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No. 57. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 11th January 1859, No. 6951.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 6256, 13th December 1858, urging the sanction of Rupees (10,000) ten thousand (in advance) of the Estimate of Rupees 44,170 entered in the current year's Budget for the Masulipatam and Hyderabad road No. 13, I have the honor to submit the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of the Kistnah Division, soliciting the grant of an annual maintenance allowance of Rupees 150 per mile for the portion of the line completed up to date, viz. 17 miles, for which no maintenance allowance has yet been made.

1 Copy of a letter from District Engineer Kistnah Division, No. 99, dated 20th December 1858.

2. The total length finished up to the date of the District Engineer's letter above mentioned is 50 miles; of this 33 miles has had a grant of Rupees 4,950 or at the rate of 150 Rupees per mile already made on the representation of the late District Engineer; since the date of such report the additional 17 miles has been completed, and it is for an allowance for this portion I now have the honor to solicit sanction. The sum therefore to be entered in the Budget 1859-60 for this line, will amount to Rupees 7,500, and I beg that this addition may be made.

3. The District Engineer further states that, owing to the amount of traffic on this line vide his letter Para. 4, and the great importance of the line as a main Military one, a small grant will be required during the next 4 months, and therefore requests sanction for $\frac{1}{3}$ of the annual grant or Rupees 50 per mile for 17 miles = 850 Rupees, and in conclusion I beg to recommend the sanction of this sum.

Rupees eight hundred and fifty.

Letter from Captain O. CHAMBERS, Acting District Engineer, Kistnah Division; to the Officiating Chief Engineer, dated Bezoarah, 20th December 1858, No. 99.

SIR,

Adverting to my letter, date and number* as per margin, also to the document† just received from the Central Office, by which it seems that the Government of India has not sanctioned the Supplementary Estimate for the Hyderabad road, amounting to Rupees 44,170, nor any portion of it, I beg respectfully to urge upon you the necessity of not allowing this most important Military works to be shelved.

* No 89, dated 27th November 1858.
† Circular, No. 170, dated 7th December 1858.

2. That its importance is well known to you, your resolution of the 14th August 1858 No. 2807, on the Quarter Master General's letter of the 19th July 1858, No. $\frac{159}{545}$ is a proof, and if any thing more is needed the facts that a siege train passed up it last season, that a large convoy of guns and howitzers is now moving up it, whilst a Commissariat transit for the conveyance of stores and European Soldiers has been organised and is being most successfully worked, ought to satisfy any one of its great moment in a military point of view.

3. I have now to report to you that since my last communication, so much labor has presented itself for employment and so much work has been done, that on the 1st Proximo the whole of the original estimate will have been expended with the exception of Rupees 800.

4. The state of the road now is this there are 50 miles completed and travelled on (though there are still 1 bridge and several tunnels incomplete): of these 33 were reported as finished by my predecessor, and have an annual allowance allotted to them of Rupees 150 a mile, and I now have the honor to report 17 more as finished, and to request that a similar allowance may be made on their account from the 1st of May next, and also that a further allowance of 50 Rupees a mile may at once be made to these 17 miles for immediate expenditure, in as much as from January to May is one third of a year; the road surface though well made, being still unbound and unconsolidated, requires constant attention.

5. These allowances I ask for in addition to the 44,170 Rupees of the Supplementary Estimate, or any portion of them that it is possible to grant me, for as stated by me before,

putting the urgency, in a military point of view, of the road being made a good one out of the question, and saying nothing with respect to the deterioration of unfinished work if the present tolerably well organised establishment be allowed to disperse, it will be both a matter of expense and of time to get it together again.

6. I would finally observe that, a considerable portion of the line that has not yet been taken in hand, lies through irrigated ground, and caused much detention, delay, and labour to the Commissariat transit in the past monsoon.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, No. 201; dated 21st January 1859.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions an annual allowance, to take effect from the 1st of January 1859, of Rupees (2,550) two thousand, five hundred and fifty, for keeping in repair an additional seventeen miles of the road from Ibrahimpatam to the Hyderabad Frontier in the Masulipatam District, making fifty miles in all. The allowance is at the rate of Rupees 150 per mile. The amount to be disbursed under this sanction in the Current Official year will be one-third of the allowance, or Rupees (850) eight hundred and fifty.

2. The Chief Engineer wishes this grant to be included with that of Rupees 4,950, formerly given* for thirty-three miles of the same road in the Budget of 1859-60. This however cannot now be done, the Budget for the ensuing year having been already closed and despatched to the Government of India. The present grant for the year 1859-60, as well as the portion granted above for the current year, will therefore be charged to the General Fund assigned conditionally for the two years respectively to the Masulipatam District.

* Extract Minutes Consultation, 2nd Feb. 1857, No. 245

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Central Office P. Works,
Fort Saint George,
No. 6957 11th January, 1859.

From,
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Public.

Sir,

Enclosure
1 Copy of letter from Distt. Engr. Kist 2nd No. 994/20. Dec.r/58.

In continuation of my letter No. 6254 13th December 1858, urging the sanction of Rupees ten thousand, in advance of the Estimate of Rupees 44170 entered in the current year's Budget for the Masulipatam and Hyderabad Road. No. 13. I have the honor to submit the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of the Kistnah Division, soliciting the grant of an annual maintenance allowance of Rupees 150 per mile for the portion of the line completed up to date, viz 17 Miles, for which no maintenance allowance has yet been made.

The total length finished up to the date of the District Engineer's letter above mentioned is 50 Miles: of this 33 miles has had a grant of Rupees 4950 or at the rate of 150 Rupees per Mile already made on the representation of the late District Engineer; since the date of which report the additional 17 Miles has been completed, and it is

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for an allowance for this portion I now have the honor to solicit sanction. The sum therefore to be entered in the Budget 1859/60 for this line, will amount to Rupees 1,500, and beg that this addition may be made.

3 The Divisional Engineer further states that owing to the amount of traffic on this line vide his letter Para 4. and the great importance of the line as a main Military one, a small granary will be required during the next 6 months, and therefore requests sanction for 3 of the annual grant or Rupees 50 per Mile for 17 Miles. 850 Rupees, and concludes by recommend the sanction of Govt.

Rupees one hundred and fifty

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servt

Chief Engineer

Central Police Dist

Surveyor General's Office

11th January 1859

To

The Secretary to Government

P.W.D.

No 16

No 99.

To

The Officiating Chief Engineer
in the Department Public Works
Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to my letter, date and number as per margin, also to the document just received from the Central Office, by which it seems that the Government of India has not sanctioned the Supplementary Estimate for the Hyderabad Road, amounting to Rupees 44,170. nor any portion of it, I beg respectfully to urge upon you the necessity of not allowing this most important Military work to be shelved.

2. That its importance is well known to you, your Resolution of the 14th August 1858 No 2807 on the Quarter Master General's letter of the 19th July/58 No 159/348 is a proof, and if any thing more is needed the facts that a siege train passed up it last season, that a large Convoy of guns and howitzers is now moving up it, whilst a Commissariat

transit

* No 89 dated 27th Nov. 1858.

* Circular No 170 8/17th Dec/58.

Encl: 11 to Lr No 44/842

Rec'd 11th January 1859

Dated Public Works Office Madras 21st January 1859.

Forwarded with reference to the preceding letter from the Officiating Chief Engineer Public Works Department, and the accompanying Resolution of Government, dated 14th August 1858 No 2807 on the Quarter Master General's letter of the 19th July 1858 No 159/348.

2. The Board recommend that the Chief Engineer be requested to state whether he considers the Hyderabad Road to be of such importance as to require the retention of the whole of the Establishment employed upon it, or whether any reduction can be made.

By Order,

Secretary to the Board.

To

The Officiating Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Madras.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Officiating Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 21st January 1859 No 44, and of the Resolution of Government thereon, dated 25th January 1859 No 342.

2. I am to request that you will favour the Board with your opinion on the subject of the proposed reduction of the Establishment employed on the Hyderabad Road.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Secretary to the Board.

Dated 22nd January 1859.

transit for the Conveyance of stores and European Soldiers has been organised and is being most successfully worked, ought to satisfy any one of its great moment in a Military point of view.-

3. I have now to report to you that since my last Communication, so much labor has presented itself for employment and so much work has been done, that on the 1st Proximo the whole of the original Estimate will have been expended with the Exception of Rs. 800.-

4. The state of the road now is this: there are 50 miles Completed and travelled on (though there are still 1 Bridge and several tunnels incomplete): of these 33 were reported as finished by my predecessor, and have an Annual allowance allotted to them of Rs. 150 a mile, and I now have the honor to report 17 more as finished, and to request that a similar allowance may be made on their account from the 1st of May next, and also that a further allowance of 50 Rupees a mile may at once be made to these 17 miles for immediate expenditure, in

inasmuch as from January to May is one third of a year; the road surface though well made, being still unbound and unconsolidated, requires Constant attention.-

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Monsoon.

Peshawar
20th Dec. 1858

I have &c.
(Signed) A. C. Chamber
Ag. Asstt. Engineer Kistna Dn.

(True Copy)

D. Blagrave Captain
Asstt. Chief Engineer for
Supg. Engineer N. Circle

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No 201

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 21st January 1859.

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer.

(Here enter 11th January 59
No 6957.)

The Right Ho
nerable the Governor in
Council sanctions an
annual allowance, to
take effect from the 1st
of January 1859, of Rupees
2,550/ Two thousand
five hundred and fifty
for keeping in repair
an additional
Seventeen miles of the
road from Shahzingeer
town to the Hyderabad
frontier in the Masulipa
tam District, making
fifty miles in all. The
allowance is at the rate of
Rs. 150 per mile. The amount

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No
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 21st January 1859
Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer
(Here enter 11th January 59 No 6957)
To the Chief Engineer
Dated 11th January 1859
Received 17th January 1859
Sir,
Canara Mr. Secretary
Public Department
Fort St George

to be disbursed under this sanction in the current official year will be one-third of the allowance, or Rs/850/ Eight-hundred and fifty-

2. The Chief Engineer wishes this grant to be included with that of Rs 4,950 formerly given for thirty three miles of the same road in the Budget of 1859/60-

† Ex Mun Com 2nd July/57 No 2465-

This however cannot now ~~be done, for the Estimate~~ ~~Ex Mun Com dtd 3rd June~~ ~~1859 did not~~ the Budget for the ensuing year having been already closed and despatched to the Government of India-

The present grant for the year 1859/60, as well as the portion granted above for the current year, will therefore be charged to the General fund as assigned conditionally for

for the two years respectively to the Ellora Subdivision District-

10 Copies to the Chief Engr. Dispd 22-

Public Works 1859 Dept.
Dgs to Comr. 2nd Chang.

No 201.
Expresses Thanks of Govt.
Dt 21st Chang/59.

From Chief Engr Dt 7th
March/59 Encl 54 Cir C:

Sanctioning an annual
allowance of Rupees 2550 for keeping
in repair an additional Seventeen
Miles of Cart road from Nirumpatam
to the Hyderabad Frontier in the
Masulipatam District.

From Dy Chief Engr N.G.
Dt 11th Nov 58 C.P. 3463
in Do.

No 57408.