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

No. 97. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer ;
to the Secretary to Government, dated 25th January 1860, No. 9567.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 2697, dated 19th November 1859,

I have the honor to submit the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Trichinapali, No. 919, dated 28th November 1859, reporting on the condition of a portion of trunk road No. 8, and on the road from Trichinapali to Kérúr.

2. With regard to the first line of communication Captain Moberly observes, that the only difficult portion in his district which has been brought to his notice is that near the Pungamí, (the point probably referred to in paragraph 2 of the Officiating Post Master General's letter, dated 11th November 1859,) which having been swept away in August last, was restored in September following, and for upwards of a month has been exposed to the effects of continual rains. This piece of road is represented to be a slightly raised causeway running through paddy fields, having its trenches always filled with water, and consequently incapable of being properly drained. Such being its condition, the District Engineer states that it is only natural to find it a bog after a months rain and under very heavy traffic.

3. The maintenance allowance sanctioned by Government, for this portion of the road* is Rupees 14,000 or about Rupees 285 a mile. This sum I do not consider large, if the heavy traffic passing thereon, coupled with the difficulty of procuring gravel (in consequence of which a much larger quantity of pit soil has to be used) and the damages so frequently caused by the rains are taken into consideration. Out of this amount about Rupees 4,600 have been spent, leaving a balance to be laid out on the road of Rupees 9,400.

4. With reference to the road from Trichinapali to Kérúr, the District Engineer reports that in consequence of the heavy rain during the month of November he considered it unadvisable to lay gravel on a mass of mud of which this road is said to be composed during the wet weather. Moreover, Captain Moberly brings to notice the very limited amount of maintenance allowance Rupees 720, authorized for this road, in consequence of which he was compelled to be careful in the expenditure of that sum.

5. Out of the sum of Rupees 30,000,† alluded to by Government in paragraph 2 of the order quoted above, Rupees 20,838 appears from the progress report for October, to have been expended, viz. Rupees 4,764 in the past, and Rupees 16,074 in the current official year, and full particulars as to the manner in which these amounts have been laid out are given in the enclosed statement received from the District Engineer.

6. A great deal of gravel it will be observed has been provided, but the work has been stopped for want of funds owing to the reduced sum, viz. Rupees 40,000, allowed for new works in the Trichinapali district.

7. The subjoined memorandum will shew the unexpended balance of the estimates sanctioned for the road, of which it will be observed that Rupees 15,000 have been provided for in the budget for next year, which leaves Rupees 9,872, still for future outlay, but it is probable that a portion of this sum will be spent in the current year, from such amount as the District Engineer may be able to save from the allotment for repairs.

MEMORANDUM.

Metalling and reforming the road from Trichinapali to Coimbatúr...	Rs. 30,000
Supplemental estimate...	15,710
	45,710
Amount expended up to October 1859.....	20,838
	24,872
Amount allowed for expenditure in the budget of 1860-61.	15,000
	9,872

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

8. This report has been delayed by references to the District Engineer.

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1860, No. 304.

Communicated to the Officiating Post Master General with reference to the order 19th November 1859 No. 2097.

2. The Chief Engineer will give his attention to the two roads referred to in this letter and see that they are kept in as good order as the funds available will admit.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Sub 2
1 Letter from the Dist. Engr.
Trichinopoly 8.9.19
dated 28.11.1859
1 Statement dated 12.1
January 1860. —

Referred

N^o 9567

Central Office of P.W.D.
S. P. K. M.
25th January 1860

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

"General"

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Memo

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Metalling and performing the Road from
T. L. H. A. B. C.

Tichinopoly to Coimbatore

35000

Supplemental Estimate

18710

45710

Amount expended up to October 1859.

20,838

24872

Amount allowed for expenditure in the

Budget of 1860/61

15000

9872

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Central Office of S.W.

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25th January 1860.

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Yours most obedient servant



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Chief Engineer

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