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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th August 1858.

No. 104. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Railway Department, dated 4th August 1858, No. 425.

Read the following letters from the Officiating Consulting Engineer for Railways.

(Here enter 3rd, 9th, 15th and 17th July 1858, Nos. 184, 192, 198 and 201.)

With his letter of the 3rd Ultimo, the Officiating Consulting Engineer submits for the information of Government a Statement and Sketch Plan of roads leading to Railway Stations on the south-west line of Railway. A copy of the Statement is to be forwarded by Captain Johnston to the Central Office.

2. The Statement includes roads completed and under execution, roads estimated for, but the sanction for which has been deferred, and roads for which no estimate has yet been made.

3. To execute them would involve a very large outlay, and with the present restriction on expenditure it is impossible to say within what time it could be done.

4. The Government resolve to request the Consulting Engineer to specify those roads which he considers to be of primary importance and most calling for early execution.

5. In his letter of the 9th Ultimo, No. 192, Captain Johnston submits the correspondence which has passed between himself and the Officiating Chief Engineer Department Public Works, respecting the roads leading to Railway Stations, and he requests orders.

1st. As to the Department from which application for sanction of feeding lines of road to the Railway is to be made.

2ndly. As to the extent to which Government would desire the Railway Officers to co-operate with those of the Public Works Department.

6. The Government observe that it is not intended that there should be any direct communication between the Consulting Engineer for Railways or the Railway Officers and the Officers in the Department of Public Works, respecting the making of roads, nor is it designed that the course hitherto followed for the construction of roads generally should be in any way departed from as respects feeding roads to Railway Stations. The Consulting Engineer will merely inform himself of the position of the Chief Commercial Entrepôts or Depôts of produce, and of the course of the main roads, requiring to be connected by branch roads with Railway Stations, and the directions which such connecting lines should take generally, and advise Government accordingly. The subject will then be considered by Government and orders issued to the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

7. Similarly as respects the inspection by the Consulting Engineer of roads now leading to Railway Stations or in course of construction towards such stations or under process of repair, all that is required of the Consulting Engineer is that he should in person or through his Deputy go from time to time over the lines connecting Railway Stations with the neighbouring Towns or with the Trunk roads and report their condition as also go for some short distance, say for 10 or 15 miles along the Trunk roads themselves in the vicinity of the Railway, note and report their state so far, and ascertain from the accounts of the Merchants, Travellers and others in general way what is their condition further on. With these reports before them the Government will issue such instructions as may appear called for in the Department of Public Works.

8. Under this explanation, the appointment of an additional Officer for inspecting the feeding roads to the south-west and north-west Railways as recommended by Captain Johnston in his letter of the 17th Ultimo, will be quite unnecessary. With respect to Captain O'Connell, it will be for the Officiating Consulting Engineer to employ his Deputy in such a manner as he may deem most advisable, whether in investigating the project of Railway inclines up the Coonoor Valley or in any other manner.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, No. 1638; dated 16th August 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer for his information.

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To

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Ex: 6 Cons 15th June /58 R 2nd
" 28th March /59 R 4th

P. Works 1858 Depart.
D/ to Cons: 11th Augt.
№ 1753.

Ex: Inwd: Cons: in the
Financial Railway
Departt.

Dated 4th } Augt. 1858
Recd 5th }
№ 1425.

Ex: Inwd: Cons: R. Depts
D/ 17th Augt. /58 Ct № 1934
in Cons: 14th Sept.

D°. — D°. 25th July /60
C № 1856 xii
Pon 6 Aug/60 № 58-55

From Chief Engr 16 Augt.
№ 2052.

From the Finl. Railway
Departt. 4 Sept. /60 Ct № 2196
in

C № 104 & 105

№ 1638 — 16 August
Request the consulting Engineer to specify such of the roads leading to the Railway stations as are of primary importance and most calling for early execution. Observe that it is not intended that the connections hitherto followed for the construction of roads generally, should be departed from as respects feeding roads to the Railway stations. Consider the appointment of an additional officer for inspecting the roads in connection with the Railway to be unnecessary the duty devolving on the Consulting Engineer himself.

Northern Orders Inwd

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Fort St George
16th Augt. 1858

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