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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 19th October 1858.

No. 20. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 24th September 1858, No. 3984.

SIR,

Referring to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1841, dated 8th September 1858, I have the honor to submit the following information with regard to the roads in connexion with the Railway, which, in the opinion of the Officiating Consulting Engineer, are of primary importance.

2. An estimate for the road from Conjeeveram to Companypett in the North Arcot District, amounting to Rupees 29,100 was sanctioned by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2192, dated 27th November 1857, and entered in the Budget of 1858-59. The work has not been proceeded with agreeably to the instructions contained in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 18th January 1858, No. 93 para. 64.

3. An estimate of Rupees 12,600 for a branch road from Peranconje to Sholingur Station in the North Arcot District was sanctioned* for immediate execution in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2318, dated 16th December 1856, and the work is now under execution.

* Renewed in Extract Minutes of Consultation 29th Sept. 1857 No. 1851.

4. In Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 414, dated 4th March 1857, the Government sanctioned an estimate amounting to Rupees 7,500, for constructing a road from Vaniembady to connect the Town and Railway Station at the place. The work is entered in the Budget of 1858-59, but has not been proceeded with under the restrictions imposed on projects entered in Statement No. 2 of the Budget.

Vide E. M. of C. No 93, dated 18th January 1858.

5. Estimate amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 39,880 for the road from Adamancottah on Trunk road No. 1, and Yercaud on the Shevaroys to Mulliaporam Station were sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 742, dated 30th October 1855. The works are entered in the current Budget as items Nos. 447 and 448 in Statement No. 2, and up to the end of last Official year a sum of Rupees 19,660-4-2 is reported to have been spent on the road from Yercaud to the Railway Station at Mulliaporam.

6. The two estimates referred to by Lieutenant Gahagan for constructing the road from Dharampoory to the Railway Station at Morapoor, and entered in the current Budget, but the work has not been completed in consequence of the restrictive orders.

7. A reference on the Subject of the following Roads and Bridges has been made to the District Engineers concerned, and estimates for their construction called for, viz.

1. From Naggery North of Trunk road No. 1 to Companypett.
2. From Muttoor to Shamulputty Station in the Salem District.
3. Four short branches to connect Trunk road No. 5 with the Perendorary, Watkalee, Soomanoor and Coimbatore Stations.
4. Bridge across the river near Ponany in Malabar.
5. Road from Town of Salem to Station.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 2152; dated 13th October 1858.

1. Out of a Statement previously submitted of several roads in connection with Railway Stations on the South-West line of Railway, the Officiating Consulting Engineer in his letters of the 6th and 7th August, specified the following fourteen as of primary importance, and most calling for early execution.

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North Arcot.

1. From Naggery (on the north) to Companypett Station.
2. From Conjeveram (south) on Trunk road No. 1 to do.
3. From Percanjee to Sholingur Station.

Salem.

4. From Vaniembaddy Town to Vaniembaddy Station.
5. From Muttloor on Trunk road No. 5 to Shamulputty Station.
6. From Ootengherry (on the Salem and Munjwaddy line of road) to Shamulputty Station.
7. From Adamancottah (Trunk road No. 5) to Mullapooram Station.
8. From Yercaud on the Shervaroys to Mullapooram Station.
9. From Salem Town to Salem Station.
10. From Darampoory to Morapoor Station.

Coimbatore.

11. From Trunk road No. 5 to Pegindoray Station.
12. From do. do. to Watkalee Station.
13. From do. do. to Soomanoor Station.
14. From do. do. to Coimbatore Station.

2. The report of the Officiating Chief Engineer recorded above, does not furnish that full information in respect to these roads, which the Government called for in this Department, in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 8th September 1858, No. 1841. From this report, it is observed, that only three of the above fourteen roads are under execution, viz., those numbered 3, 7, and 8; but in respect to one of these, viz., the road from Yercaud to Mullapooram, Major Lawford merely gives the amount spent on it to the close of the last official year, Rupees 19,660, omitting altogether to state what work had been turned out for that money, and what is now being done in completion of the roads. He will be good enough therefore to supply these omissions. According to Major Lawford's report, three more only of these roads have been estimated for, and their amounts entered in the Budget; but work has not been commenced upon them; in one case, in the absence of sanction from the Government of India; in the other two, under the restriction placed by this Government on works included in Statement No. 2 of the Budget, by the Orders of the 18th January 1858, No. 93. These three roads are No. 2, from Conjeveram to Companypett, estimate Rupees 29,100; No. 4, from Vaniembaddy Town to Vaniembaddy Station, Rupees 7,500; and No. 10, from Darampoory to Morapoor, the estimate of which is not stated by Major Lawford, but from Statement No. 2 of the last Budget, it is observed to be Rupees $5,500 + 4,200 = 9,700$.

3. As to all the remaining number of roads, viz. Nos. 1, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14, it would appear from the Officiating Chief Engineer's report, not only that they have not been estimated for, but that the Central Office possesses no information in respect to them. On referring however to their own Records, Government observe that one of these roads, viz. the first has already formed the subject of consideration and orders; for they find that an estimate of 41,070 Rupees was submitted by the Chief Engineer, with Report ZZ, dated 6th December 1856, for the whole line from Naggery to Companypett. But of this, the portion between Companypett and Tritany only was selected; and its estimate of 13,180 Rupees was first entered in the Budget of 1857-58, and appears again as item No. 404 in Statement No. 2 of the Budget of 1858-59; and like many of the works in that Statement would appear to be under restriction. As to the remaining portion of the line from Tritany to Naggery, the Chief Engineer was desired in Extract Minutes Consultation 4th March 1857, No. 414 (para. 2) to re-submit its estimate; but this does not seem to have been done yet.

4. With the exception of the Road from Conjeveram to Companypett, the estimate of which, Rupees 29,100, is entered in Statement No. 1 of the current Budget, on which no Orders have yet been passed by the Government of India, the other of the above projects entered in Statement No. 2 of the Budget, will be removed from the restriction under which they have been hitherto placed, and work will be proceeded with at once on them. The works thus set free are—

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No. 4, from Vaniembaddy town to Vaniembaddy station, Rupees 7,500.

No. 10, from Darampoory to Morapoor, Rupees $5,500 + 4,200 = 9,700$ Rupees and part of No. 1, from Tritany to Companypett station, Rupees 13,180.

The Officiating Chief Engineer will be good enough to re-submit for early orders, the estimate for the remaining portion of the last named road, viz. from Tritany to Naggery; and application will meanwhile be made to the Government of India, for immediate sanction to the Conjeveram and Companypett Road estimate of 29,100 Rupees.

5. Major Lawford has called for information and estimates for all the other roads remaining to be provided. These should be furnished with the least possible delay, and placed before Government immediately on receipt; especially in the case of the five short roads numbered above as 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 respectively, the estimates for which the Government will be above as 9, 11, 12, 13 and 14 respectively, provided it be within their competence to do so. Captain Johnston, in his letter of the 6th August 1858, mentioned that the principal works required in Maston, in connection with the Railway, were Bridges across the Ponany river near the sites of the Lackady, Wattapolum, and Puttauby stations; but from the conclusion of Major Lawford's report, it would appear that he has called for an estimate for only one "bridge across the river near Ponany." The Government trust that no oversight has been committed in this respect.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

No. 22. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be dispatched.

From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Major R. STRACHEY, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W., dated 13th October 1858. No. 2153.

SIR,

On the Consulting Engineer for Railways submitting a Statement of several roads, chiefly short ones, as connecting links from main lines, or towns, to the Railway Stations along the line of the South-West Railway, this Government called upon him to particularize those which he considered of primary importance and most calling for early execution. In reply, he named fourteen as coming within this category; three of which were already under execution, under estimates previously sanctioned; three wholly estimated for, and one in part, and all finding a place in the last Budget, were under restriction; and the remaining roads were not estimated for at all. The accompanying Extract from the Minutes of this Government specifies all these roads and particulars connected with them; and from the same paper, the Government of India, will observe that the urgency of the question has induced this Government to set free three of the four estimates placed under restriction, the fourth being beyond their competence.

2. I am directed therefore to address the Government of India in respect to the excepted estimate, and to solicit their early orders on this application. In paras. 53 and 54 of the Report of this Government on the Budget of 1858-59, they dwell on the importance of a project for a first class road, from Conjeveram to the Railway Station at Companypett. The estimate for the work is 29,100 Rupees; and it was then shewn that as a feeder to the Railway, its want was very greatly felt, in consequence of the difficulty experienced by the Merchants in transporting their traffic from the town of Conjeveram to the Railway. It was shewn further, that the importance of the road as a feeder, was not limited to the town of Conjeveram, but that on its formation, it would complete the communication Southwards from Pondicherry and Trichinopoly, in the one case by Tindevanum and Wandiwash, and in the other by Trunk Road No. 8; thus affording uninterrupted access to the Railway to those distant marts of traffic. As the Consulting Engineer has again pressed the subject on the notice of Government, and the interests of the Railway which is now being rapidly extended, and is expected to be opened from Coast to Coast by the end of next year, are materially involved in the proposal, I am instructed to submit the recommendation of this Government, that the estimate in question may be sanctioned apart from the other works in the Budget, and authority given for undertaking the work at once.

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Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George

No 3984... 24th September 1858

From the
The Officiating Chief Engineer
To

The Secretary to Government
Sir

Railway

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No 1841, dated 8th September 1858, I have the
honor to submit the following informa-
tion with regard to the roads in connex-
ion with the Railway, which, in the opinion
of the Officiating Consulting Engineer
are of primary importance

2 An Estimate for the
road from Chingleput to Companypet
situated in the North Arcot District
amounting to Rupees 29,100 was sanc-
tioned by Government in Co. Min of
Con: No 2192 dated 27th November 1857
and entered in the Budget of 1858-59
The work has not been proceeded with
agreeably to the instructions contained
in Co. Min of Con: of the 18th January

Statement
No 1 Item No 16

1858 No 93 Para 61.

3 New Estimate of Rs 12,600 for a branch road from Peraiy conjo to Sholingur station in the North Arcot District was sanctioned for immediate execution in Co. Min. of Govt. No 2313 dated 16th December 1856, and the work is now under execution.

Renewed in Co. Min. of Govt. 29 Sept/57 No 1857

4 In Co. Min. of Govt. No 414 dated 4th March, 1857, the Government sanctioned an Estimate amounting to Rs 7,500, for constructing a road from Vaniambad to connect the Railway Station at that place.

Statement No 2 Item No 451.

The work is entered in the Budget of 1858-59, but has not been proceeded with under the restrictions imposed on projects entered in Statement No 2 of the Budget.

vide Co. Min. of Govt. No 93 dated 27/12/58.

5 Estimates amounting in the aggregate to Rs 39,880 for the road from Adamanerthal, on Trunk road No 1, and Vereand on the Shervang to Mulliapooram Station were sanctioned in Co. Min. of Govt. No 742 dated 30th

30th October 1855. The works are entered in the Current Budget as items No 447 and 448 in Statement No 2, and up to the end of last official year a sum of Rs 19,660. 4-2 is reported to have been spent on the road from Vereand to the Railway Station at Mulliapooram.

6 The two Estimates referred to by Lieutenant Sahagan for constructing the road from Dharampore to the Railway Station at Morapoor, and entered in the Current Budget, but the work has not been completed in consequence of the restrictive orders.

Statement No 2 Item No 449 & 452.

7 A reference on the subject of the following roads and bridges has been made to the District Engineers concerned, and Estimates for their construction called for.

- viz
- 1 From Vaggeri North of Trunk road No 1 to Companypett
 - 2 From Muttur to Shammulputty station in the Salem District

- 3 Four short branches to connect Trunk Road No 3 with the Perendary, Natkalee, Sornamoor and Chinn: Batore Stations.
- 4 Bridge across the river near Pona- my in Malabar
- 5 Road from Town of Salem to Station.

Central Office, I have the honor to be
Fort St George Sir

24th Sept 1858
Your most Obedient S^t

L. May
Lawrence
Officiating Surg^t Genl

To
The Secretary to Govt D^o

No 2152

P. V. D.

Extract from the Minutes of Council taken
Under date the 13th October 1858

Read the following letter
from the Off^{ce} Chief Engineer.
(Here enter 24th September 1858 No 3984)

Out of a statement
previously submitted of several ones
in connection with the Railway sta-
tions on the South West line of Rail-
way, the Off^{ce} Consulting Engineer
in his letters of the 6th and 7th
August, specified the following four
as of primary importance
most calling for early execution.

1. From Naggery (on the north) to Compangjeth Station.
2. From Conjerorum (south) on Trunk Road No 5 to do.
3. From Perampet to Sholingur Station.
4. From Vanimbuddy town to Vanimbuddy Station.
5. From Muttore on Trunk Road No 5 to Mammulputty Station.
6. From Okeugherry (on the Salem and Manjiverry line of road) to Mammulputty Station.
7. From Adamaicottah (Trunk Road No 5) to Mullapooram Station.

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The Off^{ce} Chief Eng^r

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Dated 24th Dec 1858

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to the Road to Junction
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way which in the
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Com: Engineer are of
primary importance

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8. From Yercaud on the Shervaroy to Mullapooram Station.
9. From Salem town to Salem Station.
10. From Darampoor to Morapoor Station.
11. From Trunk road No 5. to ^{Coimbatore} Perindoray Station.
12. From — do — to Mathalee Station.
13. From — do — to Sornanoor Station.
14. From — do — to Coimbatore Station.

The report of the Off. Chief Engr recorded above, does not furnish that full information in respect to these roads, which the Govt called for in this Dept. in Ex. Mins. Cons. dated 8th Sept. 1858, No. 1841. From this report, it is observed that only three of the above fourteen roads are under execution, viz those numbered 3, 7, and 8; but in respect to the ^{on the road from Yercaud to Mullapooram,} latter one of these, ~~the~~ Major Lawford merely gives the amount spent on ~~it~~ ^{it} to the close of the ^{No. 19,660,} last official year, ^{omitting also} without stating what work had been turned out for that money,

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ing number of roads, viz Nos
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Office possesses no information
in respect to them. On referring
however to their own records, Govt
observe that one of these ^{in the first} roads has
already formed the subject of con-
sideration and orders, for they find
that an estimate of 41,070 Rs was
submitted by the Chief Engr, in the
Report 22 dated 5th Dec/56, for the
whole line from Nagery to Company
pett. But of this, the portion between
Company pett and Tirunelveli ^{only} was
selected, and its estimate of 13,180 Rs
was first entered in the Budget
of 1857/58, and appears again as
item No 404 in Statement No 2
of the Budget of 1858/59; and like
many of the works in that State
must appear to be under
restriction. As to the remaining
portion of the line from Tirunelveli
to Nagery, the Chief Engr was de-

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sired in Ex. Min. Cons. 4th March
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its estimate; but this does not
seem to have been done yet.

4. With the exception of
the Road from Conjevaram to Com-
pany pett, the estimate of which,
Rs 29,100, is entered in Statement
No 1 of the current Budget, on
which no orders have yet been
passed by the Govt of India, the
other of the above projects entered
in Statement No 2 of the Budget,
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has been committed in this
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10 Copies to the Offr Chief Engr. Dated 11th
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Public Works 1858 Dept.
D. to Cons: 19th October.

N. 2152.

Extract Minis of Cons.

D. 13th October 58.

From the Off. Chief Engr 20th October 58

N. 2488 in Cons. 16 Nov.

From the Off. Chief Engr 29th March 58

N. 2664 in Cons. 29th Dec. 58 N. 113-114

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Major R. Stuckey,
Off. Secy, Govt of India

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2 I am directed therefore to address the Fort of India in respect to the excepted estimate, and to solicit their early orders on this application. In paras 53 and 54 of the Report of this Fort on the Budget of 1858/59, they dwell on the importance of a project for a fishclap road from Conjevaram to the Railway station at Compaupett. The estimate for

the work is 29,100 Rs., and it was then shown that as a feeder to the Railway, its want was very greatly felt, in consequence of the difficulty experienced by the merchants in transporting their traffic from the town of Conjevaram to the Railway. It was shown further, that the importance of the road as a feeder was not limited to the town of Conjevaram, but that on its formation, it would complete the communication southwards from Pondicherry, and Trichinopoly, in the one case by Sinderamun and Mandiwash, and in the other by Bank road No 8, thus affording an uninterrupted access to the Railway to those distant marts of traffic. As the Consulting Eng^r has again pressed the subject on the notice of Govt, and the interests of the Railway which is now being rapidly extended, are materially

+ work is expected to be opened from Compaupett to Mandiwash by 1860 and of which you

involved in the proposal, I
am instructed to submit the
recommendation of this sort,
that the estimate in question
may be sanctioned apart from
the other works in the Budget,
and authority given for under-
taking the work at once.

[Signature]

Fort St. George
13th Oct. 1858

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D. to Govt. 19th October.

No 2153.

To The Off^r Secretary to the
Govt of India. D. P. W.
D/ 13th October 1858.

From — D^r — 11th Nov^r 58.
C^r 2911 in b. 14th Dec^r 58. N^o 92493

Requesting the sanction
of the Supreme Government to the
Estimate of Rs 29,100 for a road
from Conjereram to the Railway
Station at Companypett.

No 22.