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No. 20. Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 10th December 1858, No. 6164.

SIR,

1 Original letter from the Acting District Engineer North Arcot No. 1290, dated 7th October 1858 with enclosure

I have the honor to solicit that the restriction may be removed from No. 397 of Budget Statement No. 2 being the road from Palmanair to Vencatagherry-Cottah.

The amount of the estimate was...	32,053
and the expenditure has been	21,112
leaving available...	10,941

which sum I consider it is expedient to spend within the Current Official year, and request permission to do so. Lieutenant Clay whose report on the road is herewith forwarded, roughly estimates the cost at 7,000, Rupees seven thousand, but the District Engineer applies for the whole of the unexpended balance, and I feel convinced that the whole of it will be required.

In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 351 dated 21st February 1857.

2. Government have already determined upon the continuation of the road from Palmanair to Vencatagherry-Cottah to Congondy Coopum, and as Captain Johnston in his observations communicated with Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2243, under date the 25th October 1858, still considers the opening up of this line desirable, I have the honor to recommend that authority may be granted for the immediate expenditure of the balance of the Estimate referred to above, in order to utilize the expenditure already incurred, and make the road available for traffic.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, No. 11; dated 3rd January 1859.

In Extract Minutes of Consultation 11th June 1858, No. 1103, para. 20, the Government referring to the balance of the estimate for the road from Palmanair to Vencatagherry Cottah kept in abeyance under the restrictive orders of the Government of India, desired to be furnished with information respecting *the present condition of that road, and the amount of traffic on it.*

2. In the letter recorded above, the Officiating Chief Engineer recommends that the balance of the estimate noticed above should be set free from the restrictive order, on the ground of expediency. Colonel Lawford makes no allusion to the order of the 11th June 1858, though full six months have elapsed since that date; and the District Engineer as well as the Executive Officer seem apparently to write on the subject of the road in question without any reference to that order. The information supplied does not however meet the requirements of Government, and they resolve therefore to return the papers received with Colonel Lawford's letter to the Chief Engineer for a full report on the points indicated.

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

Central Office of Public Works.

Fort St. George 10th December 1858

No. 6164

From, Lt. [illegible]

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To,

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department.

Public.

Dated 10th December 1858.

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balance, and I feel convinced that the whole of it will be required.

2. Government have already determined upon the continuation of the Road from Palmanair to Tencataghery-Cottah to Cangandy-Coopum, and as Captain Johnston in his observations communicated with Extract Minutes Consultation N°. 2243 under date the 25th October 1858, still considers the opening up of this line desirable, I have the honor to recommend that authority may be granted for the immediate expenditure of the balance of the Estimate referred to above, in order to utilize the expenditure already incurred, and make the Road available for traffic.

In Ex. M. C. N°. 351 d/ 31st January 1859

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.

Central Office of S.W.
Fort St. George
10th December 1858

Ez Chay

Lt. Campbell Lieut.-Colonel
Officiating Chief Engineer.

No 1111

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 31st December 1858

Read the following letter from
the Offg. Chief Engineer -
(Here enter 10th December 1858 No 6164)

P.W.D. No. 3002. In Dec 11 June
1858, No 103, f 20, the sum required
to the balance of the Estimate
for the road from Palmanair
to Venkatagherry State left
in Abeyance under the re-
strictive Orders of the
Govt of India, desired to be
furnished with information
respecting the present Con-
dition of that road, and
the amount of traffic on it.

2. In the letter recorded
above, the Offg Chief Engineer
recommends that the balance
of the Estimate referred above
should be set free from the
restrictive Order, on the
ground of Expediency. Mr
Sanford marks as allusions
to the Order of the 11th June
1858, though full five months
have elapsed between that
date; and the District Engineer

Conc. 24th Dec 1858 No 5758
" 29th Dec 1858 — 5804
" 1st January 1859 — 5

P.W.D. No. 3002. Dated Ootacamund 11th June 1858.

From
The Offg. Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Dr. W. T. D.

Dated 10th
Received 11th

1 Sir & M. Nos. 6164
Herewith
I submit that the restriction
may be removed from Rs. 3002
of Budget Statement No. 2, being
the Road from Palmanair to
Venkatagherry Cotta and re-
commend that authority may
be granted for the immediate
commencement of the balance of the
Estimate.

I have &c
(Sd) W. T. Denys
Offg. Chief Engineer

No 20.

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P.W.D. No 11. 3rd January 1859

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~~From the Deputy Chief Engineer~~
19 June/57 C No 1383 in

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