No. 148.

Read the following Journal of Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle from the 19th to 25th April 1857.

19th Sunday Coimbatore.
20th Halt at Coimbatore.

Malabar District.

21st Marched to Palghaut inspecting Trunk road No. 5, 30 miles.
22nd Halt.
23rd Wanien Kolan 23 miles.
24th Ponany 30 miles.
25th Halt at Ponany.

The first 16 miles of this road from Coimbatore to Waliur seem to require attention and in particular a steep incline about 6 miles from the former town should be reduced to a better gradient which can only be done by cutting as no better line can be taken, carts are much hindered at this spot and an expenditure of about 2,000 Rupees would give great relief, metalling is in progress at some places. From the Malabar boundary to within three miles of Palghaut the road though now in fair order requires additional gravel, for which an estimate of Rupees 2,820 has been sanctioned, but not executed because the Acting Collector subsequently sent up another estimate of Rupees 8,000 for broken stone, which has not been sanctioned, I would strongly recommend that the actual sanction should be immediately acted on, and the amount will I am convinced suffice to place the road in good order.

From Palghaut to Ponany the road is generally good, until within two miles of the latter town where much improvement is wanted, but the maintenance allowance of 100 Rupees a mile will, if carefully laid out go far to cover the cost.

It seems useless to offer any suggestions whereby the maintenance of this and other roads could be made less burthensome to the state; otherwise it would be easy to shew that a moderate toll on the heavy traffic especially in timber would be attended with the best results. A plan and Estimate for a bridge at Tirtalla across the Ponany river were sent up by Captain Francis but I do not now remember the nature of the orders passed on them. The work is very much needed and will be so after the Railway is finished, if only to connect it with the tract of country to the Southward, and with Ponany. I was accompanied in my march along this road from Palghaut by Assistant Overseer Drane who has had the Superintendence of the repairs for the last two years, and I must record my approbation of the manner in which his duty has been performed, under the immediate direction of the Sub Collector.

There is a great want of shelter for Native Travellers in the Malabar limits, and a few good Choultries would be an immense addition to their comfort which is so liberally provided for in Coimbatore.

Resolved to forward copy of the foregoing Journal of the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, for the information of Government with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer that the several suggestions therein contained may receive the early favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

to within three miles of Palghaut the.

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

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, No. 943; dated 15th May 1857.

The suggestions of the Superintending Engineer must come before Government in a more definite shape before any order can be passed upon them.

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

No 1118

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort St George
Under date the 7th May 1857.

Read the following

Journal of Major E. Sanford Superintending Engineer Southern Circle from the 19th to 25th April 1857.

19th Sunday. Coimbatore
20th Halt at Coimbatore

Malabar District

21st Marched to Palghaut inspecting Ipmuk Road No 5. 30 miles -
22d Halt
23d Wanien Kolan 23 miles -
24th Ponany 30 miles
25. Halt at Ponany.

The first 16 miles of this road from Coimbatore to Walian seem to require attention and in particular a steep incline about 6 miles from the former town should be reduced to a better gradient which can only be done by cutting as no better line can be taken, Carts are much hindered at this spot and an expenditure of about 2000 Rupees would give great relief, metalling is in progress at some places - From the Malabar boundary to within three miles of Palghaut the

the road thereby now in fair order requires additional gravel, for which an Estimate of Rupees 2820 has been sanctioned, but not executed because the acting Collector subsequently sent up another estimate of Rupees 8000 for broken stone, which has not been sanctioned, I would strongly recommend that the actual sanction planned be immediately acted on, and the amount will I am convinced suffice to place the road in good order.

From Palepaut to Ponany the road is generally good, until within two miles of the latter town where much improvement is wanted, but the maintenance allowance of 100 Rupees a mile will, if carefully laid out go far to cover the cost.

It seems useless to offer any suggestions whereby the maintenance of this and other roads could be made less burthensome to the state; otherwise it would be easy to shew that a moderate toll on the heavy traffic especially in timber, would be attended with the best results. A plan and Estimate for a bridge at Tirtalla across the Ponany river were sent up by Capt. Francis, but I do not now remember the nature of the orders passed on them - The work is very much needed and will be so after the Railway is

is finished, if only to connect it with the tract of country to the southward, and with Ponany - I was accompanied in my march along this road from Palepaut by Asst. Overseer Brand who has had the superintendance of the repairs for the last two years, and I must record my approbation of the manner in which his duty has been performed, under the immediate direction of the Asst. Collector.

There is a great want of shelter for Native Travellers in the Malabar Ghauts, and a few good Choultries would be an immense addition to their comfort, which is so liberally provided for in Coimbatore.

Camp Ponany
Malabar District
25th April 1857

/Signed/ E. Lawford
Asst. Engineer Southern Circle
in Circuit.

Resolved to forward copy of the foregoing Journal of the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, for the information of Government with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer that the several suggestions therein contained may receive the early favorable consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

/True Extract/
A. Cadell Colonel.
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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The suggestions of the Superintending Engineer must be considered before Government in a more definite shape before any order can be passed upon them.

Fort St. George
15th May 1857

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Forwarding for the information of Govt. Copy of the Journal of the Exp. Engineer Sinclair Circle & recommending that the suggestions therein contained may receive the early favorable consideration of the Right Honble the Governor and Council.

No. 146 & 147.

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