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No. 68. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 22nd July 1857, No. 2219.

Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 17th July 1857, No. 181.

SIR,

I have the honor to report my having lately inspected the Trunk road No. 5 from Vaniembaddy to Tauramungalum, between Womaloor and Sankeroy Droog.

2. The worst portion of the whole line is the first part, which for about 12 miles runs through very bad soil. This has lately been raised and metalled out of the estimate of 200 Rupees per mile, sanctioned by Government, and is now in tolerable order, but will require constant attention to keep it so. The amount expended is about 7000 Rupees, or considerably more than the proportion allowed in the estimate, and the outlay must be curtailed in other parts of the line.

3. From Tripatoor to Muttoor the soil is generally good, but the drainage requires improvement, and the open pavements should be taken up.

4. From Muttoor to Erramuttoor the same remark is applicable, and so on to Dharrempory, and Admencottah.

5. One or two small bridges are required in this part of the road.

6. From Admancottah to the Topoor Pass, levelling and side draining are the only works necessary.

7. The Topoor Pass is now in very fair order, and only needs attention.

8. From Topoor to Womaloor little is required, but from the latter place to Sankerrydroog the work now going on is heavy and expensive,

9. On the whole I am of opinion that the present allowance of 200 Rupees, per mile for 120, miles from Vaniembaddy to Bhowany while it will certainly effect great improvement in the road, will not be sufficient to place it in that permanently efficient condition, which is desirable and I recommend that the District Engineer should be called on to provide estimates for bridging all the deep streams which cross the line and that an allowance of 50 Rupees per mile be granted for its future maintenance; as a main feeder to the Railway.

10. From Bhowany to Coimbatore I have not inspected the road, but Captain Francis has had an estimate framed for its repair, which should certainly be carried out, and I think that the whole line should always he kept up to the standard of a second class road by an annual allowance, as it must be of considerable use to the trade of the country for the conveyance of goods to the Railway station.

Resolved to forward for the information of Government copy of the foregoing letter from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, containing a report on the state of Trunk road No. 5, and to request, that the Chief Engineer may be favored with the orders of Government, as to whether Estimates should be prepared for the repair of this road, as recommended by Major Lawford. This does not appear to the Chief Engineer a work of such great importance as to require immediate attention.

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

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, No. 1497; dated 3rd August 1857.

The Government agree in opinion with the Chief Engineer that the repairs recommended by the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle to Trunk road No. 5 are not of such importance as to require immediate attention.

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

No 2249

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

Under date the 22nd July 1857.

Read the following.

No 181. Supg Engrs Office S.C.
Fort St. George 17 July 1857

From

Major E. Sawford
Superintending Engr S.C.

To

Colonel C. E. Faber,
Chief Engineer D.P.W.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

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2 The worst portion of the whole line is the first part, which for about 12 miles runs through very bad soil. This has lately been raised and metalled out of the estimate of 200 Rupees per mile, sanctioned by Government, and is now in tolerable order, but will require constant attention to keep it so.

The amount expended is about 7000 Rupees, or considerably more than the proportion allowed in the estimate, and the outlay must be curtailed in other parts of the line

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I have &c
Sd/ E. Lawford Major
Supt Engr SC

Supt Engrs Office. SC.
Fort St George 17th July 1857

Resolved to forward for the information of Government copy of the foregoing letter from the Superintending Engineer S.C., containing a report on the state of Trunk Road No.5, and to request, that the Chief Engineer may be favored with the orders of Government, as to whether Estimates should be prepared for the repair of this road, as recommended by Major Sawyer,- This does not appear to the Chief Engineer a work of such importance as to require immediate attention.-

(True Extract)
Asst Sutter Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To.
The Secretary to Government
&c &c &c.

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No 1497

The Government agree in opinion with the Chief Engineer that the repairs recommended by the Superintending Engineer at Sorel to Yamaska Road are of such importance as to require immediate attention

Dated 22nd July 1857
Rec'd 23rd

Fort St. George
3rd August 1857

No 2249

Forwarded for the information of Govt. Copy of a letter from the Collector & Superg Sub Circle, Reporting on the State of Yamaska Road No 5, requesting whether Contracts are to be prepared for the Repairs of this Road, as recommended by Major Sandford —

With an order
No 1497. 3rd August

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