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No. 20. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 5th October 1858, No. 4234.

SIR,

With reference to Paras. 1 and 2 of my letter dated the 20th August last, No. 3025, I have the honor to submit in original the communication received from the District Engineer of Canara in reply to para. 5 of the Extract Minutes, Consultation, dated the 1st July last No. 1238. I beg also to submit a copy of the Proceedings of the late Board of Revenue Department Public Works, No. 320, dated the 12th April 1855, alluded to by Lieutenant Hunter, regarding the sanction of Rupees 34,996 for the three road circuits, and which appear to have been considered by the late Board as an annual maintenance allowance which subject, I have more fully entered into in my letter to Government of the 20th August last No. 3025.

Dated 20th July 1858, No. 81.

Letter from Lieutenant J. N. HUNTER, Acting District Engineer, Canara; to the Chief Engineer, dated Mangalore 10th July 1858, No. 81.

SIR,

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.

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 Department Public Works 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 Public Works Department, No. 64 of the 10th February 1855 shewing the sanction to the same.

* Date of Sanction 10th February 1855.

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.

6. With reference to para. 3 of your letter under reply, I would bring forward the following works for exemption, in the order, in which they are arranged in the Budget, leaving all those, that are not of the first importance, for after consideration.

456. Road from Guersopah to Sircy 4,234 or rather Guersopah to Talgoopa (Mysore) via Mullamunney or Guersopah Ghaut on the road by the falls from Honore to Anantapoor and the Nuggur country. It is a most useful line of road and as there is a handsome sanction for

building a very extensive Public Bungalow at the falls of Guersopah, it is desirable that the communications to this beautiful spot, may be opened.

458. The Yellapoor road Circuit is the text of the early part of this report, and does not require further notice here.

577. Bridges on the Guersopah Ghaut. This I recommend, as the Ghaut unbridged is of little use in a climate like that of Canara and this Ghaut is on the main line of road from Anantapoor, Shewmogah and the Nugger Country to Honore.

604. Canal from the Tuddry river to Coomptah. This is a most important communication even at present, Coomptah being the port, at which Cotton and all other produce is shipped, moreover, this is the beginning of the Coast Canal, by which we hope, eventually, to supersede the Coast road so full of interruptions and so difficult to keep in repair.

578. Bridges on the Jalsoor and Cassergode road. As there remains but a very small portion of this estimate unspent viz. Rupees 86, this small residue may well go to complete these works.

579. Bridge across the Mangalpaddy stream. On the Southern Coast-road, the stream is very rapid, the temporary bridges put up from time to time, have been always washed away, and when water is down, the road is deserted by the traffic, which goes along the Sea Coast.

7. For all these communications, then I would solicit exemption from the restrictive order, and re-sanction for the amount entered in the Budget of 1858-59.

8. I would also take this opportunity of bringing to the notice of Government the following work entered in the Budget of 1858-59, but returned with the rest of the Budget viz.

Hulyall to Singawaree via Dundelly and Unshy, estimated as follows:

Earth-work	42,319.
Bridging	57,935.

There are also two other roads in the Soopah Talook and the importance of these three in a Military point of view, can scarcely be over-rated, as the experience, gained in the late disturbances in North Canara, shows us. These last two roads have not yet been estimated, so I can only enter a rough mileage rate, which will, if sanctioned, at all events be near enough to allow of our commencing operations, leaving more correct estimates to be made hereafter when the weather shall moderate. The roads alluded to are from Hullyal to Tinnye, via Jugglepett 35 miles at 1,000 Rupees per mile 35,000. Jugglepett to Sumsody via Soopah 10 miles at 1,000 Rupees per mile 10,000. The trace of both these roads has been already made, and they have been opened to about a yard wide, but this will have to be done over again and the roads opened to at least 12 feet. These will be in continuation of roads at present in formation in the Dharwar Collectorate by orders of the Bombay Government, and would have the effect of opening out the whole of Soopah Talook in North Canara for the movements of troops, whose operations in this country of thick jungle are at present carried on with great difficutly. I am aware that the three roads last mentioned can only be sanctioned as a special case, as they have not been entered in the Budget, but it is after careful consideration and consultation with the Collector, whose opinion as to the utility of these roads both as ordinary means of communication and traffic and as urgent necessities for the prompt movements of troops when required to check outbursts and ensure the tranquillity of the North of Canara, has been most clearly expressed, that I have decided not to lose the present opportunity of bringing these most useful communications to the notice of Government, trusting that the reason above stated may be regarded as sufficient to allow of their being taken into very early consideration.

9. Of those works entered in the Budget not included in the above list, I beg to state my reasons for not bringing them forward.

No. 454. The road from Oopinangaddy to Buntwall is a road difficult of construction, in consequance of the numerous spurs, over which the trace has to be taken, moreover the traffic is not such as to justify any considerable expenditure *at present*, it is mostly pack-bullocks with rice, grain &c., from the Mysore country, returning with salt, the existing road too by

Mauny is sufficient though longer. I say these that I do not consider this a road to be brought forward just now, though no doubt can exist as to its utility.

455. Ghaut and road from Yellapoor to &c., in other words the Kyga Ghaut, will be very useful, when the harbour at Sidashighur shall be finished, when that will doubtless be the principal part on the coast, but at present when the whole of the shipping is loaded at Coompta, it is not so necessary.

181. The Quay at Mangalore is a wart, that will much improve the appearance of the landing place, and will give a road for walking or driving along the shore, where now it is impossible; but I can scarcely consider this sufficient reason for soliciting exemption from the restriction; the same remark will apply for the 12 nurseries included in No. 313.

No. 460 is a road from Coompta to the site of Light House, whither it is proposed to transport the Sea-Custom-House, at present about ½ mile distant, but it will be advisable to wait till that matter be settled, before bringing this prominently forward, which will probably not happen this year.

No. 320.

The Board of Revenue observe that the amount at the disposal of the Collector and Civil Engineer for the Road circuits in Canara is Rupees 34,996-8-0 in addition to the former annual grants of Rupees 12,300, total 47,296-8-0.

2. The Rupees 24,000 is entirely independent of sanctioned estimates, and is intended, as stated in the summary, to provide for monsoon and emergent repairs and contingent expenditure: whatever amounts may have been separately sanctioned will continue available.

3. Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Canara and Civil Engineer 3rd Division.

12th April 1858. (Signed) J. H. BAYLEY, *Secretary.*

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 2308; dated 30th October 1858.

The letter from the District Engineer of Canara, of which an extract accompanied the Officiating Chief Engineer's previous letter of the 20th August last, does not report on the points indicated in para. 5 of Extract Minutes Consultation 1st July 1858, No. 1238. The Government must therefore call Colonel Lawford's attention to their recent order on the same subject dated 14th October 1858 No. 2167.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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/ Signed / J. H. B

12 April 1833

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Chief Engineer

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Enclosure in a letter from the Offg Chief Engineer

To

The Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

Dated 5th Octr/58
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Central Office of Public Works
Fort St. George 5th October 1858

No. 4231.

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Public Roads—

Ref. to reference to Paras 1 and 2 of my letter dated the 20th August last No. 3025, I have the honor to submit herewith original & the communication received from the District Engineer of Coimbatore in reply to that of the Electric Telegraph Master General dated 20th July/58 No. 81.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
Lieut. Colo
Offg Chief Engineer

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From Offg. Chief Engr. 20th Augt. 58 No. 1918 inclg. 19 Cutcs Nos. 49 & 50
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P. Works — 1858 Department
No. 2320

From
The Officiating Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary
to Government W.P.

Dated 5th October 1858

Recd 7th Octr. 1858
Answd 20th Octr. 1858
No. 2308. 30th October 1858.

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Submits correspondence regarding the sanction of Rupees 34996 for the three Roads enclosed which appear to have been omitted in the Estimate by the Executive Engineers as an annual maintenance allowance which subject he has more fully referred to in his letter to Govt. of the 20th August last.

With one reply.

No. 2308

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Fort St. George
30th Octr. 1858

To Copies to the Offg. Chief Engr. Cutcs

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22nd October 1858