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2nd October 1862.*

No. 7. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 19th September 1862, No. 61:—

SIR,

1 Letter from District Engineer No. 75,
dated 23rd August 1862.
1 Statement.
1 Sketch Map.

Vide G. O. No. 1,181, dated 28th May
1862.

1. It having become evident from the occurrence of excesses over amounts allowed for annual maintenance of certain lines of road in South Arcot in the accounts of the past year, that the subsidy was insufficient, the District Engineer was requested to consider the subject, and to submit a revised statement of increased expenditure for such lines as he deemed to demand it.

2. Accordingly Captain Foord has prepared a return showing how the entire question of road maintenance stands, and specifying three roads, the present allowance for which he considers insufficient; noting also the amounts by which he is of opinion the existing maintenance grants should be respectively increased. They are as follows:—

	RS.
No. 1. Tindevanum to Cuddalore through Pondicherry allowance to be increased by	2,320
" 2. Cuddalore to Trunk Road No. VIII by Punrooty do.	do. 1,400
" 3. Cuddalore to Tullavassel (Salem) for the first 22 miles do.	do. 1,100
Total increase...	4,820

3. As however one-third of the current year has now lapsed, I propose only to ask Government for permission to expend about two thirds of the sums specified in addition to the Budget grants,

	RS.
Say for No. 1. Tindevanum to Cuddalore...	1,500
" " 2. Cuddalore to Punrooty and No. VIII...	800
and " " 3. Cuddalore, 22 miles out towards Salem..	700

Total additional grant... 3,000

to be provided for out of the General Funds of the District.

4. I may remark in support of my earnest recommendation for this additional grant that the increase of traffic, both local and general, due to the lines of road in question, has during the last few years been astonishing, and well proves how the development of the resources of the District is progressing.

5. Two of these lines (Nos. 1 and 3) I laid out and commenced myself in 1854, when the one was represented by a track over open black cotton swamps and plains; and the other was an almost untracked direction across deep sand: neither supporting a traffic of ten carts a day. Now the one exhibits a traffic of 450 carts and the other of 310; the latter indeed amounting as is shown by Captain Gahagan's last return for the Salem roads to almost as much as at the Tullavassel terminus of the line.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1862, No. 2,349.

1. Under the circumstances represented and on the strong recommendation of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, the Government sanction the additional grant of Rupees (4,820) four thousand eight hundred and twenty, applied for in the foregoing letter for the maintenance of the three roads specified in paragraph 2, thus increasing their annual allowance to Rupees 13,300, which sum should be provided in future Budgets.

2. As only a portion of the increase now sanctioned amounting to Rupees (3,000) three thousand is stated to be required for the current year, the Government authorize that sum to be met from the General Funds of the District.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government,

Southern Circ. Office
Madras 19th Sept. 1862

From Lieutenant Colonel J. Auchterlony P.E.
Deputy Chief Engineer Low Circle

To :
Colonel W. J. Birdwood R.E.
Secretary to Government
D.F.M.

Sir It having become evident from the occur-
-rence of excesses over amounts allowed for annual
maintenance of certain lines of road in S. Arcot
in the accounts of the past year, that the subsidy
was insufficient, the Lt Engineer was requested
to consider the subject, & to submit a revised state-
ment of increased expenditure for such lines as
he deemed to demand it.

2. Accordingly Capt. Doord has prepared a return showing how the entire question of Road maintenance stands, specifying three roads the present allowance for which he considers insufficient; noting also the amounts by which he is of opinion the existing maintenance grants should be respectively increased. They are as follows:

- No. 1 - Tiruvannam to Cuddalore thro' Pandicherry
 allowance to be increased by — Rs. 23 20
 " 2 - Cuddalore to Trunk Road W. VIII by
 Panruti — " 14 00
 " 3 - Cuddalore to Tullavareel (Salem)
 for the first 22 miles — " 11 00
 Total increase Rs. 48 20

3. As however one third of the current year has now elapsed I propose duly to ask for permission to expend about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the sums specified in addition to the Budget grants:

- say for No. 1, Tiruvannam to Cuddalore — Rs. 1500.
- " " 2, Cuddalore to Punnery (No. VIII) — " 800.
- " " 3, Cuddalore, 22 miles, out towards Salem — 700.

Total additional grant — Rs. 3000
to be provided for out of the General Funds of the District.

4. I may remark in support of my earnest recommendation for this additional grant that the increase of traffic, both local & general, due to the lines of road in question, has during the last few years been astonishing; and proves how the development of the resources of the District is progressing.

5. Two of these lines (Nos 1 & 3) I laid out & commenced myself in 1854, when the one was represented by a track over open black cotton swamps & plains; the other was an almost untracked direction across deep mud: neither supporting a traffic of 10 carts a day. Now the one exhibits a traffic of 450 carts & the other of 310; the latter indeed amounting as is shown by Capt. Foxhagill's last return for the Salem roads to almost ^{much} at the Sillavorel terminus of the line.

Yours faithfully
J. Cunningham Esq. M.P.

To Col. W. D. Birdwood M.S.
Secy. to Government M.S.
Chennai

to Rs. 3000 (three thousand) is stated to be required for the current year; the Government will arrange that sum to be met from the general funds of the District.

Chespank
22 October 1862

[Signature]

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7 " Chief Engineer
3 " Accountant General

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representatives and on the ~~above~~
recommendation of the Deputy Chief
Engineer Southern Division the
Government should give the additional
grant of \$10,000 (as proposed) for the
eight hundred and twenty-five
for in the foregoing letter for the
maintenance of the three roads
specified in item 2, this money
being their annual allowance.
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ed only a portion of the
necessary work mentioned in the