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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of November 1859.*

No. 124. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 4th November 1859, No. 6876.

I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that on the 3rd August last, No. 1484, the Postmaster General called my attention to the bad state of portions of the trunk road No. 8 in the Chingleput and Trichinopoly districts, in consequence of a representation made to that effect in a letter from Messrs. Taylor and Co., the contractors for the Government mail, a true copy of which was forwarded to this office, and that on the receipt of this report instructions were issued to the respective District Engineers, to take immediate measures for the repair of the road in question.

1 Letter from Postmaster General.
1 do. from District Engineer, Chingleput.
1 Abstract estimate.

2. In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1541, dated 28th August 1856, Government sanctioned an estimate, amounting to Rupees (16,070,) sixteen thousand and seventy, for re-metalling the portion of the trunk road in the Chingleput district, between Mamundūr and Madranticum, a distance of 10 miles up to the 49th milestone, which has been carried into execution; but the District Engineer in reporting upon the present condition of the road under his charge, states that the metalling is worn off, the portion between the 49th and 59th milestones and, therefore, forwards an estimate, amounting to Rupees (13,400,) thirteen thousand and four hundred, for re-metalling this portion, intimating that directions have been given to perform the necessary repairs to the road, so far as the annual maintenance allowance permits of it.

Letter dated 15th October 1859, No. 1073.

3. Captain Moberly explains that the traffic on this road has increased considerably, and during the month of September, it was double that in previous months. The delay in forwarding the estimate, it is stated, is owing to Captain Moberly wishing to satisfy himself as to the correctness of the rates therein provided for, which he has since done, and in submitting the same examined in this office for the orders of Government, I beg to state, that the necessity for the work is undoubted.

4. There being no funds available in the current year, I recommend the estimate, amounting to Rupees (13,400,) thirteen thousand and four hundred, for entry in the budget of 1860-61.

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1859, No. 2630.

The estimate received with this letter is for metalling ten miles of trunk road No. 8 (from Madras to Trichinopoly) in the Chingleput district, viz. from the 49th to the 59th milestone. It is at the rate of 1,340 Rupees a mile. The piece of road in question is included in a sanction of Rupees 21,086 yearly for maintaining the same road from Palaveram to Acharavākam, being 49 miles at the rate of above 400 Rupees a mile. This being the case, the Governor in Council hesitates to sanction the large additional expenditure now proposed, without some explanation as to the cause of the present condition of the road, as now reported, notwithstanding the liberal maintenance allowance.

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

Recd The following letter
Central Office of S. M.

Fort St. George

4 November 1859.

N: 6876

From, L. C. J. W. D. S. M.

The Chief Engineer

To, L. J. Bourne

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department.

Public.

Sir,

I have the honor to state for the informa-

N: 1481

tion of Government that on the 3rd August last the

Postmaster General called my attention to the bad state
of portions of the Trunk Road N: 8 in the Ichingol
and Trichinopoly Districts, in consequence of a re-
presentation made to that effect in a letter from
Messrs Taylor and Co the contractors for the Govern-
ment Mail, a true copy of which was forwarded to
this Office, and that on the receipt of this report in-
structions were issued to the respective District
Engineers to take immediate measures for the repair of
the Road in question.

2.

In Extract Minutes Consultation N: 1541

dates

dated 23rd August 1856 Government sanctioned an Estimate amounting to Rupees 10,070, Sixteen thousand and seventy, for re-metalling, the portion of the Trunk Road in the Chingéput District between the moundir and Aulranhiam, a distance of 10 miles up to the 49th Milestone, which has been carried into execution; but the District Engineer in reporting upon the present condition of the road under his charge, states that the metalling is worn off the portion between the 49th and 59th milestones, and therefore forwards an Estimate amounting to Rupees 13,100, Thirteen thousand and four hundred, for re-metalling this portion, intimating that directions have been given to perform the necessary repairs to the road so far as the annual maintenance allowance permits of it.

3. Captain Moberly explains that the traffic on this road has increased considerably, and during the month of September it was double that in previous months. The delay in forwarding the Estimate, it is stated, is owing to Captain Moberly wishing to satisfy himself as to the correctness of the rates therein

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therein provided for, which he has since done, and in submitting the same examined in this Office for the orders of Government. I beg to state that the necessity for the work is undoubted.

4. There being no funds available in the Current Year, I recommend the Estimate amounting to Rupees 13,100, Thirteen thousand and four hundred, for entry in the Budget of 1860/61.

I have the honor to be,
Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
4 November 1859
Lt. Col. L. L. L.
Dy. Chief Eng. C. Birch

Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
W. Bell Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer.

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

Superintendent

Cash: September 5th 1851-52.

From the Chief Engineer
By 30th Nov 52 @ 2139.
into 20th Dec 52 588.
From 8th 28th Feb 60
to 28th Sep 60.

1851/24, 4/25

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for 1859-60.
2900.

From,
The Chief Engineer
The Secretary to the Government
(J. W. D.

(Paid 4) { November 1859
(Received 8th.
2nd 1859 &
2nd 1859. 10th Nov 59
Returned 12-12-59.
balance for only in the
Budget of 1860/61, an estimate
amounting to 21,400, arising
from the Central Engineer of
Engineering, for a metalling that
portion of Grand Canal No. 8.
between the 4th and 5th mile, and
in making an under in repairs to
the same off. With 1000 under

W. M. 2630

The estimate received with
this letter is for metalling five miles of Grand
road. 10th from 11th to 12th (including) in the
single part of the road, viz. from 10th to the
5th milestone. It is at the rate of 1340 lb per
mile. The price of sand in gravel is
included in a statement of 21,400
sent by the Minister. The same road
from 11th to 12th is included, it
being by miles at the rate of 1000 lb per
mile. During the year, the Government in
some of the districts the larger
additional expenditure is now proposed,
without some expenditure on the same of
the present condition of the road, at some repairs,
notwithstanding the better maintenance
of the same.
10th Nov 59 } 1000 lb per mile. 10th Nov 59 }
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