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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th December 1862.*

No. 161. Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Madras, 18th November 1862, No. 289 :—

Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, R. E., District Engineer, Coimbatore, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 12th November 1862, No. 346.

SIR,

I do myself the honor to forward herewith a copy of Captain Burn's explanation and report* respecting the road from the Railway Station at Pothanoor to the foot of the Hills,

* No. 159, dated 10th November 1862.

with reference to the Order of Government, No. 592, of the 24th October 1862, in the Financial Railway Department, and I can fully endorse the remarks of the Range Officer from my own knowledge and observation.

From Captain A. G. W. BURN, Acting First Assistant District Engineer, to Colonel C. E. FABER, R. E., District Engineer, Coimbatore, dated Coimbatore, 8th October 1862, No. 112.

SIR,

1. In forwarding Traffic Returns for road between the Railway Station at Pothanoor and the foot of the Coonoor Ghât for September 1862, I have the honor to report that the maintenance allowance for this road for 1862-63, is exhausted, and I respectfully request that an application may be made for an increased maintenance allowance for the same.

2. Rupees 50 per mile from the town of Coimbatore to the foot of the Coonoor Ghât is the present allowance for keeping this part of the road in repair, no maintenance is allowed for the Railway feeder.

3. I have already complied with the requisition of paragraph 67, Chapter V, New Code, in forwarding a Memorandum showing the quantity of material required for each mile of this road annually, with the cost of bringing, preparing, and spreading it, vide my letter No. 195, dated 7th February 1862.

(True Copy.)

(Signed.) C. E. FABER, Colonel, R. E.,

District Engineer, Coimbatore.

From Captain A. G. W. BURN, Acting First Assistant District Engineer, to Colonel C. E. FABER, R. E., District Engineer, Coimbatore, dated Coimbatore, 10th November 1862, No. 159.

SIR,

1. With reference to your letter No. 192, dated 8th November 1862, pointing out to me "how much the state of Coimbatore to Metapolliem road has become a matter of keen observation and criticism, and how unfavorable a reputation has now attached itself to the line of communication from the Terminal Station at Pothanoor to the foot of the Hills," I have the honor to state that nearly two years ago when the rail was about being opened as far as Salem, on Government proposing that a sum of money should be expended in repairing the road between Salem and the foot of the Hills, Captain Goddard pointed out that the rail would be opened very shortly from both coasts to Coimbatore, and that as the thoroughfare to the Hills would be via the Coimbatore Metapolliem road, he proposed that the same should immediately be put in

order,* pointing out that if this was not done the complaints regarding the same would be continual and deserved, and that he would not be held responsible for the same. Since the above I request your kind reference to the numerous letters written by him as District Engineer upon the same subject, also to my own letters, and I am sure you will free me from the unfavorable reputation which is attached to the road.

2. The Government grant of Rupees 30,000 for the repairs of this road was notified to me on the 14th August 1862, by the end of August the urgent small repairs had been completed (so that the road was a very good fair weather one), the metal and gravel for its heavy repairs had been collected and dug, and in September we commenced spreading the same. Since

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8th December 1862.

then the heavy rains have put a stop to our work, the only thing doing during the last two months has been to keep the road level and if possible passable, as in some places it is some feet deep in mud, the material used in daily repairing the same is swallowed up by the next shower of rain, in fact the greater part of this road being composed of nothing but Cotton soil nothing effective can be done to it until there is a break in the weather. I am now cutting side ditches to drain the sub-soil, and propose, when the road soil is a little more consistent than it now is, to coat it with sand from 3 to 4 inches in depth, all the way between this and Goodaloor, and on the top of this read the road material.

3. I am acquainted with every part of the above road and their requirements, and have based my operations on my own local knowledge obtained by a two years' study of the same during all weathers, and am convinced that all repairs done to it during the present very unsettled state of the weather will be money thrown away.

4. I feel extremely sorry that an unfavorable reputation should be attached to any work under me; but trust in the present instance this unfavorable opinion may not be extended to myself, for since I have been in this Range I have never ceased to advocate the importance of this road and the necessity of thoroughly repairing the same, and had my representations been attended to, the road would have been put in order long ago.

(True Copy.)

(Signed.) C. E. FABER, Colonel, R. E.,
District Engineer, Coimbatore.

1 Original letter No. 346, dated 12th November 1862, with two enclosures

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Proceedings, No. 2,633, dated 3rd November 1862.

2. The fortnightly progress reports called for by Government in their Proceedings, No. 592, dated 24th October 1862, in the Financial Railway Department, will be submitted on receipt from the District Engineer of Coimbatore.

(Signed.) J. OUCHTERLONY, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

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ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1862, No. 2,937.

Communicated to the Financial Railway Department, with reference to the orders in that Department dated 24th October 1862, No. 592.

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

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District Engineer's Office
Coimbatore 12 November 1862

From

Colonel C. E. Faber R.E.

District Engineer Coimbatore

To, Lieut. Colonel Ouchterlony R.E.

Deputy Chief Engineer R.E.

Sir, Madras

I do myself the honor to forward herewith a Copy of Captain Durand's explanation and report respecting the Road from the Railway Station at Potanoor to the foot of the Hills with reference to the order of Government No. 592 of the 24th October 1862 in the Financial Railway Department, & I can fully endorse the remarks of the Range Officer from my own knowledge & observation

I am Sir

W. I. Birdwood Colonel R.E.
District Engineer Coimbatore

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Coimbatore Range Office
8th October 1862

From

Captain A. G. W. Burn
Acting Mst Dist^l Engineer

To

Colonel C. E. Saker R. E.
District Engineer

Coimbatore

Sir

In forwarding Traffic
Returns for Road between the Rail-
way station at Pothanoor and the
foot of the Coonoor Ghaut for
September 1862, I have the honor
to report that the Maintenance
allowance for this road for 1862/63
is exhausted, and I respectfully
request that an application may
be made for an increased main-
tenance allowance for the same -

2 — Rupees 50 per mile from
the Town of Coimbatore to the foot
of the Coonoor Ghaut is the present

To your office dated 1862

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To the Deputy Engineer
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of the road in repair, no maintenance
is allowed for the Railway feeder.

3— I have already complied
with the requisition of para 67
Chapter V New Code in forwarding
a Memo shewing the quantity of
material required for each mile
of this Road annually, with the
cost of bringing, preparing, and
spreading it, vide my letter N^o 195
dated 7th February 1862.—

I have &c.
Signed J. H. W. Burn (Captain)
District Engineer

True copy

Witnessed
Colonel R. B.
District Engineer Comdant

used in daily repairing the same is swallowed up the next shower of rain, in fact the greater part of this road being composed of nothing but cotton soil, nothing effective can be done to it until there is a break in the weather. I am now cutting side ditches to drain the sub soil and propose when the road soil is a little more consistent than it now is, to coat it with sand from 3 to 4 inches in depth, all the way between this and Goodwin and on the top of this spread the road material.

3 I am acquainted with every part of the above road and their requirements and have based my operations on my own local knowledge obtained by a 2 years study of the same during all weathers and am convinced that all repairs done to it during the present very unsettled state of the weather, will be money thrown away.

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In a letter from
District Engineer
of Louisiana. No. 295
dated 15th Dec 1864.

To Mr. J. P. G. G. G. G.
Southern Civil
Engineer

Copy of a letter from
Captain J. P. G. G. G.
of the District Engineer
of Louisiana. No. 295
dated 15th Dec 1864.
Enclosed by letter
to him for Mr. G. G. G.
Southern Civil
Engineer and
Superintendent
of the District
Engineer.

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Gimbatore Range Office
10th November 1862

From

Captain A. G. M. Burn
1st Asst District Engineer

to

Colonel G. E. Talbot R.E.
District Engineer, Gimbatore

Sir

With reference to your letter of 1st 192
dated 8th November 1862 pointing out to me
how much the state of Gimbatore to —
that the road has become a matter of
much attention and criticism and how un-
favorable a reputation has now attached itself
to the line of communication from the terminus
station at Bellaness to the foot of the Hills
I have the honor to state that nearly two years
ago when the Rail was about being opened
as far as Belaness, the Government proposing
that a sum of money should be expended
in repairing the road between Belaness and
the foot of the Hills, Captain Gould and
pointed out that the Rail would be
opened very shortly from both ends to
Gimbatore, and that as the thoroughfare

ceased to advocate the importance of this
Road and the necessity of thoroughly
repairing the same - and had my re-
presentations been attended to, the road would
have been put in order long ago

I have &c &c
Signed A. G. M. Burn Captain
1st Asst Dist Engr
True Copy
Witnessed G. E. Talbot
District Engineer, Gimbatore

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regarding the same would be continual and
deserved, and that he would not be held res-
ponsible for the same. Since the above I
request your kind reference to the numerous
letters written by him as District Engineer
upon the same subject; also to my own letters
and I am sure you will free me from
the unfavourable reputation which is at-
tached to the road.

2 The Government grant of Rs 30,000
for the repairs of this Road was notified to me
on the 11th August 1862, by the end of August
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(so that the road was a very good fair weather
one) the metal and gravel for its heavy re-
pairs had been collected and dug, and in
September we commenced spreading the same
since then the heavy rains have put a stop
to our work, the only thing doing during the
last 2 months has been to keep the road level
and if possible passable as in some places
it is some feet deep in mud, the material

would properly
be used

Instead of Rs
from Salem

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The Dy. Chief Engineer
Southern Circle

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Copy of a letter from
Captain Burn giving
explanation as to the
state of the road from
Goombatore to Matipoham

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Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Proceedings -
No. 2632, dated 3^d November
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2. The fortnightly Progress Reports called for by Government in their Proceedings N:542 dated 24th October 1862, in the Financial Railway Department, will be submitted on Receipt from the District Engineer of Coimbatore.

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Colonel T. J. Binders P.E.

Secretary to Genl. P.H.D.

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With an order

J. Hammond
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dated 24th October 1862 No 392.

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