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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 8th January 1858.

No. 31. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 17th December 1857, No. 6062.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Acting District Engineer of Kurnool; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Kurnool, 5th December 1857, No. 787.

SIR,

Before leaving this District I wish most earnestly to recommend that the tracing of the road over the Munteral Canama, be resumed and completed during the ensuing season, at the time that the order to proceed to Cuddapah reached me I was on my way to the Munteral, Canama and it was my intention to have reported on the present state of the trace, and to have earnestly requested that a portion of the sum already sanctioned might be spent during the approaching working season. My own plans however have been completely changed, and as it may be some time before my successor is able to visit the ghaut, I wish to press upon your notice the importance of the trace being completed. From the last report on the subject which I received from Captain Nelson, the energetic Officer who has hitherto Superintended it. I gather that almost all the difficulties of the ghaut have already been overcome, the trace having been completed from the western extremity to within a few hundred yards of Rollapenta. When Rollapenta which is the top of the ghaut is reached, the descent by Munteral Canama into the Doopaud Talook will be comparatively a very easy task as the Chief work thence will consist clearing the Jungle and cutting through earth. The progress hitherto has been but slow, from the nature and position of the Country through which the trace has been carried, which is a hard slaty rock on a very precipitous incline. Captain Nelson, confidently anticipates that the trace will be completed considerably beneath the sanctioned amount.

2. One of my reasons for urging the speedy completion of the trace is my conviction that any delay in proceeding with it will eventually increase its cost considerably. I lately visited the Nundy Canama Pass, over the same Range of Hills the Nulla Mulla, and the new trace there, the work at which has been discontinued I believe only during two monsoons, is completely overgrown with thick jungle and long grass, so as in some places to be quite obliterated. I am certain that when the work is resumed, the clearing of this grass and Jungle will cost no small sum. At the Munteral Canama the case would be the same, only probably to a still greater extent.

3. My chief reason however for pressing on the work is that each Year's delay in its completion is a certain loss both to Government and to the District. The advantages which both will derive from the road in question are so manifest, and have been so often and so ably laid before Government, that I shall not attempt to re-capitulate them.

4. As the working season may be said to commence next month, I request that if it be the intention of Government to continue the work, orders to that effect may be issued as soon as possible, to enable all the necessary preparations to be made, and the work to be pushed on with as little delay as possible.

Resolved that although the Chief Engineer is precluded by the stringent Orders of Government from recommending the increase of any expenditure on improvements, yet he does not feel at liberty to withhold the present Report on the Munteral Canama by Lieutenant Shaw Stewart from the information of Government, in view to soliciting orders on the subject for the guidance of the local Officers, and Captain Nelson.

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

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, No. 16; dated 7th January 1858.

The Government do not question the value of the communication via the Munteral Canama Ghât, nor of the numerous other public works which the orders of the Government of India have directed them temporarily to postpone.

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2. As, under these orders it is impossible that the work of forming the Ghât should be undertaken at present, it appears to Government, on Lieutenant Shaw Stewart's own shewing, that it would be unadvisable now to continue the trace, all that would be done would, as appears to have been the case on the Nundy Canama, be overgrown before the work on the Ghât itself could be commenced, and the money expended would be thrown away.

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

N^o 6662
Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 17 December 1857.

Read the following

N^o 487

From Lieutenant J. H. Shaw Stewart
to Colonel ~~James~~ ^{John} Dist^l Engineer of Karnool
the Chief Engineer in the Dept^t of Public Works
at Fort St. George.
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nestly to recommend that the tracing of the road over
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on the present state of the trace, and to have earnestly re-
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be spent during the approaching working season. My own
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now some time before my successor is able to visit this
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The progress hitherto has been but slow, from the nature and position of the Country through which the line has been carried, which is a hard stony rock on a steep, very circuitous incline. Captain Nelson confidently anticipates that the track will be completed considerably below the sanctioned amount. —

2. One of my reasons for urging the speedy completion of the track is my conviction that any delay in proceeding with it will eventually increase its cost considerably. Having visited the muddy Panama Rd, over the same range of Hills the Bahar Mulla, and the New track there, the work at which has been discontinued. Nature once during two Monsoons, is completely overgrown with thick jungle and long grass, so that some places are quite obliterated. — I am certain that when the work is resumed, the clearing of this grass and jungle will cost no small sum. — At the Panama Canal the case would be the same, only probably to a still greater extent. —

3. My chief reason however for pressing on the work is that each year's delay in its completion is a certain loss both to Government and to the District. — The advantages which both will derive from the road in question are so manifest, and have been so often and so abundantly urged on Government, that I shall not attempt to recapitulate them. —

4. As the working season nears its end to commence next season, I request that if it be the intention of Government to continue the work, orders to that effect may be issued as soon as possible, to enable all the necessary preparations to be made, and the work to be pushed on with as little delay as possible. —

Rancho District —
Engineer's Office —
5th December 1857

Yours Very Truly
Lieut. John B. Shaw Stewart
Actg. Dist. Eng. of Rancho District

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Wm. Arthur (Colonel)
Chief Engineer

A.P.

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

No. 16.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
held on the 7th of January 1887
Under date the 7th of December 1886

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer

December 17th December 1887
p. 6062

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