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

No. 99. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 9th July 1857, No. 1909.

Read the following Journal of Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, from the 28th June to the 4th July 1857.

Salem District.

28th. Sunday.

29th. I omitted to record on the 27th my inspection of the new Jail works at Salem, made in pursuance of instructions from the Chief Engineer. Beyond the excavation and partial filling of the foundations, nothing has been done except to prepare materials. Marched to Yercaud, Shervaroy Hills 11 Miles.

30th. Halt at Yercaud.

July 1st. Marched to Mallapooram 12 miles. Inspected new ghaut under construction from Yercaud. This work is estimated at 24,600 Rupees, but cannot be completed as a *cart road* for less than half a lac. I have advised Lieutenant Gahagan to form a cartway 6 yards wide on the plateau of the Hills and another from the foot of the Hills to Mallapooram, leaving the actual ghaut a good bullock road which is all that seems necessary now. The zigzags on the ghaut are numerous and sharp and the original trace was certainly a lame one, but it has been considerably modified by Lieutenant Gahagan. A full report will be sent up hereafter by that Officer.

2nd. Adamancottah 12 miles, Dharampoory 5 miles. Total 17 miles.

An estimate of Rupees 15,000 has been sanctioned for making a road from Mallapooram to Adamancottah, but as there is a considerable ghaut on the line besides some very rugged ground and cotton soil I am satisfied of the insufficiency of the estimate. The work is not yet begun.

3rd. Yerramuttoor 13 miles Muttoor 11½ miles total 24½ miles.

4th. Tripatoor 14 miles.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing report from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, dated the 5th Instant be forwarded for the information of Government.

Resolved also that a copy be sent to the District Engineer of Salem, with directions to report on the Yercaud road as soon as possible and to state whether the sanctioned estimate of 15,000 Rupees, for the Railway feeder line from Adamancottah to Mallapooram is likely to prove insufficient when being worked out, and if so to explain the causes of defective original estimate.

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

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, No. 1356; dated 14th July 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

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

N.o 1909

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 9 July 1857

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3rd Yerramuttoor 13 Miles Muttoor 11 Miles Total

Total 24 Miles

4: Tripatoor 14 Miles

Supt Engrs Office South Circle
Camp Tripatoor Salem Dist
5th July 1857.

(Signed) C. Lawford Major
Supt Engr S Circle

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing Report from the Supt Engr S. Circle dated the 5th instant be forwarded for the information of Government

Resolved also that a copy be sent to the District Engineer of Salem with directions to report on the practicability of the road as soon as possible and to state whether the sanctioned Estimate of 15,000 Rs for the Railway feeder line from Adamancottah to Mallapooram is likely to prove insufficient when being worked out, and if so to explain the causes of defective Original Estimate

(True Extract)
Sd/ Wm Yates Colonel
Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
PW Dept.

Read 9th

Pub. Works 1857 Dept.
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No. 1396

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer
& the Surveyor Genl. dated

Dated 9th July 57
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No 1909.

Forwarding for the
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& Circle from the 28 June
to 4 July 1857.—

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