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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.
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G.O. No. <i>215</i>	Press Mis. <i>—</i>
<i>h</i> Dated <i>27</i> <i>—</i> <i>—</i>	19 <i>28</i>

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 2nd February 1858.

No. 1. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 22nd December 1857, No. 6145.

SIR,

Referring to the estimate of Rupees (33,023) thirty-three thousand and twenty-three, for forming a road across Puningardee back-water on Trunk road No. 6, sanctioned in Budget List No. 1 of 1856-57 No. 28, and re-entered in Statement No. 2 of 1857-58, I have the honor to report that up to the 31st October last, the amount expended was Rupees (1,385) one thousand, three hundred and eighty-five.

2. In a recent report of the march of the A Troop of Horse Artillery to Secunderabad, I find it recorded that they were detained about two hours at this spot, owing to the treacherous nature of the soil, and were obliged to take the Horses out of three Guns, which were dragged across by a boat. On this march the Wagons did not reach their ground till past midnight.

3. I have thought it my duty to bring to the notice of Government, a circumstance which may induce an early recommencement of the improvement of this part of the important Northern road as a great Military communication.

No. 2. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be dispatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Captain H. YULE, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W., dated 27th January 1858, No. 145.

SIR,

1. I have the honor by desire of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, dated 22nd December 1857, No. 6145, representing the present condition of that portion of the High Northern road, known as No. 6 Trunk road, which crosses the Puningardee back-water.

2. In the Budget of 1856-57, an estimate amounting to Rupees 33,023 was entered for making a raised causeway, and building bridges over the back-water, and the sanction of the Government of India for the work was conveyed in para. 20 of Colonel Baker's letter, dated 11th July 1856 No. 3173, very little work however appears to have been done since, as it will be seen from para. 1 of the Chief Engineer's letter, that up to the end of last October, the expenditure has only been Rupees 1,385. In consequence of difficulties experienced in passing the back-water by the Troop of Horse Artillery which lately marched for Secunderabad, the Chief Engineer now recommends that the work be resumed "as a great Military communication."

3. Under the view taken by the Government of India of Military roads, under the present restriction on expenditure as communicated in para. 3 of Colonel Baker's letter of the 7th August last, No. 3898, the Governor in Council has not felt himself at liberty to respond to the Chief Engineer's representation; he is nevertheless of opinion that this portion of the road should always be kept in a condition fit for the march of Troops, and viewing its improvement on that account as a matter of emergency, he takes leave to recommend that authority may be granted for the work being resumed.

Genl. Office of G. W.
Fort Saint-George,
22 December 1857.

Chief Engineer.

Secretary to Government
G. W. D.

Referring to the Estimate of Expenses (2302.3)
which was forwarded and twenty three for forming a
and erecting a road. Inkwater on Hunt's Road No. 6
functioned in Budgets Lib. 11 of 1856/57 & 1857/58, and
entered in Statement. N. 3 of 1857/58. I have the
hon to report that up to the 31st of October last the
amount expended was (Pipes 1385) one thousand three
hundred and eighty five.

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were dragged across by a boat. On this March,
the "Majors" did not reach their ground till past
midnight.

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notice of Government, a circumstance which may
induce an early recommencement of the improve-
ment of this part of the important Northern Road
as a great military communication.

I am, Sir,

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

W^d T^ll^d Col^ll.

Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government
C. W. D.

P.W.D. No. 2506.

In the budget of 1856/57, an estimate amounting to Rs 33023 was entered for making a raised causeway and building bridge over the Damingarkee back water on Trunk road No 6, about 25 miles from Madras on the road to Bellary. The item was reformed as No 28, at page 28 of the budget book now circulated. The work was sanctioned by the Govt of India on the 11 of July 1856, in

1856/57 Budget

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paragraph 20 of the Despatch
from Colonel Baker also put
up with these papers.

But very little work appears
to have been done, since up to
the end of last October only
Recher 1385 had been expended.

See paragraph 1. of
the Chief Engineer's present
letter.

In consequence of diffi-
culty experienced in passing
the backwater of the Hooghly
since cutting which lately

was made for Secunderabad;
the Chief Engineer was recom-
mended that the work be resumed
'as a great Military Consequence'.
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The view which the Govt of India
have taken of military roads
under the present restrictions on
expenditure will be seen in
the ^{third} ~~second~~ paragraph of Col:
Baker's Despatch of the 7th of August
last - under that view this
road can only be resumed
on the special sanction of
the Govt of India - The

to Capt. Phipps 28

To
No 145.
Captain H. Yule

Offy. Secretary, to the Government
of India in the Department
of Public Works.

Sir,

I have the honor by
desire of the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council to
forward the accompanying
copy of a letter from the
Chief Engineer dated 22 Decr
1857 No 6145, representing the
present condition of that
portion of the High Northern
road, known as the Linnell
road, which crosses the
Puningardie backwaters.

In the Budget of
1856/57 an estimate amount-
ing to Rspees 33023 was
entered

Can it be pleased to lay
it before the Hon. Secy. &
should be applied for.

Yours
Sd/-

9-1-58.
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 22nd inst.
in reference to the
High Northern Road.
I have the honor to
inform you that the
Chief Engineer has
been directed to
make a survey of the
road, and to report
thereon to the
Government.

Yours
Sd/-

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for the work being so
resumed.

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Fort St. George
27th January 1856

Public Works 1853 Reply
to Com. 27 February

19. 145.

To the Off. Secy to the
Govt of India
Dated 27th Jan'y 53.

Forwarding copy of a
letter from the Chief Engineer
representing the present
condition of that portion
of the Delhi & Northern road
which crosses the Punjans
Lodh water & recommending
that authority may be
granted for the work
being resumed.

19/48.