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No. 20. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Chepauk. 22nd April 1862, No. 276/Gm 71:—

Read the following letter from Captain C. G. PHILIPPS, Officiating District Engineer of Ganjam, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Ganjam, 8th April 1862, No. 421.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of the Proceedings of Government on the subject of Mr. Minchin's Memorandum, dated 17th February last, recommending the construction of a road from Kurcholy in Goomsur, to Kontaloo on the Mahanuddee river.

2. In paragraph 5 of Chief Engineer's report, I read with extreme satisfaction that the Canal from the Chilka Lake to Ganjam "is about to be recommended to Government," and I beg to draw attention to the fact that with this short link of 9¾ miles, water communication will be secured during the monsoon months between the port of Ganjam and the Mahanuddee river near Cuttack by a natural channel which exists, and is clearly shown in the recently published Trigonometrical map (No. 114) to which I beg you will refer.

3. Long before the Orissa Company has constructed its Canals from Cuttack to Pooree and Damrah, an immense trade will be created between Sonapore, Kontaloo and other marts on the banks of the Mahanuddee and Ganjam, where facilities exist for export not to be found at Pooree or "False point." At the former place pilgrims to Juggernauth ever bring Cholera in their train, and vast sand hills have to be traversed between the cultivated country and the sea. At the latter place ships lie off some seven miles from the pier, as stated by Mr. Minchin.

4. I find by a letter recently received from Cuttack, written by an Officer of the Public Works Department, that a road is being made "between Cuttack and Sonapore, running along "the right bank of the Mahanuddee and joining the road from Sumbulpoor to Raiepoor and Nag- "pore, at some point about 50 miles from the former place; thus a communication will be opened "between the Nagpore country, *i. e.*, the Central Provinces and the sea board in this Province."

5. If it is deemed necessary by the Bengal Government to construct a road parallel with the river, which is stated by the Chief ~~Chief~~ Engineer to be "now navigable as far as Sonapore, "100 miles higher up than Kontaloo," it is certainly worth while to connect Kurcholy with Kontaloo by the proposed road, enabling the Aska and Berhampore merchants to secure the produce of Nyaghur which is now brought in considerable quantities to the Ganjam ports during the hot season, when carts can traverse the intervening country.

6. A pensioned Subadar of the 5th Regiment informs me that he makes a profit of 25 per cent. on rice, which he is in the habit of purchasing in Nyaghur and selling in Berhampore.

7. My object, however, in addressing you is to impress the very great advantage to be derived from constructing the Chilka Canal, enabling, for four months in the year, the produce of Sonapore, and the whole delta of the Mahanuddee, to reach Ganjam by cheap water carriage at the insignificant outlay of Rupees 87,400.

8. I hope the Orissa Company may be induced hereafter to render permanent, throughout the year, water communication with the Chilla lake from Cuttack. It should never be forgotten that the distance from Cuttack to Ganjam is 100 miles, to Calcutta 300; that ships can load at Ganjam 10 Rupees per ton cheaper than at Calcutta, and that the Chilka lake provides 45 miles of water carriage in the direction of Ganjam at all seasons of the year.

1 Original letter No. 421, dated 8th April 1862

The accompanying letter from the Acting District Engineer Ganjam, No. 421, dated 8th April 1862, is submitted for the consideration of Government on the ground of its furnishing information in support of the alleged value and high promise to the surrounding country of the Chilka lake project, which was laid before Government with an estimate amounting to Rupees 90,000 in letter No. 181, dated 1st March 1862, from this Office.

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 2nd June 1862.

No. 21. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1862, No. 1,225.

1. Ordered that a copy of Captain Philipps' letter be forwarded to the Government of India with reference to the letter from this Government, No. 412, dated 12th March 1862.

2. The Government await the receipt of the revised estimate and returns of traffic called for in paragraph 11 of their Proceedings No. 916, dated 12th May 1862, before taking further steps in the matter of the Canal to connect the Chilka lake with Ganjam.

(Signed) W. H HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 22. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Wokrs Department, Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, P. W. D., dated 2nd June 1862, No. 1,226.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 412, dated 12th March 1862, I am desired by the Madras Government to forward for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council the accompanying copy of a letter No. 421, dated 8th April 1862, from the District Engineer Ganjam, regarding the road from Kurcholy in Goomsur to Kontaloo on the Mahanuddee River.

No. 421.

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To Lieut.-Colonel Anchterlony.
Deputy Chief Engineer
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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obed.t Servant.

C. D. Westbrook Capt.

Officiating District Engineer

Ganjam.

April 8th 1862.

To Gov.t 22 April 1862 No 276.

No 276

Cuttack Office P. W.

Chepauk, 22.d April 1862.

Endorsement

The accompanying letter from the acting District Engineer, Ganjam, No 421, dated 8th April 1862, is submitted for the consideration of Govt. in the ground of its furnishing information in support of the alleged value which pertains to the surrounding country of the Chilka Lake project, which was laid before Govt with an Estimate amounting to — Rs 90,000 — in. letter No 181 dated 1st March 1862 from this Office.

1 Enclosure
1 Copy Letter
No 421 dated 8 April
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Secretary Lt Colonel
No 2 Deputy Chief Engr & S. C.

To,

Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Horsley

Secretary to Government F. P. W.

Chepauk.

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Lieut.t Col.o J. Ouchterlony
No 2 Dv.n Chief Engr. & N.C.

To,
Lieut.t Col.o W. H. Horsley
Secy to Govt. P.P.
Chepauk.

Dated 22nd April 1862
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Submits letter from the District Engineer Ganjam on the ground of its furnishing information in support of the alleged value and high promise to the surrounding country of the Chilka Lake project.

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To The Dep.y Chief Engineer
E.C. Lieut.t Col.o Chepauk R.O.
3rd 2nd June 1862