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

No. 119. Read the following letter from C. A. ROBERTS, Esq., Officiating Post Master General; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 11th November 1859, No. 2838.

I have the honor to mention for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and such notice as may be thought fit, my personal experience of the condition of the southern trunk road between Trichinopoly and Madras. I allude to that portion of it, between Trichinopoly and Ooloondoorpett.

2. Though travelling with relays of bullocks and always two pairs to my carriage, and with the occasional assistance of coolies, I was 40 hours travelling these 77 miles, and that not including halts at bungalows.

Within seven or eight miles of Trichinopoly, in spite of the two pairs of bullocks and six coolies pushing, my transit sunk deep into the mud, and there I was detained some five hours, till the morning dawned and a further supply of coolies could be procured.

3. This, judging by the condition of the road nearer Madras is quite beyond the ordinary effects of the season on a road in a proper state of repair.

4. The mails for the last six weeks have in consequence been greatly delayed, and the mail contractors complain frequently, and with justice, of the heavy losses incurred by the breaking down of their horses.

5. I would also, though not a mail-cart road, beg to remark on the approach to Trichinopoly from Caroor, which consists, as it appeared to me, of one long line of mud, beginning some seven miles east of the Ambiravati, and extending to the precincts of Trichinopoly town.

I noticed along a great portion of it, heaps of gravel or laterite lying at regular intervals, either in the middle or at the sides of the roads, and there they have lain apparently for some time past.

6. To the different inquiries I have casually made, I have been almost invariably informed, that the hands of the Engineer officers are tied for want of funds. It is under this impression that I address the Government directly upon the subject.

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1859, No. 2697.

A copy of this letter will be sent to the Chief Engineer, with the request that he will explain the cause of the very bad condition of the trunk road No. 8, as described by the acting Post Master General, notwithstanding the liberal maintenance allowance. He will also direct the execution of such work as may be immediately practicable, to improve its present state.

2. The attention of the Chief Engineer will also be called to Mr. Roberts' remarks on the road from Trichinopoly to Caroor. It is observed that so long ago as 10th December 1858, the late Chief Engineer reported, in reply to an order pointing out the bad state of this road, that orders had then recently been given for the execution of an estimate of Rs. 30,000 for reforming and metalling this road. Its present condition, and the cause of the circumstance noticed by Mr. Roberts, viz. that the road is nearly impassable from mud, while heaps of material lie close by and seem to have been so lying for some time; calls for explanation, which should be furnished without delay.

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

Public Works Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 19th November 1859

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To
The Chief Eng. Disb. 19
1 " Asst. Quarter Master Genl.
4 " Public Dept. 52182

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I regret the bad condition of this road to the notice of Govt in Decr. 1858.

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No. of the Madison Road
Sept. 21 November 1839.

From the King's Road
25: March 1836. On 236 in
Can.

Respecting the bad
condition of the Hunt
Road 1708 between the
Chimney and O'Leary's
Jett and the road from
O'Leary's to Can.

No. 119 & 120.

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