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No. 107. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Kimedy, 7th December 1861, No. 326:—

SIR,

Adverting to a Resolution of the Governor General lately published in the Calcutta Gazette, and announcing the intentions of the Supreme Government to devote an increased sum to expenditure on education and public works and especially to the completion of the Trunk Road between the Bengal frontier and Madras, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter addressed by me to the District Engineer, in which I have particularized some of the difficulties of the central portion of the line in this district, which are such that the carts actually come westward into the Kimedy country, a distance of twelve miles, and descend again an equal distance to regain the direct northern line, in order to avoid an impracticable stage between Caseebogah and Ruganadapoor, though still obliged to traverse four miles which in and immediately after the monsoon can only be passed by yoking all the bullocks procurable to each successive cart.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to Captain C. G. PHILIPPS Acting District Engineer, Berhampore, dated Kimedy, 7th December 1861, No. 206.

SIR,

1. Having lately ridden from Itchapore to Cunchely and from Huripore to the spot where the Kimedy and Poondy line crosses that of the future Trunk Road, I have the honor to suggest that one or two spots between Itchapore and Cunchely, which are now absolutely dangerous to bandies, should be rendered passable by a trifling expenditure on earth work, and that the masonry works between Itchapore and Caseeboogah be urged forward as rapidly as possible, so as to obviate the main difficulties which now render traffic so difficult and distressing.

2. As regards the slough which extends during the monsoon, and the subsequent two months from Caseeboogah to the Poondy road junction, a distance of about four miles, there is, I believe, a sanction of Rupees 10,000 available for expenditure, and it struck me that as there is at each end of this interval a hill of red gravelly soil it may be possible altogether to avoid using the false soil which extends over these four miles.

3. Of the difficulties between the Poondy road junction and Tekaly Ruganadapore I cannot speak from observation, but they must be very formidable, for while traversing the Poondy and Kimedy road, I found that all the cart traffic from north to south diverges at Tekaly Ruganadapore on to the new line by Malpetta to Shahpoora, and then turns eastward along the Poondy road which it leaves again in order to resume the northern line through Caseeboogah, as it was never intended to throw on to them branch lines the whole traffic proper to the Trunk Road. I think this circumstance should be brought pointedly to the notice of Government, in view to the application to this section of some of the extra funds likely to be available for Public Works, and specially designed by the Supreme Government for the completion of the Imperial line between the Bengal frontier and Madras, as stated in the late Resolution of the Governor General. Extra and special superintendance should also, I think, be granted in order that this line may be made practicable for carts before another monsoon.

4. I would suggest your addressing the Chief Engineer on this subject, and will myself forward copy of this letter to the Revenue Secretary to Government, so that no time may be lost in bringing the wants of the District to His Excellency's notice in view to the anticipated grant of funds.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Collector.*

Transferred to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works' Department, 24th January 1862.

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 24th January 1862, No. 55.

1. The Government observe that an Estimate amounting to Rupees 34,660 for the Trunk Road from Nowpadah to Caseeboogah was sanctioned in their Proceedings No. 2,450, dated 31st December 1861 for entry in the Budget of 1862-63, and that authority was also granted for laying out at once on that line the unexpended sum of Rupees 5,000 provided for in the Budget of the current year, for the road between Chicacole and Sunthoshapuram.

2. The Chief Engineer will be requested to report whether a further sum can be obtained from the allotment of the Ganjam District for the current year, for expenditure on the former of the above lines. If not, he will state whether additional funds for the purpose can be obtained by transfer from other Districts, where it may be found impracticable to expend the entire allotment.

3. The attention of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, is called to the remarks contained in paragraph 1 of Mr. Forbes' letter to the Acting District Engineer, Ganjam, and he is requested to state what masonry works are therein referred to, and whether they have been sanctioned or not.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut-Colonel,
Chief Engr. and Secy. to Govt., D.P.W.

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From the Collr. of Ganjam

H.E. No 326 dated 7. Decr/61

The Government observed that an Estimate amounting to Rupees 34660 for the Trunk Road from Nowpadah to Caseeboogah was sanctioned in their Proceedings No 2450 dated 31. Decr. 1861. for entry in the Budget of 1862/63, and that authority was also granted for laying out at once on that line the unexpended Sum of Rupees 5000 provided for in the Budget of the Current year for the road between Chicacole and Sunthoshapu

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