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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th March 1862.

No. 210. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Engineer, dated Chepauk, 28th February 1862, No. 11,024.

Read the following letter from Captain J. GODDARD, District Engineer of Coimbatore, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Coimbatore, 6th February 1862, No. 558:—

SIR,

1. In your letter No. 9,932, dated 28th January 1862, with three enclosures (two estimates, one plan) reviewing my letter, No. 477, dated 28th December 1861, you refer me to the Endorsement made by the Chief Engineer in submitting to Government my letter, No. 478, dated 28th December 1861, and require me to state first whether the two sums of Rupees 7,000 and Rupees 5,576-7-6, referred to in paragraph 2 of the Endorsement, have been provided for in the allotment for my District for the current year from which they should be met. If I have not provided for these two sums in the re-arrangement reported in my letter, No. 478, dated 28th December 1861, I am required now to revise the re-arrangement.

2. In reference to the above I have the honor to report that provision for Rupees 7,000 and for Rupees 5,576-7-6 was not made by me in the re-arrangement proposed in my letter No. 478, dated 28th December 1861.

3. I deem it right to state that the reason that no provision was made by me for Rupees 7,000 and Rupees 5,576-7-6 for Mr. Rohde, in my re-arrangement, was that the orders sanctioning the above amounts, viz., Proceedings Madras Government, Nos. 1,031 and 1,480, dated 16th August and 2nd December 1861, respectively, communicated in Chief Engineer's orders, Nos. 4,111 and 8,223, dated 28th August and 11th December 1861 respectively, did not seem to contemplate that the money should be furnished from the General Funds for Coimbatore. I was decidedly under the impression that the Accountant General would have placed funds to Mr. Rohde's credit with the Collector to the above extent. The Chief Engineer's orders do not require me to hold these monies at Mr. Rohde's disposal.

4. In paragraph 2 of the Chief Engineer's Endorsement quoted by you, the Chief Engineer expresses it to be his opinion that if provision for the above two sums has not been made by me, my allotment for the current year will have to be supplemented by a grant from the Reserve Fund.

5. My opinion is that this is the only course open.

6. The reasons for this opinion are that my funds have been so largely indented on in a manner similar to the present that I cannot by any possibility keep roads and repairs to irrigation in order if I am continually to provide for unexpected demands such as the present out of what is styled the "General Fund." I have been thus called upon in the following instances and to the following extent, and I most respectfully protest against being obliged to provide this Rs. 7,000 and Rupees 5,576-7-6.

		Rs.
I.	For laying down pipes for the purpose of conveying water across Elk Hill cutting at Ootacamund, Proceedings Madras Government, No. 1,817, dated 1st October 1861, from general fund estimate...	2,400
II.	Repairing Travellers' Bungalow at Neddiwattam, Proceedings Madras Government, No. 1,941, dated 22nd October 1861, from General Funds... ...	1,700
III.	Repairing certain portions of Ootacamund station roads, Proceedings Madras Government, No. 1,990, dated 28th October 1861, from the General Repair Funds...	1,650
	Total.....	5,750

7. I will say nothing against the apportionment proposed in the opening of paragraph 2 of the Chief Engineer's Endorsement under discussion, viz., that Rupees 4,487* which Chief Engineer states to be difference between the available balance and the sums recommended by him for sanction, be reserved to meet any demands which may be made on account of Ootacamund Jail now under execution. My reason for this is that the repairs to irrigation proposed by me to be executed by this money, are not as noticed by Chief Engineer of vital importance.

* The Chief Engineer seems to mean Rupees 4,495. There is a difference of Rupees 9 here in Chief Engineer's Endorsement which I have in vain endeavoured to account for.

8. Next in paragraph 2 of your letter under reply you intimate that in my letter No. 478, no allusion is made to the balance which will be in hand out of the allowance for roads not provided with maintenance grants. This balance† has been correctly computed by you in the margin of paragraph 2 of your letter under reply. The balance is Rupees 3,079.

† Rupees 3,079, as given in paragraph 11.

9. You next remark in the same paragraph (No. 2) that of four estimates‡ marginally indicated the two first of which were returned to me with Extract Proceedings Nos. 9,331, and 9,332, dated 15th instant, and the two latter of which are returned with your letter now under reply, the two latter require specifications and one of them the countersignatue of the Collector. You remark that the two latter estimates were submitted with my letter No. 478, which should not have been done. They should have been the subjects of separate letters. You require me now to embody in one report all the information respecting four works above referred to given in my previous letters.

‡ 1 Estimate for a timber bridge at the south approach to the single arched bridge of 12 feet span at Sunganoor on the road from Coimbatore to foot of Coonoor Ghât, submitted with my letter, No. 473, dated 28th December 1861 ..... Rs. 1,833

1 Do. for building a timber bridge at the approaches of the single arched masonry bridge at Echanary on the road from Coimbatore to Polachy, submitted with my letter, No. 475, dated 28th December 1861 1,140

1 Do. for protecting the banks of the Sunganoor Nullah on the road from Coimbatore to foot of Coonoor Ghât, submitted with my letter, No. 477, dated 28th December 1861 1,098

1 Do. for constructing two covered drains, and raising and metalling the road from Coonoor to Vougal, submitted with my letter, No. 477, dated 28th December 861 1,000

Total 5,071

10. I have the honor to forward herewith in obedience to the above, a report embodying all the information respecting the four estimates given in my previous letters above quoted.

11. You next compute the balance in hand of Rupees 9,000 for roads not provided with special grants to be Rupees 3,079 at my disposal. This computation tallies with mine.

12. In paragraph 3 of your letter you state that the above balance may be used on the two roads from Coimbatore to the foot of the Coonoor Ghât, and from Caroor to Konghiem when sanctioned by Government so as to set free as much of my General Fund as possible to meet the demand on account of the Ootacamund Jail, and require me to report as early as possible the arrangement made to effect the same.

13. In reply to the above, I have the honor to report it to be best for the interest of Government and of the public that the whole of Rupees 3,079 be expended upon the two roads in question, but I must as stated in paragraph 6 of this letter protest against any allotment of funds of the District for Ootacamund Jail beyond the extent of Rupees 4,487.

14. In the final paragraph of the letter under reply I am informed that if I still require the transfer to the head of Staging Bungalows of any portion of the sums provided under the heads:—

Churches,
Burial Ground,
Educational.

15. I must report thereon in a separate letter. Directions for the preparation of the letter are furnished.

16. In obedience to the above I have prepared a separate letter which I herewith submit.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 17th March 1862.

1 Original letter No. 558, dated 6th February 1862.

1. Submitted to Government with reference to the Chief Engineer's Endorsement dated 24th January 1862, No. 9,786, on which orders were passed by Government in Proceedings dated 8th February 1862, No. 165.

2. It will be observed from the foregoing letter that the sum of Rupees 4,487 is available from the Coimbatore allotment to meet the demand on account of the Ootacamund Jail. The two sums authorized by Government to be advanced to Mr. Rohde by the Collector of Coimbatore for the above work, are Rupees 7,000 and 5,576-7-6 respectively, making a total of Rupees 12,576-7-6. As the District Engineer can spare Rupees 4,487 from the funds at his disposal, it is recommended that the further sum of Rupees 8,090, required to meet the demand in question, may be transferred from the amount at the credit of the Reserve Fund, shown in letter No. 10,874, dated 22nd instant, to be Rupees 45,972; but which by the transfer proposed on account of the Paumben Tug, in letter dated 22nd instant, No. 10,873, is reduced to Rupees 29,240.

16th August 1861, No. 1,031.
22nd Do. do. No. 1,480.

Rupees 12,577
" 4,487
8,090

Rupees 45,972
" 16,732
29,240

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 241. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1862, No. 450.

The arrangement proposed by the Chief Engineer with the view of meeting the demand of Rupees 12,577 on account of the Ootacamund Jail, is approved.

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

No 11024

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submitted to Government with reference to the Chief Engineer's Endorsement dated 24th January 1862, No 9786, on which orders were passed by Government in Proceedings dated 8th February 1862 No 165.

2. It will be observed from the foregoing letter that the sum of Rupees 4,487 is available from the Coimbatore allotment to meet the demand on account of the Poiney and Sail. The two sums authorized by Government to be advanced to Mr Rook &c. by the Collector of Coimbatore for the above work, are Rupees 7,000 and 5,576. 7. 6 respectively, making a total of Rupees 12,576. 7. 6. As the District Engineer can only have Rupees 4,487 from the funds at his disposal, it is recommended that the further sum of Rupees 8,090, required to meet the demand in question, may be transferred from the amount at the credit of the Reserve

16th August 1861 - No 1031 - Rupees 12,577
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Reserve Fund, shewn in letter No. 1,874 dated
22nd Instant to be Rupees 45,972; both
which by the transfer proposed on account of the
Pumbeen Fund in letter dated 22nd Instant, No. 1873,
is reduced to Rupees 29,240.

Rupees 45,972
16,732
29,240

Central Office of P.W.
Chepauk 25th February
1862.

Lt. T. Taylor Asst. Surveyor
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government of Fort St. George
Fort St. George

G.W.F.

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From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary
& Comptroller
Fort George

Dated 28th February 1862.
Received 3rd March
No 11024
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Recommending the
transfer of Rupees 80,50
from the Reserve Fund
for the Cotaccommodation
Jail B.

With two Orders
No 450 - 17 March.

No 450.

The arrangement proposed by the Chief Engineer with the view of meeting the demand of Rupees 12,5-77 on account of the Cotaccommodation Jail is approved.

Fort St George
17th March 1862

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