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No. 116. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 5th August 1858, No. 2556.

SIR,

In submitting for the sanction of Government, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 947 dated 19th May 1858, a requisition on the part of the District Engineer of Salem to be allowed to expend a sum of Rupees (1,500) one thousand and five hundred, in completing the road between Morapoor and Cotaputty a distance of about 30 miels, I have the honor to call your attention to the District Engineer's letter and also to Para 3of Mr. J. William's letter to E. Maltby Esquire, accompanying Extract Minutes Consultation No. 93, of 23rd January 1858, together with an Extract of his Diary headed Cotaputty accompanying the same Extract Minutes Consultation as shewing the great benefit to be derived by opening out this line.

• No. 258 dated 26th July 1858.

2. The entire length of road to be dealt with amount to about 30 miles, 25 of which are nearly completed requiring but the trifling sum of Rupees 500 to build a few tunnels, the remaining 5 miles however being nearly impassable render the line in its present state of comparatively little use and will require Rupees 200 a mile, thus making up the sum of Rupees 1,500 for which sanction is sought.

3. The advantages to be derived by completing this line being so clearly set-forth both by the District Engineer and Mr. Williams, I would beg to recommend that sanction for the expenditure proposed be accorded, the amount being debited to the 1. Lac Fund; but as the Railway will benefit as largely if not more so than Government, that a Tax or toll be leivied on every Cart load of timber carried over the road to defray the expenditure, or that the Government and Railway Department should divide the amount proposed to be laid out equally, in which case Rupees 750 only would have to be debited to the 1 Lac Fund.

Letter from Lieutenant T. E. GAHAGAN, Distrct Engineer of Salem; to Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer dated 26th July 1858, No. 258.

SIR,

Forwarding Extract Minutes Conslutation No. 947 of the 19th May 1858, with referenece to opening out a road to the Cotaputty Jungles.

In reply to your letter No. 617 of the 26th May 1858, (subject as per Margin), I have the honor to recommend the immediate outly of *Rupees* 1,500, on the road between Morapoor and Cotaputty via Hurroor and Peertamullay, a distance of about 30 Miles.

2. Twenty-five Miles of the roads are reported to be in excellent order, and only to require a few road dams and Drains, the cost which would be covered by 500 Rupees; but 5 rocky miles, from Teertamullay towards Cotaputty are almost impassable, and Rupees 1,000 or 200 Rupees per mile will be absolutely necessary for putting this part into good order i. e. converting it into as good a Cart road as that made by the Railway Company along their line.

3. It is of the greatest importance both to the Railway and the D. P. W. to be able to get at these Jungles, the Timber is not only abundant but very superior in quality to that now supplied by the Sleeper Contractors; and I am informed that a good supply of fine Vengay, the very wood which I have so much trouble in procuring for the Salem Jail, can be obtaind in the immediate neighbourhood of the Village of Cotaputty.

No. 117. ORDER THEREON, No. 1644; dated 17th August 1858.

The Governor in Council sanctions an expenditure of Rupees 1,500 from the one lac fund of the current year for completing the road between Morapoor and Cottaputty, and directs that measures be taken for the immediate execution of the work.

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

2. In regard to the further propositions of the Officiating Chief Engineer, the Government observe that as under recent arrangements the Railway Company will have to pay a Seignorage on Sleepers taken for the Railway Department it is not necessary to levy any further toll or tax, or charge that Company with any portion of the cost of repairing the Cottaputty road.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Southern Circle D. P. W.
District Engineer's Office
Salem 26th July 1858.

No. 258.

From
The District Engineer
of Salem

To
The Officiating Chief Engineer
for the D. P. W.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 61/x
the 26th May 1858, subject as per Margin, I have
the honor to recommend the immediate outlay of
Rupees 1500, on the roads between Marapoor and Cotaputty
viâ Purnoor and Peerdamullay, a distance of about 30
Miles.

Forwarding C. M. No. 947 of the 19th May 1858, with reference to opening out a road to the Cottaputty Jungles.

2 25 Miles of the roads are reported to be in excellent order, and only to require a few road dams and Drains, the cost which would be covered by 500 Rupees, but 5 rocky Miles, from Peerdamullay towards Cotaputty, are almost impassable, and Rupees 1000 or 200 Rupees per Mile will be

be absolutely necessary for putting the part into good order, i.e. converting it into as good a Cart road as that made by the Railway Company along their line.

3 It is of the greatest importance both to the Railway and the D.P.W. to be able to get at these Jungles, the Timber is not only so abundant but very superior in quality to that now supplied by the Sleeper Contractors, and I am informed that a good supply of fine Vengay, the very wood which I have so much trouble in procuring for the Salem Soil, can be obtained in the immediate neighbourhood of the Village of Cataputty.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Sd) P.C. Sakargan Dt.
District Engineer
of Salem

(True Copy)

Offg. Chief Engineer

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Ordnance Office 4th Aug.
York & Lincoln
5 August 1858.

No 2556
From The Ord.ce Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government Madras
Sir,
I am directed by the Lieutenant
Governor with reference to Lt. Col. Cullen's No 941
dated 19th May last, a requisition on the Bank
of the District Engineer of Salem to be
allowed to expend a sum of Rupees (1500)
One thousand and five hundred, on Com-
pleting the Road between Mercara and
Cutpully a distance of about 20 Miles,
Have the honor to call your attention to
the District Engineer's letter and also to
para 3 of Mr. Williams letter to
S. Hadley Esquire accompanying Ex. Sh. Cir.
No 23 of 28th January 1858, together with
an Extract of his Diary, handed Colonel
accompanying the same Ex. Sh. Cir.
as Returning the Great Lenght to be
denoted by opening out this line
Yr

1858 Dispatch
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Enclosure in a letter from the
Offg Chief Engineer.
To The Secretary to Govt
C. W. D.

Dated 5 } August 1858.
Received }

No. 2556
MM 1750/58

Copy of a letter from the
Dist.t Engr of Salem, replying to
the Chief Engr.s letter No. 617 of the
26th May 1858 forwarding Mr. Mc
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reference to opening out a road to
the Coteputty Ghauts.

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3. The advantages to be derived by Completing this line being so clearly set forth both by the District Engineer and Mr Williams, I would beg to recommend that Sanction for the expenditure proposed be accorded. The Amount being debited to the 1 Sac Fund but as the Railway both benefits as largely, if not more so than Government that a Rate or toll be levied on every Cartload of timber Carried over the Road to defray the expenditure, or that the Government and Railway Department

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Department should divide the amount proposed to be laid out equally in which Case Rupees 750 only would have to be debited to the 1 Sac Fund.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt Servt

Fort St George
5 August 1858.

A Crawford Major
Offg: Chief Engr

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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(Re

No 1644. 6) P.W.D

Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 17th August 1858.

Read the following letter
from the Officiating Chief
Engineer.

(Hereunder 5th August 1858 No 2556.)

The Governor in Con-
-cil sanctions an Ex-
-penditure of Rupees 1500 on
from the Surplus fund of
the current year for complet-
-ing the road between
Moradoor and Cottapulle
and directs that measures
be taken for the immediate
Execution of the work.

In regard to the
further propositions of the
Officiating Chief Engineer
the

Dated 1858 Despatch
Copied
Chief Engineer
Vizagapatam

Received 1858
Chief Engineer
Vizagapatam

Copied
Head Assistant

Encl=1
Copy of
Letter from Lt Colonel Arthur Cotton R.E.
dated 16th August 1858.

Submitted
A letter from the Chief Engineer
Vizagapatam with plans
for the construction of a road
between Moradoor and Cottapulle
Estimated cost Rupees 1500

Recommended that the Surplus
Fund of the current year be
appropriated to the Execution
of the work

Approved
Chief Engineer
Vizagapatam

Approved
Secretary to Government

No 1644

Read
Head Assistant

Encl 1 to
Letter from Chief Engineer
Vizagapatam
dated 16th August 1858
No 2556

Submitted
Chief Engineer
Vizagapatam

the Government observes that on under recent arrangements the Railway Company will have to pay a Seignorage on Sleepers taken for the Railway department it is not necessary to levy any further toll or tax or charge that Company with any portion of the cost of repairing the Cottonpatty road.

10 Oct. to the Offg Chief Engr & Dirs 18th
3 " " Financial Railway Dept S

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Dd /17th Augt /58.

From Chf. Ch: Engineer
Dd 5th Nov. /58 & No. 2621/m
25.

Sanctioning Rupees
1500 from the Ste Lucie fund
for completing the road be-
tween Marchmont and Cal-
tetty.

No. 1164/117.