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No. 266. 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, 18th November 1862, No. 106 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the accompanying letter* from the Inspector General of Jails to the Chief Secretary, proposing to cut the road already traced from Ootacamund by the "Governor's Shola," across the Pykara river to Neddivattam, and referred to in Proceedings of Government No. 1,801, dated 30th September 1861, I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that if this arrangement is acceded to and a small sum of money placed at the disposal of the District Engineer of Coimbatore for the construction of temporary barrack prisons for the convicts at selected points along the line, a very useful work will be carried out in a very brief space of time and at an almost nominal cost.

2. Government have in G. O. No. 2,706, dated 11th November 1862 granted Rupees 5,000 for tracing a road from the Wainád main line at Goodaloor to Neddivattam. If therefore, at the same time, the extension I have indicated could be carried out, the entire line would soon become open for travellers and a great deal of traffic would I believe at once be established upon it. I can assure Government that already, upon one of the most fatiguing and worst traced Hill roads I know, an increase has taken place during the last five years in the traffic (almost exclusively by coolies and pack animals) which is to me quite astonishing; and as the enterprize of the planters appears to be pushing cultivation into every accessible valley of the Neilgherry and Wainád slopes, there can be no doubt that this increase is far from its final point.

3. I trust therefore that Government will be pleased to sanction an outlay of Rupees 2,500 out of the Reserve Fund on the work in question which Mr. Rohde is prepared, and is anxious, to commence operations upon immediately for the sake of finding remunerative employment for his convicts.

No. 267. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1862, No. 2,991.

Communicated in Proceedings of Public Works Department, dated 2nd December 1862, No. 2,874. On referring to the Proceedings of the Judicial Department, dated 24th November 1862, No. 1,908, paragraph 3, the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, will observe that the Government do not approve of the proposal to employ prisoners on the trace from Ootacamund to Neddivattam.

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

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Southern Circle Office O.S.M.
Madras 18th Nov 1862.

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From

Lieut. Col. J. Ouchterlony R.S.
Dy. Ch. Supt. Sth Circle.

To

Colonel W. J. Birdwood R.S.
Secy. to Government. P.W.O.

Public. Sir,

With reference to paras 2, 3 & 4

+ M. 586 of 5th of the accompanying letter from the
Nov. 1862. Inspector General of Sails to the Chief
Secretary proposing to cut the road
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remunerative employment for his
Convicts.

I have &c

Respectfully L. Col. R.S.

By Ch. Esq. &c.

To

Colonel M. J. Birdwood R.S.

Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Chepauk

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Dr. Col. J. D. Crockett Esq. is
Deputy Chief Engineer of C.

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dear Sir to Boston

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Ernst Schumacher

Revised copy of

a letter from Mr. Potter,
proposing to cut the road
already made from
Catawunda by the
Baltimore & Annapolis the
Baltimore River to the Potomac
about a mile for a Grant
of \$2500 for the pur-
pose.

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Proc. du M. R.
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On referring to the Dir. of the
Judicial Dept. of 24th Decr 1902, at 1902,
p. 123, the Deputy Chief Engineer
of C. will observe that the report is not
a part of the proposed to supply
power on the three first Patnam
to Beddington.

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