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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 187. 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, 17th November 1862, No. 138 :—

SIR,

■ No. 208, dated 7th November 1862.
† No. 347, dated 27th October 1862.
2 Letters as above.

1. I have the honor to submit herewith a letter* from the District Engineer of Malabar enclosing a representation† from the Officer Commanding the Detachment of Sappers and Miners employed on the Tambracherry Ghât setting forth the difficulty under which he labors in obtaining food for his men, at a rate within their means, without seriously crippling their energies in the performance of the pressing duty which is imposed upon them by detailing fatigue parties at stated periods as far as Manantody to bring supplies into his camp.

2. It appears there are many Government Elephants kept picketted near Manantody (apparently) doing nothing; and Lieutenant Kennedy represents that if nine of these animals were made available and suffered to perform two trips per month, they could keep his men well supplied.

3. I trust therefore Government will be pleased to authorize the Commissariat Department (to whom I conclude the Elephants belong) to grant this assistance; but in case any Departmental difficulty should interpose, it seems to me the most reasonable course to attach two Elephants from Calicut again to the Luckady Camp, for the purpose of carrying food to the Sappers; and to authorize Captain Bean to charge their maintenance to the Ghât estimate, as a perfectly legitimate item of expense on account of the work.

4. The Sappers it seems to me certainly ought not to be saddled with this extra charge; for were coolies employed in the Tambracherry blasting operations in their stead, they would demand a rate of hire increased in proportion to the difficulty and expense encountered in procuring supplies of the necessities of life.

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1862, No. 2,950.

1. Referred to the Military Department, where it will be considered whether either of the requests of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, as contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the foregoing letter, can be complied with.

2. In the event of two Elephants from Calicut being ordered to be attached to the Luckady Camp in view to their carrying provisions to the Sappers the Government authorize their maintenance being charged to the Tambracherry Ghât estimate as proposed.

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

Southern Circle Office 12th
Madras 17th November 1862.

N^o 138

From

Lieut. Col. J. Ouchterlony R.E.
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To

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Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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Lt. Col. J. Auchterlony
By: Ch. Secy Lt. C.

To Col. W. J. Burrows
Sup. to Genl. 1st Lt.

No. 138

Dated 17th Nov 1862.

Recd 19th Nov 1862
No. 2950 of 2nd Dec 1862

Submits correspondence
on the subject of
the difficulty experienced
by the Officer Commanding
the Sappers & Miners
at Lucknow Malabar
District in obtaining
food for his men; &
applies for the services
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