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No. 77. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 30th September 1859, No. 5618.

With reference to the order noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit for the information of Government, the accompanying correspondence from the District Engineers of Salem and Coimbatore, reporting on the state of the portions of trunk road No. 5 lying in their respective districts.

No. 2100 dated 1st September 1859.

1 Letter from the District Engineer, Salem, No. 512, dated 17th September 1859, with one enclosure.
1 Letter from the District Engineer, Coimbatore, No. 121, dated 17th September 1859.

2. From the report of the District Engineer, Salem, it is observed that the state of the road in that district is as follows:—

	Miles.
Fair order...	33
Good order	36
Bad order	51
	120

3. The District Engineer, Coimbatore, reports that the portion of trunk road No. 5, in his district, is generally in fair order, but that there are several portions in bad condition, especially in those places where the road passes over cotton soil.

4. The reports from the District Engineers of North Arcot and Chingleput have not yet come to hand, but as soon as received in the Central office, they will be submitted for the information of Government.

5. I would here beg to observe, that in the distribution proposed in my letter No. 4241, dated 26th August 1859, which received the sanction of Government, in their order above quoted, it is found that the sum sanctioned for trunk road No. 5 in the Salem district, in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 2477, dated 22nd November 1858, was altogether omitted by an oversight. The amounts therein authorized for this road are as follows:

	Rs.
94 miles from Vaniembady to Salem	7,050
36 ,, from Salem to Comarapolliem ...	1,800
	8,850

portions, however, of the above distances are not in the direct line, and these are as follows:—

	Rs.
From Womalore to Salem 14 miles	1,050
From Salem to Shenkerydroog 18 miles ...	900
	1,950

leaving only 98 miles of road provided with maintenance allowance; as follows:—

	Rs.
From Vaniembady to Womalore 80 miles	6,000
From Shenkerydroog to Bowany 18 ,, ...	900
	6,900

From the above it will be observed that the portion of trunk road No. 5, between Womalore and Shenkerydroog on the direct road, is without any maintenance allowance.

6. The District Engineer, Coimbatore, moreover brings to notice, that only 62* miles of road in his district have been included in the distribution made, and that the 16 miles from Coimbatore to Walliar in the limits of

* From Bowany to Coimbatore.

his district, have been altogether omitted. For these pieces of road the following sums have been authorized by Government:—

	Rs.
62 miles...	6,200
16 „	1,600
	7,800

7. With regard to the latter sum, the District Engineer reports that it is quite insufficient for the proper maintenance of the road under the present traffic. The road further is stated to be the most important piece in the whole district (although it may not continue to be so, after the Railway is opened) and it, therefore, appears necessary that some better provision should be made for its repair than at present exists.

8. Under the circumstances now brought to notice, I would propose the following re-distribution of the sums sanctioned for the maintenance of trunk roads Nos. 1 and 5, which I request may receive the confirmation of Government.

Present allowance.

			Amount.
Trunk road No. 1.	Chingleput miles 50	... ...	50,759
	North Arcot „ 17	... ...	31,131
	Salem..... „ 4	... ...	1,145
Trunk road No. 5.	Salem ..... „ 120	... ...	6,900
	Coimbatore „ 78	... ...	7,800
			97,735

Proposed re-distribution.

				Rupees	
Trunk road No. 1.	Chingleput 50 miles	at 500	Rupees...		25,000
	North Arcot 71 „	at 300	„		21,300
	Salem ... ... 4 „	at 300	„		1,200
Trunk road No. 5.	Salem..... 120 miles,	at 253½	Rupees...		30,445
	Coimbatore 78 „	at do.	„		19,790
					97,735

9. In conclusion, I would beg to observe, that the attention of the District Engineers of Salem and Coimbatore, will be called to the necessity for decreasing as much as possible, the expenditure on the portions of trunk road No. 5, lying in their districts as soon as the south western line of railway is opened.

No. 78.

ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1859, No. 2112.

In supersession of the order of the 1st September 1859, No. 2100, the Government authorize the revised distribution recommended in paragraph 8 of this letter, of the funds now available for the maintenance of trunk roads Nos. 1 and 5 from Madras to Walliar in Coimbatore, and direct that immediate effect be given to it.

2. The Government hope that, with the liberal grants now accorded, the portions of trunk road No. 5 in Salem and Coimbatore will be at once repaired and maintained in good order throughout.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of Pr
Fort Saint George

№ 5618 30 September 1859

From,
The Chief Engineer

Public To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Depart.

Sir,

With reference to the order noted in the margin, I have the honor to submit for the information of Government the accompanying correspondence from the District Engineers Salem and Coimbatore, reporting on the state of the portions of Trunk Road № 5 lying in their respective Districts.

№ 2100 dated 1st September 59.

Enclosures 3
1 Letter for the Dist. Engr Salem № 512 dated 17th Sept 59 with one Enclosure.
1 Letter for the Dist. Engr Coimbatore № 121 dated 17th Sept 59.

2 From the report of the District Engineer Salem, it is observed that the state of the Road in that District is as follows—

Fair Order — 33 Miles
Good Order — 36 — „ —
Bad Order — 51 — „ —
120 Miles.

3 The District Engineer Coimbatore reports that the portion of Trunk Road № 5 in his District is generally in fair order, but that there are several portions in bad condition, especially in those places where the road passes

over

over cotton soil.

4 The reports from the District Engineers North & West and Chengleput have not yet come to hand, but as soon as received in the Central Office, they will be submitted for the information of Government.

5 I would here beg to observe, that in the distribution proposed in my letter No 2241 dated 26th August 1859 which received the sanction of Government in their Order above quoted, it is found that the sum sanctioned for T. Road No 5 in the Salem District in Extract Minutes Consultation No 2477 dated 22nd November 1858 was altogether omitted by an oversight. The amounts therein authorized for this Road are as follows.

92 Miles From Vaniembady to Salem Rs 7,050.
36 " From Salem to Comarapollium " 1,800

8850.

portions however of the above distances are not in the direct line, and these are as follows:-

From Vomalore to Salem 12 Miles Rs 1,050
From Salem to Shenkerydroog 18 " " 900

1,950

leaving only 98 Miles of Road provided with maintenance allowance; as follows:-

From Vaniembady to Vomalore 80 Miles Rs 6,000
From Shenkerydroog to Bowany 18 " " 900

6,900

From the above it will be observed that the portion of Trunk Road No 5 between Vomalore and Shenkerydroog on the direct Road, is without any maintenance allowance.

From Bowany to Coimbatore

6 The District Engineer Coimbatore moreover brings to notice that only 62 Miles of Road in his District have been included in the distribution made and that the 16 Miles from Coimbatore to Walliar in the limits of his District have been altogether omitted. For these pieces of Road the following sums have been authorized by Government:-

62 Miles ——— Rupees 6,200
16 " ——— 1600

Rupees 7,800

7 With regard to the latter sum, the District Engineer reports that it is quite insufficient for the proper maintenance of the road under the present traffic: The road further is stated to be the most important piece in the whole District (although it may not continue to be so, after the Railway is opened) and it therefore appears necessary that some better provision should be made for its repair than at present exists.

8 Under the circumstances now brought to notice I would propose the following re-distribution of the sums sanctioned for

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the maintenance of Trunk Roads Nos. 1 and 5 which I request may receive the confirmation of Government.

		Present allowance	amount
Trunk Road No. 1.	Chingleput	50 Miles	50,750.
	North Arcot	71 — "	3,431
	Salem	4 — "	1,125
Trunk Road No. 5.	Salem	120 — "	6,900
	Coimbatore	78 — "	7,800
			27,735

Proposed Re-distribution-

Trunk Road No. 1	Chingleput	50 Miles at 500	Rs. 25,000
	North Arcot	71 — " at 300 — "	21,300
	Salem	4 — " at 300 — "	1,200
Trunk Road No. 5	Salem	120 Miles at 253 1/4	Rs. 30,425
	Coimbatore	78 — " at do — "	19,750
			27,735

In conclusion I would beg to observe that the attention of the District Engineer of Salem and Coimbatore will be called to the necessity for decreasing as much as possible the expenditure on the portions of Trunk Road No. 5 lying in their Districts as soon as the S. Western Line of Railway re opened.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt
J. H. Dell Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
30 September 1850

Lt. Col.
Chief Engr.
Chief Engr. C.C.
To The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

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From Supdg Chief Engr
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To
The Secretary to Govt
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No 7117 - 11th Octr Encl 3. Returned 3-11-59.
Proposes re-distribution of the sums sanctioned for the maintenance of Trunk Roads Nos 1 and 5 and requests that the same may receive the confirmation of Government.

From Dr Dr - 2d May 1860
Ch Mr - Lr Pw. 31st May
With an Order No 1133

No 2412.

In supersession of the order of the 11th September 1859 No 2,100, the Government authorize the re-vised distribution recommended in para 8 of this letter, of the funds now available for the maintenance of trunk roads Nos 1 and 5 from Madras to Mallur in Coimbatore, and direct that immediate effect be given to it.

The Government hope that with the liberal grants now accorded, the portions of trunk road No 5 in Salem and Coimbatore will be at once repaired and maintained in good order throughout.

From Govt
11th Octr 1859

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