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No. 163. Read the following Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated Chepauk, 27th October 1860, No. 6,316:—

Read the following letter from Captain J. BEAN, District Engineer, Malabar, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Calicut, 11th October 1860, No. 284.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings, No. 5,411, dated 1st October, calling for a scheme for the collection of a Toll on the Tambracherry Pass.

2. In reply I have the honor to observe that Government, in their Order No. 294 of the 10th February 1857, paragraph 4, called for this Report from the local authorities when the proper time arrived to do so.

3. It appears to me that this Order was intended to be acted on as soon as the new Tambracherry Ghâut was opened, and was passed on a letter of the Chief Engineer's written nearly four years ago. The Ghâut trace for pack bullocks certainly cannot be opened by this next season, and I believe the earliest probable date which can be mentioned will be May 1862, that is, after two working seasons have elapsed. I would, therefore, beg to recommend that the subject be taken up again as soon as this work is accomplished, and would, with the Chief Engineer's approval, defer reporting on a scheme until this period has arrived. We shall then be able to obtain traffic returns, and be in a better position to come to a decision on the matter.

4. Mr. Grant the Collector takes the same views. In a letter dated 9th instant, No. 5,623, he says, "I agree in the opinion expressed in your letter of the 8th instant that it will be well "not to take up the question of Tolls on the Ghaut until the line approaches completion."

5. The Government, I understand, commencing from the present official year, have authorized the levy of a tax on all lands bearing Coffee in Wainád at 2 Rupees per acre, I do not think, therefore, that the generality of Planters will be prepared at present to consider the question of levying a Toll on the Coffee which passes down the Ghâut.

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, No. 294, dated 10th February 1857, with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer that the District Engineer's request* may be complied with.

* Paragraph 2.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut-Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 164. ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1860, No. 2,323.

1. No toll should be levied on the Tambracherry or any other Pass till it is completed and open for traffic.

2. With reference to the last paragraph of Captain Bean's letter, the Government observe that the proposed toll has no connection whatever with the land tax.

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

No 284

Calicut 11th Octr 1860

From

Captain J. Beaw,

District Engineer Malabar.

To

Lieut.t Colonel J. Biddwood,

Deputy Chief Engr Southern

Circle D.O.W.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Proceedings No 5411 dated 1st October, calling for a scheme for the collection of a Toll on the Tambracherry Pass

2. In reply I have the honor to observe that Government in their order No 294 of the 10th February 1857 — paragraph 4. called for this report from the local authorities when the proper time arrived to do so.

3. It appears to me that this order was intended to be acted on as soon as the new Tambracherry Ghaut was opened, and it was passed

passed on a letter of the Chief Engineers written nearly 4 years ago. The Ghaut trace for pack bullocks certainly cannot be opened by the next season, and I believe the earliest probable date which can be mentioned will be May 1862 that is after two working seasons have elapsed. I would, therefore, beg to recommend that the subject be taken up again as soon as this work is accomplished, and would, with the Chief Engineers approval, defer reporting on a scheme until this period has arrived. We shall then be able to obtain traffic returns, and be in a better position to come to a decision on the matter.

4 Mr. Grant the Collector takes the same views. In a letter dated 9th Instant N° 5623 he says, "I agree "in the opinion expressed in your "letter of the 8th Instant that it will "be well not to take up the ques- "tion of Tolls on the Ghaut until "the line approaches completion."

5. The Government I under-
stand, commencing from the present
Official year, have authorized the levy
of a tax on all lands bearing Coffee
in Wynaad at 2 Rupees per acre,
I do not think, therefore, that the
generality of Planters will be
prepared at present to consider the
question of levying a toll on the
Coffee which passes down the Ghaut.

I have the honor to be
Signed J. Bean Capt^n
District Engr Malabar

N° 6316

Submitted for the informa-
tion of Government, with reference
to their Order, N° 294, dated 10th
February 1857, with the recom-
mendation of the Chief Engineer
that the District Engi-
neer's request may* be

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be complied with.

Central Office of P.W.
Chepauk
27 October 1866

W. P. Cordiley Lieut. R.E.
Chief Engineer &c.

Lieut. R.E.
Dy. Chief Engr. S. Circle

To

J. D. Bourdillon, Esqre.,
Secretary to Government of Mad.
Fort Saint George.

5.2 Returned.

Cons: 10th February /57 Nos 24-25
~~8th Dembr/59 — 94 & 95~~
R Rio: 16th May /60 — 43 & 78
~~Rio 9th June — 44 & 46.~~
~~" " " — 185 & 86.~~
~~" 15th July — 22 & 23.~~
3.25 Dec 60 No 2946 Ed

Official year: and that the report may be permitted to be deferred until the Completion of the Trace, as agreed by the Collector of Malabar and recommends that the Dist Engineer's request may be complied with.

Nos 163 & 164.

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No 2600.

From
Lt Col W. H. Horsley
Chief Engineer D W
To J. D. Bourdillon Esqr
Secy to Govt. P W D
Dated 27
Rec'd 29th } Oct 1860
No 6316

Submits letter from Dist Engr Malabar stating that in Proceedings No 294 of 10th Febry /57 Govt called for a scheme for the collection of a Toll on the Tambracherry Pass when the time arrived to report it that the probable date of completion of the Grand Trace for Pack Bullock will be May /62: that Govt authorized to levy Trace mall lands bearing Coffee at 2 Rs per acre from the present Official year.

No 2323. 9th Nov 60
With an order

No-2323.
No 2323

No toll should be levied on the Tambracherry or any other pass till it is completed and open for traffic.

2 With reference to the last paragraph of Captain Beani's letter, the Government observe that the proposed toll has no connection whatever with the land trace.

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Govt Nos 2323 & 2324
9th Nov 60

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