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*Proceedings of the Madras Government Public Works Department,
12th December 1860.*

No. 181. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 30th November 1860, No. 7,504 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the orders of Government of the 4th May last, No. 928, reducing the maintenance allowance of the first 32½ miles of Trunk Road No. 6 from Rupees 17,810 to Rupees 6,955, I have the honor to submit the accompanying letters from the District Engineer of Madras, representing the propriety of a re-consideration of this decision.
- 1 Letter from District Engineer, Madras, No. 170, dated 29th May 1860.
1 Do. from do. No. 486, dated 25th July 1860.
1 Do. from do. No. 952, dated 2nd November 1860.

2. In his letter No. 170 of the 29th May 1860, Captain Moberly pointed out that, in my predecessor's letter to Government of the 11th April last, No. 12,204, the above reduction of the allowance was recommended to be carried out only after the completion of the road from Tada to the Trunk Road, and the thorough improvement of the Canal ; but that this new road could not, at the earliest, be completed until after the present monsoon, consequently the traffic was sure to continue on the Trunk Road ; and besides, he drew attention to the amount of traffic daily entering Madras, which was local traffic, not taking the Canal and nearly four times as much as that entering at Arambák, the boundary of the District. It was at the same time brought to notice that arrangements had already been made with contractors for upwards of Rupees 6,000 worth of metalling for the road, so that there was very little remaining out of the reduced allowance for laying the same on the road. It having been pointed out to the District Engineer that some reduction in the allowance must take place, Captain Moberly, in a subsequent letter, requests that not more than one-third of the allowance of Rupees 17,810, viz., Rupees 5,937, be deducted, leaving for the current official year Rupees 11,873, as with the reduced amount allowed by Government in their orders under reference the road will soon go to ruin.

3. Before submitting this request to Government, the District Engineer was desired to report upon the road after personal inspection which he has done in his letter of the 2nd instant, No. 952, and from this report it will be seen that the road is for the most part in great want of repair, being full of holes and ruts, and in some places not only is the metalling worn away, but the foundation of the road has been destroyed, and that the reduced allowance of Rupees 6,955 has been entirely expended.

4. On the foregoing grounds I have to request that Government will be pleased, on a re-consideration of the subject, to sanction the sum of Rupees 11,873, which is Rupees 4,918 in excess of the reduced amount, as the maintenance allowance for the current official year for the road in question, and to recommend that, as proposed by the District Engineer, the traffic on certain points be carefully taken down, and a further report on the road and its traffic be submitted at the end of that period.

		Rs.
5. The saving by the reduction ordered in Proceedings of Government		
No. 928, dated 4th May 1860, was		10,855
out of which		1,060
was sanctioned in the order of the 24th July 1860, No. 1,579, for		
the Tada road, leaving a balance of... ..		9,795
Deduct additional amount applied for in paragraph 4 of this		
letter for the maintenance of the Trunk Road No. 6 for the		
current official year... ..		4,918
		—
		4,877

Leaving a balance still available of
for the improvement of the Dugarazpatam road, regarding which I have addressed Government in a separate letter, No. 7,505, dated 30th November 1860.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th December 1860.

No. 182. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1860, No. 2,567.

Under the circumstances stated, the Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the sum of Rupees (11,873) eleven thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, being Rupees 4,918 in excess of the amount ordered to be reduced in Proceedings of 4th May 1860, No. 928, as the maintenance allowance for the current official year, of the first 32½ miles of Trunk Road No. 6. He also desires that the traffic in certain points specified by the District Engineer, be carefully taken down, and a further report on the road and its traffic be submitted at the end of the present official year.

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

Central Office No.
No. 7504. Chepurak. 30th Nov 1860.
From,

Vicutenant Colonel N. H. Dorely,
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

To,

J. D. Sim Esq.,
Acting Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

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25th July 1860

N^o 486

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Sir,

Perak

30th Nov 1860

Your most Obedt Servt

W. S. Coll
of Ch. & C. Clerk

W. M. Rosslee
Chief Engineer

To

J. D. Sim. Esq.

Acting Secretary to Government (Roads)
Port Louis (Georg.)

E. M. P. Harper

Note.

Up to May 1860 the allowance for the portion of the trunk road N^o 6 from Marton, Northwards was Rs. 548 per mile - On the 4th of that month this allowance was reduced from the 1st ed: to 214 Rs per mile, being the 2nd allowance for the road beyond the trunk road the part of Jada on the Northern Canal was at once to be opened, so that the traffic now on the road might be diverted to the Canal, & thus lessen the wear & tear of the road.

Capt Wheeler states that this branch-road cannot be made till after the monsoon - and that after all there will be a great deal of traffic on the main road - which he is sure will be transferred to the Canal - and that notwithstanding the reduction of repairs allowance he laid out large sums in collecting materials &c. for the road - the Chief Engineer ^{has} that the original estimate of Rs 366 - instead of Rs 214 Rs allowance be reduced only 1/3 or to Rs 366 - instead of Rs 214 Rs

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