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No. 49. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 20th August 1858, No. 3025.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract Minutes Consultation dated the 1st Ultimo, No. 1238, containing observations regarding the expenditure on the three road Circuits in the Canara District, and remarking that before exempting the Estimate alluded to in my letter of the 27th May last No. 637, from the restrictive order, information was required as to the arrangements introduced towards the object contemplated by the road Circuits; the sums expended in each year on account of the first of the two Estimates of Rupees 34,966, the total actual disbursements made on it to the end of April 1857, and for a report on the present state of those communications on which the outlay bad been made, I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that the Extract Minutes Consultation, alluded to above, was duly communicated to the District Engineer of Canara for report, but I regret to observe, that his reply, an Extract* from which I beg herewith to submit does not touch upon any of the points alluded to above.

Sanctioned 26th July 1855.

* Enclosure 1.

2. Lieutenant Hunter has been called upon for distinct replies to the points referred to by the Government, and in the mean time I consider it necessary to notice his observations regarding the sanctions for the road circuits. He maintains that the sum of Rupees 34,996 was not a special grant, but actually was intended as an Annual maintenance allowance. The facts he adduces in proof of this are founded upon an erroneous understanding of the Budget system, because although these estimates appear in the Budgets of 1856-57 and 1857-58, they are not new santions for those years, but are the old estimates brought forward in them, which he ought to have known. And as they were included in the List No. 2 should have been treated as new works as more fully noticed in my letter† to Government No. 1139 dated the 14th June last. In Lieutenant Hunter's Statement submitted with my letter of the 13th Instant No. 2788, the sum of Rupees 15,936 is exhibited as having been expended on the Circuit roads upon the estimate sanctioned on the 1st June 1855, and in the Annual Progress Report for 1856-57 the aggregate sum of Rupees 78,730 is shown as spent upon the estimate sanctioned on the 26th January 1855, and the total of these two sums viz. Rupees 94,666 is shown in the Canara Progress Report for 1857-58 as expended upon these roads, but without reference to the two estimates sanctioned for them, which together amount to only Rupees 69,992½.‡ The impression in Canara would appear to be, that there have been annual sanctions accorded for those roads from 1854-55 and thus making a total of Rupees 1,39,984‖ sanctioned for them up to 1857-58, but if even such were the case, the principle of maintenance grants would appear to have been violated, for the balance unexpended in one year of any sanctioned annual grant is not available in the following year.

† Para 3.

‡ Budget of 1854-55 Rupees 34,996½ Sanctioned by the Government of India, 26th January 1855, No. 98.
Do. 1855-56 do. 34,996 Sancd. on the 1st June 1855 „ 567.
69 992½

‖ 1854-55 Rupees 34,996.
1855-56 „ 34,996.
1856-57 „ 34,996.
1857-58 „ 34,996.
1,39,984.

3. I must at the same time observe, that it appears to me Lieutenant Hunter is correct in stating that this grant was originally intended as an annual maintenance one, although it should have been treated as a new work, having been entered in Budget List No. 2, until the question was fully settled by Government, on referring to the original application for this grant made by Major Bell¶ and referred to by Lieutenant Hunter, it appears to me that the application was for an annual grant, but as in 1854-55, and the following year, there were no Budget Statements No. 3 prepared in the office of the late Board of Revenue Department Public Works, the estimate was included in the Statement No. 1, and received the sanction of the Government of India in common with all other works entered in that Statement. The Estimate was afterwards transferred to the Budget Statement No. 2, agreeably to rule, and has been continued in it up to the present time. Under these circumstances I beg

¶ Formerly Secretary to the Board of Revenue Department Public Works, dated the 7th September 1854, No. 712.

again to recommend Lieutenant Hunter's application for the full amount of estimate (viz Rupees 34,996) thirty-four thousand nine hundred and ninety-six being allowed for expenditure during the current official year, and further that the Government will be pleased to authorize its being hereafter included in Budget Statement No. 3 as a maintenance grant from the ensuing official year 1859-60, with this modification that the amount allowed for three Officers vizt Rupees 6,885 entered in the summary to the original estimate attached to Major Bell's letter alluded to above be deducted from the aggregate sum and thus reduce the allowance from Rupees 34,996 to Rupees 28,111.

Extract of a letter from the Acting District Engineer of Canara dated 20th July 1858, No. 81.

Para. 1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1948, dated 14th July 1858, accompanying Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1238, dated 1st July 1858, requiring explanation of Lieutenant Goddard's letter No. 4 of 3rd May 1858, and in accordance with the instructions contained therein, I have the honor to state the case, as I have been able to gather it from the records of this Office.

* Date of sanction 10th February 1855.

2. The grant of Rupees 34,996* was intended for an annual maintenance allowance and not for a special grant, being provided to prevent the deterioration of the roads mentioned. In proof of this I would refer to the Extract Minutes Consultation, which accompanied your letter under reply, in the 2nd para of which we read that the sum of Rupees 34,996 was actually sanctioned for two successive years viz., 1854-55 and 1855-56. I find too, on reference to the Budget for 1856-57, that the same amount was sanctioned for that year, as also for 1857-58, while in Lieutenant Goddard's Budget list for 1858-59, a similar sum was entered, but not sanctioned. Government having been under the impression that the work was proceeding on the original grant, which was actually intended for one year only. I would also refer to the letter from Major Bell, Secretary to the Board of Revenue D. P. W. to the Chief Secretary to Government, No. 712, dated 7th September 1854, (clearly shewing that this was an annual maintenance allowance) and to the Extract Minutes Consultation P. W. D. No. 64 of the 10th February 1855, shewing the sanction to the same.

3. Under the restrictive order, the grant for the current Official year, was only Rupees 15,000, and to the insufficiency of this sum for the purpose intended, is attributable the letter of my predecessor, begging that the whole sum may be granted for expenditure in 1858-59.

4 The Chief Engineer ordered Lieutenant Goddard to include the sum in Statement No. 2, in his memorandum No. 201 of the 23rd June 1857, otherwise it would have come under the head of repairs.

5. I trust that, under these circumstances, I may be allowed to reiterate my predecessor's request, that the sum of Rupees 34,996 may be sanctioned for this year, may be brought into the Statement No. 3 of the Budget, and looked upon as an annual expenditure required to prevent the roads in the District falling out of repair.

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Mangalore 20th July 1858. } (Signed) J. N. HUNTER, Lieutenant,
Acting District Engineer Canara.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, No. 2167; dated 14th October 1858.

The Government can pass no orders on the foregoing application until they have before them a distinct from the Acting District Engineer of Canara on the points regarding which information was called for in para. 5 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 1st July last, No. 1238. They request that the Officiating Chief Engineer will require Lieutenant Hunter to report speedily and fully upon the matter.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of P. Works,
Fort St. George, 2d August 1858

No. 3025

From,
The Officiating Chief Engineer

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Depart.

Sir,

With reference to the Extract Minutes Consultation dated the 1st Ultimo, No. 1238, containing observations regarding the Expenditure on the three Road Circuits in the Canara District, and remarking that before sanctioning the Estimate alluded to in my letter of the 2d May last No. 637, from the restrictive order, information was required as to the arrangements introduced towards the object contemplated by the Road Circuits, the sums expended in each year on account of the first of the two Estimates of Rupees 32,966 the total actual disbursements made on it to the end of April 1857, and for a report on the present state of those communications on which the outlays had been made, I have the honor to state for the information of Government

Sanctioned 26 July 1855

Government; that the Extract Minutes Consul-
tation, alluded to above, was duly communi-
cated to the District Engineer of Canara for
report; but I regret to observe, that his reply,
an extract from which I beg herewith to submit
does not touch upon any of the points alluded
to above.

2 Lieutenant Hunter has been called upon for distinct replies to the points referred to by the Government; and in the mean time I consider it necessary to notice his observations regarding the sanctions for the road Circuit-
He maintains that the sum of Rupees 34996 was not a special grant; but actually was intended as an Annual maintenance Allow-
ance. The facts he adduces in proof of this are founded upon an erroneous understanding of the Budget system, because although these Esti-
mates appear in the Budgets of 1856/57 and 1857/58. they are not new Sanctions for those years, but are the old Estimates brought for-
ward in them, which he ought to have known-
And as they were included in the List No. 2 should have been treated as new Work as more fully noticed in my *letter to Government

*Para 3

No.

No. 1139. dated the 14th June last: In Lieutenant
Hunters Statement submitted with my Letter
of the 13th Instant No. 2788 the sum of Rupees
15936 is exhibited as having been expended
on these Circuit Roads upon the Estimate sanc-
tioned on the 1st June 1855. and in the Annual
Progress Report for 1856/57 the aggregate sum
of Rupees 78730 is shown as spent upon the
Estimate sanctioned on the 26th January 1855.
and the total of these two sums. Viz. Rupees
92.666 is shown in the Canara Progress Report
for 1857/58 as expended upon these roads, but
without reference to the two Estimates sanc-
tioned for them; which together amount to
only Rupees 69993½. The impression in Canara
would appear to be, that there have been annual
sanctions accorded for those Roads from 1854/55
and thus making a total of Rupees 139984.
sanctioned for them up to 1857/58. but if even
such were the case, the principle of maintenance
grants would appear to have been violated, for
the balance unexpended in one year of any
sanctioned Annual grant is not available
in the following year.

*Estimate sanctioned on the 1st June 1855 Rs 34996
Ditto ditto on the 26th January 1855 Rs 34996
Total of 1854/55 Rs 69992
*1854/55 Rs 34996
1855/56 — 34996
1856/57 — 34996
1857/58 — 34996
139984

3. I must at the same time observe,
that it appears to me Lieutenant Hunter

is correct in stating that this grant was originally intended as an annual maintenance one; although it should have been treated as a New work, having been entered in Budget List No: 2. until the question was fully settled by Government; on referring to the original application for this grant made by Major Bell and referred to by Lieutenant Hunter, it appears to me that the application was for an annual grant; but as in 1854/55, and the following year, there were no Budget Statements No: 3 prepared in the Office of the late Board of Revenue. D.P.W. the Estimate was included in the Statement No: 1, and received the sanction of the Government of India in common with all other works entered in that statement. The Estimate was afterwards transferred to the Budget Statement No: 2. agreeably to Rule, and has been continued in it up to the present time. Under these circumstances I beg again to recommend Lieutenant Hunters application for the full amount of the Estimate / Viz: Rupees 34996/ thirty four thousand nine hundred and ninety six being allowed for expenditure during the Current Official year, and further that the Government will be

Formerly Secy's No: 13 of Rec: 29th of the 7th Sept: 54 No: 712.

be pleased to authorize its being hereafter included in Budget Statement No: 3 as a maintenance grant from the ensuing Official year 1859/60, with the modification that the amount allowed for three Officers viz: Rupees 6885 entered in the summary to the original Estimate attached to Major Bells letter alluded to above be deducted from the aggregate sum and thus reduce the allowance from Rupees 34996 to Rupees 28111.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt
Lawford Major
Offg Chief Engineer

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
20th August 1858

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Cons: 2d July/58 No 104 to 108.
" 13th " " " 11 & 12
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" 10th Dec/54 " 46 to 48.
" 10th Oct/54 " 142
Item Offg. Chief Engr D/13th Augt/58 No 183 in Cons 8th October/58 R 44 & 45

From Chief Engrs D/13th May/59 & No 12 with

No 49 & 50.

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Dto Cons 19th October.
No 1916

From The Offg. Chief Engr

To The Secretary to Govt
Bd.

Dated 20 August 1858.
Rec'd 23d
from D/20th Oct/58 R 2532 &
No 3025

Encl
No 2167 14th October 1858.
Submits with observa
Extract of a letter from the Dist
Engineer Canara regarding the
expenditure on the Three Ghaut
Roads in the Canara District
and recommends that Lieut
Hunters application for the full
amount of the Estimate viz Ru
pees 34996 being allowed for ex
penditure during the Current Of
ficial year, and that the same
be hereafter included in Budget
statement No 3 for 1859/60.
With an order.

No 2167

The Government can
pass no order on the foregoing ap
plication until they have before
them a detailed report from the
Actg. District Engineer of Canara
on the points regarding which
information was called for in
paras 2 of Extract from the Mins
of Cons: of the 1st July last
No 1238. They request that the
Offg. Chief Engineer will re
quire Lieut Hunter to report
speedily and fully upon the
matter.

Fort St George
14th Octr 1858
10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr Dated 15th