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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of January 1860.*

No. 162. Read the following letter from Messrs. LECKIE and Co., Bombay; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Madras, dated Bombay, 2nd December 1859.

With reference to a communication which we had the honor to address to you on the 10th of June last, we beg to acquaint you for the information of Government, that the Traction Engine to which we then alluded, is on board the ship "Excelsior," which may be looked for at Bépár during the present month.

2. We have only this morning received a telegram from Calicut, conveying the unpleasant intimation that Captain Bean, the Resident Engineer, reports that he has no funds to repair the road and bridges from Calicut to the foot of the Tambercherri pass, and that we must either effect the repairs at our own expense, or lay by our Traction Engine.

3. Such repairs of this road as were effected before 1858, were defrayed from the "ferry funds," but last season upon our urgent representations as to the necessity for its improvement to such an extent as to make it a good bandy road, it was intimated to us that Government were prepared to expend Rupees (2,000) two thousand, provided the remaining funds required, say Rupees (5,000) five thousand, were added by subscription from those most interested in the maintenance of the communication. Of this amount, the coffee estates in south Wynád in which we are interested, contributed Rupees (3,500) three thousand five hundred, and we mention this in proof of our desire to assist to the utmost in the promotion of a work which is calculated to develop and extend the internal commerce of the district, to help others engaged in its prosecution, and to increase the revenue.

4. The intelligence which we have now received places us at fault, for we were under the impression that having subscribed so largely last year for the formation of the road for bandy purposes, we might fairly expect that Government would devote at least what they had done in former years towards its maintenance, and that it would be kept in such a state as to enable us to run our traction engine over the line with safety. But, from the reports of our representatives in Calicut, who have made careful enquiry, we find that nothing whatever is to be done, and we most respectfully submit the hardship of the case for consideration.

5. We shall be prepared, if necessary, to pay our share of any toll on traffic which may yield a fair interest for the money to be expended, or should this view of re-imbursement fail to meet the views of Government, to acquiesce as far as in our power in any other arrangement which may be proposed.

Respectfully soliciting an *early* consideration of the subject as the chief traffic season is now coming on.

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1860, No. 237.

The Government have no information beyond that contained in this letter respecting the subscription referred to in paragraph 3, they resolve, therefore, to request the Chief Engineer, with reference to the extract given in the

Paragraph 3 * * * * * The remainder of this line to Calicut by the joint assistance of the gentlemen planters is being made practicable for wheel traffic." margin, from his letter of the 21st February 1859 No. 8076, which apparently refers to the

contributions of the planters, to report, if it be in his power, what correspondence there has been upon the subject between the Planters and the Collector or District Engineer, and what was the amount subscribed by the former. If he has not this information himself he will call for it by telegraph from the District Engineer or Collector.

2. The Chief Engineer will also report what has been done of late towards making the road practicable for wheeled carriages; what the present state of the road is; and, if the work has been stopped, as stated by Messrs. Leckie and Co., whether it should not be allowed to proceed, simultaneously with the work on the ghát road sanctioned under date the 13th instant, No. 113.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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J. D. Bowdillon Esq, Civil Service,
Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to a communication which we had the honor to address to you on the 10th of June last we beg to acquaint you for the information of Government that the Traction Engine to which we then alluded, is on board the ship "Excelsior" which may be looked for at Bepore during the present month.

2. We have only this morning received a Telegram from Calicut conveying the unpleasant intimation that Captain Beau the Resident Engineer, reports that he has no funds to repair the road and bridges from Calicut to the foot of the Tamborcherry Pass, and we must either effect the repairs at our own expense, or lay by our Traction Engine.

3. Such repairs of this road as were effected before 1858, were defrayed from the "Survey Funds," but last Season upon our urgent representations as to the necessity for its improvement to such an extent as to make it a good Bandy Road, it was intimated to us that Government were prepared to expend Rupees Two Thousand, provided the remaining ^{funds} required, say Rupees Five Thousand

Rs 2000

R^d 5000.

R^d 3500.

Five Thousand were added by Subscription from those most interested in the maintenance of the Com. unication. Of this amount, the Office Estates in South Tynead in which we are interested, contributed Rupees Three Thousand and five hundred, and we mention this in proof of our desire to assist to the utmost in the promotion of a work which is calculated to develop & extend the internal Commerce of the District, to help others engaged in its prosecution, and to increase the Revenue.

4. The intelligence which we have now received places us at fault, for we were under the impression that having subscribed so largely last year for the formation of the road for Bandy purposes, we might fairly expect that Government would devote at least what they had done in former years towards its maintenance, & that it would be kept in such a state as to enable us to run our Traction engine over the line with safety. But, from the reports of our representatives in Calcutta who have made careful enquiry, we find that nothing whatever is to be done, and we most respectfully submit the hardship of the case for consideration.

5. We shall be prepared, if necessary, to pay our share of any Toll on traffic which may yield a fair interest for the money to be expended, or should this view of reimbursement fail to meet the views of Government, to acquiesce as far as in our power in any other arrangement which may be proposed.

Respectfully

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Early consideration of the subject
as the chief Traffic Season is now
coming on,

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servants,

Reckie & Co.

Bombay

2nd December

1859

By

Read the following
letter from Ingles Leckie & Co.

Intimate that the traction engine is expected this month & represent the necessity for the repair of the road (Here enter 2 December 1859) from Calicut to the foot of the Tambercherry Pass.

The Govt have
no information beyond
that contained in this
letter respecting the
subscription referred
to in para 3. They resolve
therefore, to request the
Ch. Engr. to state
with reference to the
extract given in the
margin from his letter
of the 21st July 1897,
80/10, which apparently

Para 9 * * * * * The
remainder of the time to be lent
by the joint assistance of the
gentleman planters is being
made practicable for when
tripped.

⑨ 11-15.4 100g/50mL = 22.2

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James

Moore & Cheever

Feb 22

Mendocino { *Chemnitz* / sq.

Feb 27. 30. Dm

Dependent that the "Nation Empire" will be able to do so.

The Board of the Bank of the United States has been

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refers to the contributions
of the planters, to report, if it be in his
submits the corres- pondence, what course
pendence relating thereto has been taken
to the subject recently in dispute between
him either the Col. or the planters & the
or direct Engrs of the Commr or Dist. or
the labor. of Engrs. Surgen - and
any Col. Ball will subscribe to the
call on these ^{Collegiate} ~~officers~~ former - & he
by telegraph, to send Mr. and Mrs. in par-
ticular the correspondence himself he will
which has passed with him by tele-
since 1858, between - people from the
Messrs Leckie & Co. & Engrs &
and himself respect. Commr
ing the road in question
and the offer of the
planters to contribute
towards its improve-
ment

The Engrs

also report what has
been done of late ⁱⁿ making
the road prac-
ticable for wheeled
carriages: what the
present state of the
road is; and, if the
work has been stopped,
as stated by Messrs
Leckie & Co. whether
he would recommend
that it should not be
allowed to proceed,
simultaneously with the
work on the ghat road
sanctioned under date
the 13th inst No 113.

JF

10 Copies to the Chief Engrs
D. J. P.

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1870 2/11/17

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2/11/17 2/11/17

From the black and grey
March 1870 2/11/17

Red, black and grey
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from black to the top
of the black and grey

1870 2/11/17