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No. 24. Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated 18th February 1860, No. 10474.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Proceedings, Madras Government, marginally noted, requesting to be informed what correspondence has taken place between the Coffee Planters in Wynád and the Collector or District Engineer, regarding the repair of the road from Calicut to the foot of the Tambracherri ghát in the Malabar district.

No. 237, dated 30th January 1860.
1 Original letter from District Engineer, Malabar, No. 21, dated 6th February 1860.
1 Do. from Collector, No. 398, dated 8th February 1860.

2. In 1858 the road was in a very bad state, covered with large stones and rocks, it had been badly traced with steep ascents and decents so as to be impracticable for bandies; and the Coffee Planters seemed anxious that the road should be made practicable for wheeled conveyances. On this subject the Collector and District Engineer had several conversations with the Coffee Planters, when some came forward and offered to make up the sum of the District Engineer's estimate, amounting to Rupees 7,500 for turning the steep hills, building a few new, and repairing a few old bridges, for covering the rocky portions and otherwise improving the line, 28 miles in length beyond the sum of Rupees 2,000, proposed by the Collector to be expended from the ferry funds.

3. The Collector reports* that Rupees 4,500 were subscribed as follows:—

* No. 398 dated 8th February 1860.

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Mr. Wells on account of the "Luckadie" "Culli" and "Adelaide" estates.....	2,500
Mr. Remington on account of the "Hope" and Chambra estates.....	1,000
Messrs. Parry and Co.....	1,000
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to this was added Rupees 2,000 as per sanction of the Chief Engineer, under date 3rd August 1858, No. 2447, making a total of Rupees 6,500, of which up to December 1858 the District Engineer reports, he had laid out on the road the amount allotted from the ferry fund, and between that and the following April, he expended Rupees 4,000 of the subscription, and the remaining Rupees 500 in July last.

4. The road is now and has been open for common bandy traffic for several months. When the repairs were made it was not contemplated that a traction engine of several tons was to be worked on it and in the construction of the tunnel, &c. allowance was made for the lighter traffic only, this the District Engineer informed Mr. Punnett, Messrs. Leckie and Co.'s agent at the time.

No. 25. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be dispatched.

From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to Messrs. LECKIE, and Co., Bombay, dated 2nd March 1860, No. 456.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter bearing date the 2nd December last and, in reply, to forward, for your information copy of a report* which has just been made by the Chief Engineer on the road from Calicut to the foot of the Tambracherri ghát.

* Dated 18th February 1860, No. 10474.

2. You will learn from this report, that so far from "nothing whatever having been done towards making the above communication practicable for bandy purposes," the sum of Rupees 6,500 (Rupees 4,500 of which were contributed by the planters) had been expended on it up to July 1859; and that it is now, and has been for several months past open for the ordinary wheeled traffic—which alone was contemplated when the repairs were made.

Central Office 2nd D.P.W.
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18th February 1860.

No. 1041/4

From,

The Chief Engineer

To,

The Secretary
to Government D.P.W.

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Central Office of Ps
Sebastopol
18th February 1860

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

W. L. Lieut Col
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Chief Engineer

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Dy. Secy. to Govt.

No. 456.

Roads Central Div.

Bombay 9th

Gentlemen

I am directed by Lieutenant Colonel Fraser Chief Engineer & Secretary to Government Public Works Department to forward herewith for the information of Government a letter from the Collector of Ahmednuggur dated the 23rd Decr. last and its enclosure on the subject of the repair of the road from Cal'ciat to the Tamhachawri pass and the amount subscribed by the Sirdars and Planters towards the repair of the road.

I am &c.

(Sd) [illegible]

Secy. to Govt.

Pro. 1860 Department
Pro. of Govt 10th March.
No. 1661.

From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary
to Government P.W.D.

Dated 18th February 1860
Recd 20th
No. 1164/4

Enc. 2 Returned 23-4-60

Acknowledges the receipt of the orders of Government No. 23 dated 30th January 1860, and furnishes the information therein called for relative to the repair of the road from Calciat to the Tamhachawri pass and the amount subscribed by the Sirdars and Planters towards the repair of the road.

No. 456. 2d March

Copy to the Collector
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J.P.

Fort St. George
2d. March /60

Public Works 1860 Dept.
Pro: of Govt 10th March.

No 456.

To Messrs Leckie
& Co Bombay.
2nd March 1860.

From the Chief Engr 24th
March/60 & Estt £20
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Forwarding copy
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Tambracherri Ghat.

No 24 & 25.

C24: Lely Esq.