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No. 171. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 29th November 1860, No. 7,468 :—

SIR,

1. In accordance with paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, No. 2,020 of the 28th September 1860, the Acting District Engineer of Kurnool was called upon to submit an Estimate for completing the Mantarala Kanama to a width of twelve feet, and to state what yearly allowance he recommended should be given for the maintenance and gradual improvement of the road. Those Estimates have unfortunately not been received, but it is hoped they may arrive in time for entry in the Budget 1861-62.

2. Lieutenant Beckley has, however, forwarded in an original letter, as per margin, an Estimate Rupees 9,900 for partially making, that is, for cutting side channels for drainage, and for metalling, and tunnelling only where urgently required, the road between Dupad and Dornal, a distance of 18 miles, on the east side of the pass, and in continuation of the same line.

3. After a little rain the route is at present utterly impracticable for carts and very few at present use it.

4. The District Engineer further adduces the fact of the Dupad Taluq being shut off by hills and rivers from the Head Quarters of the District, and the long circuit parties are obliged to make when obliged to attend the Court or Kacheri at Kurnool, as an argument for making a good road from its cusbah town, of the same name, to Dornal.

5. In selecting the line to be followed he has had the advantage of the previous surveys of Captain Mayer and Mr. Skipp, and in the point where they most greatly differ, viz., in the mode of getting through the gorge in the limits of Tokapully and Mallamvaram has chosen that recommended by Captain Mayer.

6. Lieutenant Beckley notes an advantage to be gained by working out a road in proximity to the ghât at the same time that the ghât work itself is progressing, and that is, that the work on the pass could be carried on by a system of relays of coolies from the work in the plains; and thus, by limiting the time of working in the unhealthy pass, and by alternating it with the work below, there would be less probability of the laborers suffering from the hill fever, than if they were subjected to unvarying occupation on the pass.

7. That advantage, however, could not be gained at once, inasmuch as the work at the pass will be carried on in the current Official year, whereas the Estimate now forwarded, and which has been carefully examined and found in all respects to be correct, can only find a place in the Budget of 1861-62, for entry in which I have now the honor to recommend it.

8. A copy of the Acting Collector's letter to the Acting District Engineer is herewith forwarded, by which Government will observe that Mr. Minchin fully concurs in all that Lieutenant Beckley has written concerning the importance of completing the said line of communication with the least possible delay.

No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1860, No. 2,562.

The Estimate submitted with this letter amounting to Rupees (9,900) nine thousand and nine hundred is sanctioned for entry in the Budget for 1861-62.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

N^o 7468

Central Office of P.W.D.
Chennai.
29th November 1860

From
Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Hasley
Chief Engineer P.W.D.

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To

J. D. Sim Esq^r

Acting Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

Fort Saint George

Enclosures 5

1 letter from Dist. Eng^r Kurnool
N^o 647 dated 25 Sept 1860
1 letter from Collector N^o 407
dated 28th September 1860
1 Estimate N^o 670 dated 6th Oct 1860
1 Sketch Map

Mandirale
Kannana

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District Engineer of Kurnool was called upon to submit an
Estimate for completing the alluvial Cannana to a width
of twelve feet and to state what yearly allowance he
recommended should be given for the maintenance and
gradual improvement of the road. These Estimates have
unfortunately not been received but it is hoped they may
arrive in time for entry in the Budget 1861/62.

2. Lieutenant Beckley has, however, forwarded
in an original letter, as per margin, an Estimate of Rs 9900
for partially metalling, that is for cutting side channels for
drainage, and for metalling, and tunnelling only where urgently
required

N^o 647. 25th September 1860

fully concurs in all that Lieutenant Beskley has written
concerning the importance of completing the said line of
communication with the least possible delay.

Central Office of M.S.
Che. Hawk
29 November 1860.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

A.B. Smith
Acty. Secy. Ch. Hawk

Your most obedient servant

W. W. Woodlee

Chief Engineer

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J. D. Kim Esq.

Acting Secretary to Government M.S.

Fort Saint George

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