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No. 18. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 16th August 1858, No. 2863.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation of the 5th Instant No. 1544, referring for my report a letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army under date the 19th July 1858 No. $\frac{159}{348}$, on the bad state of the Hyderabad Road from Masulipatam to Sooriapett, I have the honor to state that this road has of late met with all the attention circumstances would admit of, and that its sad condition is due to neglect of long standing, and to the restrictions imposed on present expenditure.

2. The length of the piece of road in question is 128 miles. Of these the first 45 from the Fort of Masulipatam to Bezoarah, though bridged, has neither been made nor metalled, and traversing the deep alluvial soil of the Kistnah Delta, it is naturally almost impassable during, and for some time after, heavy rains. An Estimate* for its improvement with such materials as are procurable in the Delta, where neither stone nor gravel is to be found, was entered in List No. 1 of the Budget of 1856-57, but, in giving its sanction, the Government of India expressed so much doubt of the fitness of the substances proposed to be employed as substitutes for gravel or metal, as led to a reconsideration of the expediency of expending a large sum on the imperfect repair of a bad road, when a fine navigable Canal was in course of formation almost along side of it, and on one of the embankments of which a good, raised, and premanent road might be constructed with comparative facility. The idea of extensively repairing the old road was consequently abandoned, and an Estimate amounting to Rupees 1,46,000 for constructing a new one, on one of the embankments of the Canal, which is progressing favorably, has been passed for entry in the ensuing Budget. In the meantime all such urgent repairs as the District Engineer has the means of making are performed, and his attention will be specially called to the state of this road.

* Rupees 43,250.

3. The abovementioned Estimate of Rupees 1,46,000 one lac and forty-six thousand includes provision for continuing the Road 8½ miles west of Bezoarah, to Ibrampatam, on the present River Dyke, but till it is there formed the old line, made many years ago by the Pioneer Corps but suffered to fall into complete ruin, is being worked up into a state of efficiency under an annual allowance of Rupees 150 per mile, granted it on the 13th March last.

Extract Minutes Consultation No 458.

4. From Ibrampatam to the frontier of the Nizam's territories, some 74 miles, the restoration of the old road is in progress under an Estimate of Rupees 55,833, of which Rupees 41,535 have been expended on the completion of the first 33 miles, which are therefore in good order, and are maintained by a grant* of Rupees 150 per mile.

Extract Minutes Consultation 24th July 1854, No. 316.

* 2nd February 1857, No. 245.

5. Permission† having been given to expend the balance Rupees 14,298, a further section of several miles will soon be restored, but the remainder of the Road, as far as the frontier, for which a supplemental Estimate of Rupees 44,170 forty four thousand, one hundred and seventy, is entered as item 13 of List No. 1 of the current Budget, must continue in a wretched state till the restrictions on expenditure are removed, unless Government will at once, in consideration of the Military importance of the road, exempt it, as a special case, from the operation of the orders of the 17th July 1857, and authorize its restoration to be proceeded with as the limited supply of labour will permit.

† 13th March 1858.

6. Rupees 20,000 are entered in the Budget for the expenditure of the year, and I would strongly recommend the resumption of operations at the earliest possible period, as they can, at the best, proceed but slowly where population is scanty, and most of the available carriage already engaged in the transport of Military stores.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 14th September 1858.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, No. 1845; dated 8th September 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation in that Department dated 29th July 1858. Of the two Estimates of Rupees 1,46,000 and 44,170 referred to in paras. 2 and 5, of the above letter, the first has been approved for entry in the Budget of 1859-60, and the second which is included in the Budget of 1858-59* not having yet been sanctioned by the Government of India, it is not in the power of this Government to authorize the execution of the work. An application for early sanction to this Estimate will be submitted from the Public Works Department to the Supreme Government, if the Military Authorities should consider the work of sufficient urgency to justify the adoption of that course.

*Item No. 13 of Statement No. 1.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Public
Roads

Central Office of Works
Fort St. George 16th August 1858

No. 2863

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation of the 5th instant No. 1544, referring for my report a letter from the Quarter Master General of the Army under date the 7th July 1858 No. 157/328 on the bad state of the Hyderabad Road from Masulipatam to Soorjapett, I have the honor to state that this road has of late met with all the attention circumstances would admit of, and that its sad condition is due to neglect of long standing, and to the restrictions imposed on present expenditure.

2 The length of the piece of road in question is 128 Miles. Of these the first 45 from the Fort of Masulipatam to Bezoorah, though bridged, has neither been made nor metalled, and traversing the deep alluvial soil

soil of the Kistnah Delta, it is naturally almost impassable during, and for some time after, heavy rains. An Estimate for its improvement with such materials as are procurable in the Delta, where neither stone nor gravel is to be found, was entered in Div. No. 1 of the Budget of 1855/57, but in giving its sanction, the Government of India expressed so much doubt of the fitness of the substances proposed to be employed as substitutes for Gravel or metal, as led to a reconsideration of the expediency of expending a large sum on the imperfect repair of a bad road, when a fine navigable Canal was in course of formation almost along side of it; and on one of the embankments of which a good, raised, and permanent road might be constructed with comparative facility. The plan of expending, repairing the old road was permanently abandoned, and an Estimate Amounting to Rupees 46,000 for constructing a new one, on one of the embankments of the Canal, which is progressing favorably, has been passed for entry in the ensuing Budget. In the meantime all such urgent repairs as the District Engineer has the means of making are performed, and his attention will

Rupees 43,250

will be specially called to the state of this road.

3 The above mentioned Estimate of Rupees 46,000 One Lac forty six thousand, includes provision for continuing the Road 8½ Miles west of Bezwarah, to Ibrampatam, on the present River Dyke, but till it is there formed the old line, made many years ago by the Pioneer Corps but suffered to fall into complete ruin, is being worked up into a state of efficiency under an annual allowance of Rupees 150 per mile, granted it on the 15th March last.

E. M. C. No. 458.

4 From Ibrampatam to the frontier of the Nizam's territories, some 7¼ Miles, the restoration of the old road is in progress under an Estimate of Rupees 55833, of which Rupees 41535 have been expended on the completion of the first 33 Miles, which are therefore in good order, and are maintained by a grant of Rupees 150 per Mile.

E. M. C. 24th July/54 No. 316.

B 2nd February/57. No 245. 13th March/58.

5 Permission having been given to expend the balance Rupees 14298, a further section of several miles will soon be restored, but the remainder of the Road, as far as the frontier, for which a supplemental Estimate of Rupees 44170

42170 forty four thousand one hundred and seventy, is entered as item 13 of List No 1 of the current Budget; must continue in a protracted state till the restrictions on expenditure are removed, unless Government will at once, in consideration of the Military importance of the road, exempt it, as a special case, from the operation of the orders of the 17th July 1854, and authorize its restoration to be proceeded with as the limited supply of labour will permit.

6 Rupees 20,000 are entered in the Budget for the expenditure of the year, and I would strongly recommend the resumption operations at the earliest possible period, as they can, at the best, proceed but slowly where population is scanty, and most of the available carriage already engaged in the transport of Military stores.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt
Jean Jos. McLaren
Offg Chief Engineer

Central Office P.W.
Fort St. George
16th August 1858

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Mon

P. W. Dept.

No. 1845.

Memorandum No. 1866
dated the 8th August 1858.
Under date the 8th August 1858.
Canal Office Calicut
Forwarding Letter
from the Superintending Engineer.

(Mem. under No. 1866 of 1858 dated 16th Augt.)

Referred to the Collector
requesting he will
furnish this Office
with a Statement
of Garden Land
Assessment Under Act
July 1858. of Malabar Estimate
of Rs. 40,000 and Rs. 40,000 Rupees
to be spared 2 and Rs. 5 of the
above Letter. The Land Mar
kam Assessed for Cultivation
in the Budget for 1859/60.

To the Secretary to Govt.
Dated 16th
Recd 17th } August 1858
No. 2863

Sec. No. 1845. 8th Sept. 1858.
With reference to
Extract Minutes Consultation
of the 5th Instant No. 1544
reports on the state of the
Cinderabad from Masulipatam
to Cocanada and recommends
that it be exempted from
the restrictive orders of the
17th July 1857.

P. Works 258 Depart.
Dy. to Govt. 14th Sept.
No. 1866.

From
The Offg. Chief Engr.
To
The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D.

Dy to Govt 15th Sept 58 No. 35 & 36
— — 19th March — 778
— — 8th February 57. 6066
— — 25th July — 54 — 708
— — 30 March 58 — 13-14

No. 18.

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of 1858/59 not having yet
been sanctioned by the
Government of India, it
is not in the power of this
Government to authorize
the execution of the work.
An application for early
sanction to this Estimate
will be submitted from
the P.W. Dept. to the
Supreme Government,
if the Military Authorities
should consider the work
of sufficient urgency to
justify the adoption of
that course.

10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr & Dirty
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Item No. 13 of Abt. No. 1.

Public Works 1858 Dept.
Dy. to Cons. 14th Sept.

No. 1845
Extract Mins. of Cons
Dy 8th Sept. 58.

Exe Proceedings Mily. Depat. 5th
No. 58 Cl. No. 2460 inclo. 30th Nov.
No. 1044.

No. 18919

Communicating to the Mily. Depart. with reference to E. Dn. C. in that Depart. dy 29th July 1858, a letter from the Offg. Chief Engr. submitting explanation in respect to the bad state of the Road from Hyderabad to Sooriapett, such a result being attributed chiefly to the restrictions imposed on present expenditure, with an intimation that should the works of repairing the road in question be considered by the Mily. authorities, to be of an urgent nature, application will be made to the Govt. of India, for early sanction to the Estimate, for the work already entered in the Budget.