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No. 196. Read the following Endorsement of Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Chepauk, 18th January 1862, No. 9,554:—

From Captain J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore, to Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. RUNDALL, Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Camp Ramadaus Chutterum, 16th October 1861, No. 2,301:—

SIR,

1. In acknowledging the receipt of Extract Proceedings of Chief Engineer, No. 8,250 of the 12th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I shall not be able to submit an estimate for completing the Cumbum, Ongole and Kotapatam road until the end of January or the beginning of February, as I have several days work yet to do south of Nellore before going northwards. The estimate prepared by Captain Greenaway for the portion east of Ongole, as already reported,* requires the revision of the rates, and the experience of this year's monsoon, during which a fall of 14 inches of rain in the twenty-four hours occurred,† has shown‡ that neither the level of the road across the salt swamp, nor the bridge referred to in the enclosures forwarded with the order now under reply, will do.

* Letter No. 1,638, dated 13th September 1861.

† At Ongole.

‡ Vide Letter, No. 1,985, dated 30th October 1861.

2. For the Dórinál road an estimate amounting to Rupees 1,01,000 has already been sanctioned; but this estimate was prepared five years ago, and since that the rates have risen considerably, and some work included in the estimate has been done out of the annual grant, and a good deal from local funds, so that it requires careful revision throughout. Last week I prepared all the details for masonry and other works required to complete the first eight miles, and I will forward the alterations for sanction as soon as the plans have been fair copied. These works with two or three detached masonry works between the 8th and 20th miles will about absorb the allotment of Rupees 14,000 made from the 1½ lac fund. The revision of the estimate for the remainder of the road cannot be undertaken just at present, as I have a great deal of work on hand requiring immediate attention.

3. In accordance with the instructions contained in your letter, No. 7,682 of the 27th ultimo, arrangements have been made for carrying on such portions of the work included in Captain Greenaway's estimate for the Ongole and Kotapatam road, as do not require to be revised, and similarly on the Dórinál road; every thing is in readiness for commencing work on the first eight miles, as soon as the funds are made available. From the order now under reply, however, it would seem that the previous submission of the revised estimates is required, and, if this be the case, the grants will be but of little use, so far as this year's work is concerned; for it is not possible, situated as I am, to prepare, with a due regard to accuracy, the estimates for more than 120 miles of road, and to get the plans made out, under three months, and then by the time they are sanctioned it will be too late to do any thing before the close of the year' while, on the other hand, if the money will be given before the close of the current month, I shall be able to make good use of it; and as regards the Dórinál road, I can send in estimates and plans for the work to be undertaken this year, before the work will have been actually commenced; and for the Cumbum and Ongole road, about a month after such commencement.

4. With regard to the delay that frequently occurs in obtaining sanction for expenditure I may here remark, that the revenue would have benefited to at least Rupees 10,000 had the sanction* for widening the Survapalli new cut reached me a month sooner. The failure of the monsoon near Nellore has made the supply from the Anicut Channels invaluable; but the Survapalli new cut could not be widened and consequently all the crops under the tanks in connection with it are now drying up; on the other hand, the permission given for the improvement of the main channel and its northern branches enabled us to double the supply to the cultivation in that direction, and there is an abundance of water, and the returns, owing to the outlay, will exceed by many thousands the expenditure incurred.

* 14th September 1861.

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Submitted to Government for consideration and with an earnest recommendation that if possible sanction may be given at once for the commencement of operations on the proposed road between the town of Ongole and the port of Kotapatam. The Collector and the District Engineer concur in strongly recommending the work as being of great promise to the District, but more especially in furtherance of the desired development of the cotton trade; and it will be seen by Captain Mullins' letter that if undertaken now, while the season is favorable, much delay will be avoided. It would seem undesirable that so confessedly important a work should be retarded on account of the apparently unavoidable delay in preparing a survey and estimate.

1 Original letter, No. 2,301, datad 16th December 1861.

(Signed) J. OUCHTERLONY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle.

No. 197. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1862, No. 99.

The Government observe that the application of the District Engineer has reference to the immediate commencement of work on the two roads marginally noted, for which sums have been allotted from the 1½ lac fund, whereas the Deputy Chief Engineer's Endorsement makes reference to one of them only, viz., that from Ongole to Kotapatam on the coast. Under the circumstances mentioned by the District Engineer, the Government approve of his commencing work forthwith on both roads, but he will be required to submit the revised estimates as promised in paragraph 3 of his letter for the final sanction of Government.

	RS.
From Ongole to Kotapatam..	14,000
From Nellore to Budwail....	14,000

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
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Chief Engr.
To The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 8th
Rec.d 10th
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