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*Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 20th July 1858.*

No. 113. Read the following letter from JOHN VANS AGNEW, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 7th July 1858.

SIR,

1. The attention of the Chamber of Commerce has been drawn to the great delay that attends the transport of the last crop of sugar from the producing Districts to the Madras market, which delay is causing serious inconvenience to all interested.

2. It was expected that the Extension of Railway to Goriattum would greatly facilitate the tranmission of produce to Madras, but the Chamber have been informed that the roads from that station to Policondah, Palmanair, and Venketagherry-Cottah, where large crops of sugar and other produce are stored are in such a state as to be almost impassable to carts, and consequently very little of the sugar from Palmanair, and other produce from other Districts, has as yet found its way to Madras by that route.

3. The Chamber observe by Extract Minutes Consultation dated 11th instant, that the subject has already been brought to the notice of Government by the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, and they are glad to find that Government are very desirous that a good traffic-road should be made between Goriattum and Palmanair for the carts employed in carrying the sugar manufactured in the North Arcot and Cuddapah Districts to the Railway for transmission to the Coast, and that pending the submission of an estimate for the work, the Chief Engineer has been directed to give immediate order for the improvemnnt of the road, and to pass the expenditure under the head of repairs.

4. The Chamber regret, however, to learn that but little is being done to complete the road and that in some places it is impassable, and they are consequently induced to bring the matter to the notice of Government, in the hope that a peremptory order may be issued for the immediate execution of such work as remains to be done to render the road passable by carts.

5. The Chamber would also suggest that similar orders be given regarding the road from Goriattum to Pallicondah, which they have been informed is altogether impassable. The importance of throwing open this road, which connects the Railway station at Goriattum with the great western-road, cannot be over-estimated, since in the present scarcity of carts it is most desirable to insure the produce reaching the Railway stations at the nearest points.

6. The road from Goriattum to Venketagherry-Cottah, or the old pioneer-road, the Chamber are informed, is in a bad state of repair, and they would urge upon Government the necessity of rendering it available for carts as early as possible.

7. It will not have escaped the attention of Government that the use of country-carts will be greatly economized by opening up roads to the Railway stations, and in the present scarcity of carriage both for Government and private purposes, this a most important consideration.

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No. 114. ORDER THEREON, No. 1416 ; dated 20th July 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Chamber of Commerce

Madras 7th July 1858

To,

The Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

Sir,

1 The attention of the Chamber of Commerce has been drawn to the great delay that attends the transport of the last crop of sugar from the producing Districts to the Madras Market, which delay is causing various inconveniences to all interested.

2 It was expected that the extension of the Railway to Gooriattum would greatly facilitate the transmission of Produce to Madras, but the Chamber have been informed that the Roads from that Station to Pelicondah, Palmanair and Venkatagherry Cottah, where large crops of sugar and other Produce are

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to give immediate orders for the improvement of the Road, and to place the expenditure under the head of repairs.

4 The Chamber regret, however, to learn that but little is being done to complete the Road and that in some places it is impassable, and they are consequently induced to bring the matter to the notice of Government, in the hope that a peremptory order may be issued for the immediate execution of such work as remains to be done to render the Road passable by Carts.

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cannot be over estimated, since in the present scarcity of Carts it is most desirable to insure the produce reaching the Railway Stations at the nearest points.

6 The Road from Garristown to Ventry Castle, or the old Pioneer Road, the Chamber are informed, is in a bad State of Repair, and they would urge upon Government the necessity of rendering it available for Carts as early as possible.

7 It will not have escaped the attention of Government that the use of County Carts will be greatly economized by opening up Roads to the Railway Stations, and in the present scarcity of Carriage both for Government and private purposes, this a most important Consideration.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Edward Lyster
Chairman

Cancelled

D.P.W. Dept
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Extract from the Minutes of Proceedings
Under date the 4th July 1858

Read the following letter
from the Chairman of the
Chamber of Commerce.

Resolved 7th July 1858

Ordered that the
above letter be communi-
cated to the Officiating Ge-
neral Engineer with Refer-
ence to Mr. Allen's Corr. of
11th June 1858 & No 1165. The
Government have already
in part of this resolution
directed the improvement
of

of the Act to be from Parliament
to Parliament but as the
Chamber of Commerce say
that "but little is being
done to complete the Road
" and that an same plain
" it is unfavourable" they
resolved to call on Mr Jn
Crawford to state what
is being done under the
directions given by Govern
ment on the 5th part of
Jeans 11 of that Act
as well as for the report
required on Jan 11th March
at the same time desiring
to expedite the Submission
of the Estimate for this
Road, as well as of the
information respecting
the Roads to Parliament Dale

and Finch Lachinery Collah
called for in Jeans 5
and 12 of the same Act

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From the Chairman
of the Chamber of Commerce

Dated 9th July 1858

Rec'd

Sir

I beg to call your
attention to the
great delay that attends
the transmission of Sugar
from the Purchasing Districts
to the Madras Market owing
to the impassable state
of the Roads leading to
Coimbatore Station, and
to ask that persons pur-
chasing may be permitted for
the immediate expedition
of such Sugars as may be
now passing down the Roads
to you Station payable

To be recorded
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No 1486
20th July
Recorded
20th July
1858

No 1138 & 1144.

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