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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Good Road in 1858

G.O. No.	682	Press Mis.
Dated	14-4-1858	

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No. 21. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 20th March 1858, No. 8271.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 447, dated 12th March 1858, I have the honor to state that the omission of provision for maintaining the made roads in Tinnevely from the Budget of 1858-59, is an oversight caused by the haste used in completing that document which I very much regret, but which will not or as I should rather say must not I trust, be allowed to prevent the said roads or the works of irrigation from being preserved from ruin, for want of funds. Lieutenant Oakes did not include the amount in his own Statement, and hence its omission in the Central office.

2. I was not before aware that the sums allotted to irrigation works and roads were inter transferable, but even under such conditions I cannot hold out any prospect of reduction in the former expenditure to make good the deficiency in the road allowance, so that if no exception can be made in favor of Tinnevely, that large, rich, and flourishing District in which so much money has lately been expended on the Cotton roads will suffer the great disadvantage of neglect during an entire season which will probably cause a greatly increased outlay hereafter.

3. The order under acknowledgment will however be communicated to the District Engineer with instructions to proceed with the repairs of made roads out of the funds generally at his disposal, and I shall again apply to Government for an additional grant as soon as Lieutenant Oakes may report its necessity.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, No. 682; dated 14th April 1858.

In the letter above recorded, the Chief Engineer explains, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 12th March No. 447, that the omission to provide for maintaining the made roads in the Tinnevely District in the Budget of 1858-59 was owing to an oversight caused by the haste used in the completion of that document.

2. The ground assigned by the Chief Engineer for the non-entry in the Budget of such a sum as he considered to be needed for the repair of the roads in Tinnevely is wholly insufficient, and the Government believe that he is not aware how very seriously he embarrasses them, by upsetting the calculations of the Budget, made wholly on his own representations.

3. Already has Colonel Faber asked for leave to depart from his own proposals in two Districts out of 21, and having entered 40,000 Rupees for expenditure on the roads of Tanjore and Tinnevely, has subsequently applied for 1,10,000 Rupees, an increase of 175 per cent.

4. The Chief Engineer is in error in supposing, as in his second paragraph he appears to do that he is at liberty to depart at pleasure from the limits laid down in the Budget Statement No. 3, for expenditure on the repair of the three descriptions of public works, irrigation, communication and buildings, no such liberty has been accorded to the Chief Engineer, and he will understand that to the Government alone belongs authority to make such changes as he refers to.

5. The Government now sanction an addition of 20,000 Rupees to the sum already granted for the repair of the roads in Tinnevely, and in doing so they desire that the Chief Engineer will communicate to the District Engineer their very serious displeasure at the disregard of a most important duty which he has shewn in not properly considering the wants of the communications, in preparing the Budget for his District, a neglect which, the Government regret to have to observe, was not repaired as it should have been when that document passed through the Central Office.

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

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Central Office of P.M.
Fort St George 20th Nov 1858

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From the Chief Engineer

To the Secretary to Government, P.M.

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Sir, In acknowledging the receipt of the Memoir from the P.M., dated 19th March 1858, I have the honor to state that the omission of provision for maintaining the roads made in the Budget of 1858/59, is an oversight caused by the haste used in completing that document which I very much regret, but which will not as I should rather say much not, I trust, be allowed to prevent the said roads or the works of irrigation from being preserved from ruin for want of funds. Lieutenant Baker did not include the amount in his own statement, and hence

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Fort St George
20th March 1858.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. servt.

Wm. L. Col
Chief Engr

To
The Secretary to Government.
P. W. D.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 14th ^{of} March 1858.

Read the
following letter from the
Chief Engineer.



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11th Nov 1858
Dear Mr. H. B. 13.
The City of London
at the London
Exchange

Oct. 20th }
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I have the pleasure
 to inform you that you are
 named as one of the
 students of the
 the College of the Holy
 Trinity, and that you
 are to be admitted
 to the same on the
 1st of September next.
 I am, Sir, very
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 Yours,
 J. C. Smith

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Chief Clerk

27th March 1891

Public Works 1858 Depart^{re}
Dy. to Cons: 20th April

No. 682.

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Dated 14th Feb/58.

From the Chief Engineer Office 19th April, 53
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Sanctioning an addition
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expenditure granted for the repairs
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