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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th April 1858.

No. 84. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle in charge Central Office of P. W. ; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 26th March 1858, No. 8520.

SIR,

Copy of Extract from letter from Captain Harington, District Engineer of Ganjam No. 56 of 20th February 1858.

Copy of letter from Captain Harington, District Engineer of Ganjam No. 71 of 24th February 1858.

Copy of ditto from Quarter Master General of the Army No. 27, of the 18th March 1858.

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government the accompanying Copies of Correspondence, as per margin, from Captain Harington, Executive Engineer of the Ganjam District, and from the Quarter Master General of the Army, strongly urging, on Military grounds, that the road between Aska and Russelcondah should immediately be so far completed, as to render it passable for troops on emergency at all seasons, and fit for wheeled traffic in the dry weather, and occasionally during the rains.

2. Captain Harington, in paras 12 and 13 of his letter of the 20th Ultimo, recommending that Rupees 10,000 should be at once expended on the road, and still more strongly in his subsequent letter of the 24th idem, points out the great Military advantages of the outlay in facilitating the means of communicating with the garrison of Russelcondah, and of transporting Troops, stores and ammunition from the coast to the frontier of the Districts where disturbances at present prevail, and are unhappily of no unfrequent occurrence; and the Quarter Master General of the Army, to whom the question was referred, no less forcibly states that the opinion of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is that, on Military grounds alone, this road ought to be completed.

3. Quite concurring with his Excellency, and with the local Officer, I would earnestly recommend that sanction be immediately granted for the expenditure of Rupees (10,000) ten thousand on emergency, out of the balance of the Estimate,* which in a letter of the 9th November 1857, No. 8550, was shewn to be Rupees 14,891.

Extract from letter No. 56, 20th February 1858; to Acting District Engineer Ganjam recommending expenditure of Rupees 10,000 on Aska and Russelcondah road.

Para. 12. This line should also be completed for Military reasons. It would connect Russelcondah, with the coast and Berhampore. At Russelcondah there is a Native Infantry Regiment and above 500 Sebundies of the Ganjam and Orissa Agencies. It is a frontier station and beyond it lies the Sumbrelpoor country, now a scene of disturbances to which Sebundies are going from Russelcondah. At all times the Khond tribes require the check of the presence of a Military force in their neighbourhood. I think therefore the communication from the coast should be so far complete as to enable Troops, stores, and ammunition, to be sent there at any season of the year.

13. The expenditure for which sanction is now solicited would make a road available *in the height of the Monsoon* for passengers, dawk or horseback, coolies, bullocks, troops, the tappal, and occasional bandy traffic when necessary. After the Monsoon it would with care meet the wants of general traffic.

Camp Aska, 20th }
February 1858. }

(Signed) E. H. HARINGTON, Captain,

Executive Engineer 3rd Class.

Letter from Captain E. H. HARINGTON, Executive Engineer 3rd Class; to Lieutenant E. R. BLAGRAVE, Acting District Engineer Ganjam, dated Camp Aska, 24th February 1858, No. 71.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 56 of 20th Instant, asking for sanction to spend Rupees 10,000, on the Aska and Russelcondah road, I should add that an expenditure of even Rupees

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th April 1858.

5000 would do much towards facilitating the march of troops, stores and supplies. At present Russelcondah furnishes a detachment of 3 companies to Berhampore, I am not sure whether this arrangement is temporary or otherwise, but in any case it should be possible for troops (details detachments families &c.) to go and come to and from Russelcondah in the Monsoon, without the wet fatigue, exposure and suffering to which a march through paddy fields waist deep in water exposes them. Of course on so limited an outlay as Rupees 5,000 I could not undertake to overcome all the difficulties in the way of bandy traffic, but I could make the road far more available than it now is for troops and their families marching. It is well known that the Sepoys suffer much in Goomsur from fever and this is often caused by overfatigue and exposure to wet, and night air.

Letter from Lieut.-Colonel F. A. REID, Quarter Master General of the Army; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Aska, 24th February 1858, No. 27.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 7896, of 6th Instant, regarding the road from Berhampore to Russelcondah, I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to say, that His Excellency is of opinion, on Military grounds, apart from consideration of traffic and commerce, that this road ought to be completed.

In the event of disturbances arising in Goomsur, the road from Berhampore to Russelcondah would be of essential service, in forwarding Troops conveyed by sea to Munsoorcottah and there landed for employment in the goomsur country.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, No. 627; dated 9th April 1858.

Under the circumstances represented, and considering the importance of the road on Military grounds with reference to the present disturbed state of the frontier, the Governor in Council sanctions the immediate expenditure of Rupees (10,000) ten thousand, on the road between Aska and Russelcondah, out of the balance of the estimate sanctioned by the Honorable the Court of Directors in 1853.

2. The Government observe that the Chief Engineer ought not to have corresponded direct with the Military authorities on the subject, and his attention has more than once been called to para. 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 18th March 1857, No. 496, in which it is clearly laid down that no question shall be submitted by the Chief Engineer to Army Head Quarters without the permission of Government.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of P.W.
No. 520 Lt. George 26 March 1858.

From
The Superintending Engineer
Southern Circle.

Public " in charge Central Office of P.W.
Communications The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department

SIR. I have the honor to forward for
Enclosure 1. Submission to Government the accom.
Copy of Extract from letter of 20th February 1858. from Capt. Harrington &c. Engineer of Bangalore. Margin, from Captain Harrington, Executive Engineer of the Ganjam District, and from the Quartermaster General of the Army, strongly urging, on Military grounds, that the road between Aska and Russelcondah should immediately be so far completed, as to render it passable for Troops on emergency at all seasons, and fit for wheeled traffic in the dry weather, and occasionally during the rains.

2. Captain Harrington, in paras 12 and 13 of his letter of the 20th ultimo, recommending that Rupees 10,000 should be at once expended on the road, and still more strongly in his subsequent letter of the 24th idem, points out the great Military advantages of the outlay in facilitating the means of communicating with the Garrison of

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November 1837 No 8550, was shown
to be Rupees 14,891. -

Sanctioned in 1838
Rs 14,245.-

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant

Central Off. 2526
Fort Cheng
26 March
1838.

[Signature]
Supg. Eng. In Charge
in Ch. Central Office of P.W.

[Signature]

Extract from letter No 6 20th February 1858 to Acting District Engineer Ganyam recommending Expenditure of Rs 10,000 on Oshka and Russelcondah Roads.

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24th 1838 with
 George & family
 June 18 1838.
 The days since we
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 the day. & we want
 to be so comfortable

Wm. A. R. R.
Recd. 29/11/1858
Wm. A. R. R.

25th. May. 1858.

Towards Cape of Good Hope
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 and from the District of the Com.
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Camp Akka } (Signed) E Harrington Capt
20th February 1858 } Executive Engineer 3rd Class.

No 71

Lieutenant C P Blagrove,

Acting District Engineer.

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Sir,

In continuation of my
letter No 36 of 20th Instant, asking for sanction
to spend Rupees 10,000 on the Akka and Pus-
selcondah Road, I should add that an
expenditure of even Rupees 5000 would do
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20th February 1858 }

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Executive Engineer 3rd Class.

No 24
To,
The Chief Engineer,
D. P. W.

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Ootacamund { Signed J. A. Reid

18th March 1858 { To Major General

True Copies

James
Superf. Southern Circle
in charge of the Central Office of H.

P.W.D

N^o 627

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 9th April 1858.

Read the following letter from the Superintendent Engineer Southern Circle in charge central office of P.W.D.

(Received 26th March 1858 N^o 8520)

Under the circumstances represented, and considering the importance of the road on military grounds with reference to the present disturbed state of the frontier, the Governor in Council sanctions the immediate expenditure of Rupees (10,000) Ten thousand on the road between Adka and

Handwritten initials and marks.

Copy in L^{ts} B^{ts}
C-110 & C-111 to 1858.4.24
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1858 Sept 11

Enclosure in a letter from the Major General Sir John Wilson Croft to the Major General Sir John Croft, P.W.D. Department
No 225
Recd 29 March 1858

P.W.D. 1858/58

Handwritten signature/initials.

Copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Army and the Engineer Southern Circle, recommending the construction of the road from Adka to the present position of the road, as the above road.

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File in: Min. Com. 8/10 Dec 2 1853.

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R. J.

9 Copies to the Chief Eng^r
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of 10. Sept 1858
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