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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 14th July 1857.

No. 41. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 29th June 1857, No. 1619.

SIR,

Certain Inhabitants of Tinnevelly forwarded to me a petition in last November, objecting to a proposition which they stated had been made to improve the road leading to the bridge over the Tambrapoorney at Palamcottah; this being the first intimation that I had received of such an improvement being in contemplation, the petition was referred to the District Engineer for report, and on the receipt of this report the Collector was called upon for his opinion.

2. The District Engineer's report is, dated 29th December 1856, it shews that the advantage to be obtained by following each of four routes had been considered; the lengths of these routes were as follows.

		Mls.	Fs.	Yds.
1.	Old or present route	2	0	148½
2.	Proposed route...	1	3	172½
3.	Route through the Collector's Compound...	1	5	84½
4.	Route by river's bank...	1	5	19

3. The proposed route is shorter than any of the others none of which have any advantages to set off against the inconvenience of their greater lengths, the present route is moreover both crooked and narrow.

4. The Collector in his letters No. 75, dated 6th March, and No. 96, dated 24th March 1857, has reported in favor of the proposed route No. 2, and I think an inspection of the sketch herewith forwarded will shew at a glance how desirable it is that the present crooked and narrow communication should be abandoned, especially as it forms part of the main road from Madura to Palamcottah and the approach to the large and handsome bridge built over the Tambrapoorney at the expence of Soolochanam Moodelly Government bearing no part of the expence.

5. I have therefore obtained from the Acting District Engineer an estimate of the cost of constructing a road in the proposed line No. 2 which will for the first time become a fitting approach from the North to the beautiful bridge erected across the Tambrapoorney by the liberality of the late Soolochanam Moodelly Naib Sheristadar of Tinnevelly. This estimate amounts to Rupees (6,450) six thousand four hundred and fifty, including an item of Rupees (2,322) two thousand three hundred and twenty-two to provide compensation for land to be taken up, this estimate is framed on sufficient but not immoderate data.

6. As the improvement is a decided one, I have the honor to recommend that the estimate be entered in the Budget for 1858-59.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, No. 1328; dated 10th July 1857.

Under the circumstances represented in the above letter and the papers accompanying it, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the estimate amounting to Rupees (6,450) six thousand, four hundred and fifty, for constructing a new line of road between Soolochanum's bridge and Thatchanulloor in the Tinnevelly District, and directs that it be entered in the Budget of 1858-59.

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

Public

Central Office of P.W.D.
Fort St. George 29th June 1857

No. 1619

From Lieutenant Colonel A. Taylor,
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

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		Mls	Fur	Gds
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6. As the improvement is a decided one, I have the honor to recommend that the Estimate be entered in the Budget for 1858/59.-

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt Servt
Lieut Col
Chief Engr

Fort St George
29th June 1857

To
The Secretary to Govt
P W D

Capt Ell

Public Works 1859 Dept.
From Secretary to Govt.
No. 1211

The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Govt.
Public Dept.

Sir,

From the Act. Collr. of
Tinnevelly, 8/2nd Feby/59
No. 4 bow Cons.
1st April

Dated 29th June 1859
Rec'd 30th "

Encl: 7 No. 1619.

No. 1328. 10th July

Returning the Estimate amounting to Rs. 6,450/ Six thousand four hundred and fifty for Constructing a Road between Soolachamunnie bridge and Thatchanalloor in the Tinnevelly District, and recommending the Estimate for entry in the Budget for 1858/59.

Will an order

No. 41 & 42.

4th July 59

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Fort St. George
10th July 1859

A Copy to the Chief Engr. with 7 Encls. Dispatch