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No. 5. Read the following letter from Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 28th March 1862, No. 12,056:—

SIR,

2 Letters from District Engineer, with two enclosures. Nos. 205 and 251, dated 25th November 1861, and 18th January 1862.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of Government, No. 71, dated 29th January last, and with reference to paragraph 1 thereof, I would recommend that the discretionary allowance be increased from Rupees 5,000 to Rupees 15,000, and which will then only give Rupees 30 per mile, for the repair of 500 miles of District and minor roads, in the District of Tinnevelly, for the ensuing year.

2. Rupees 6,500* are at present only available, as the Collector states that Rupees 1,500 only can be paid from the Local Fund after disbursing the amount for salaries and repairs, viz., Rupees 9,009-10-9 (and which appears a very large sum indeed for these two items) of the Pound Establishment. I would therefore recommend that the balance, viz., Rupees 8,500 be either sanctioned from the general allotment of the District, or from the Reserve Fund of 1862-63.

	Rs.
* Discretionary allowance ..	5,000
From Local Fund	1,500
Total...	6,500

3. Paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government, quoted above, will be made the subject of a separate communication.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1862, No. 892.

1. The Government cannot understand why so small a proportion as 1,500 Rupees only is available from the Cattle Fine fund, in aid of the discretionary allowance for minor roads in the Tinnevelly District. It was pointed out in Proceedings, dated 20th March 1861, No. 562, that under the terms of Section I, Act V of 1860, the surplus of the fines fund after providing for purposes connected with the execution of the Act "may be applied to the construction and repair of "roads and bridges and other works of a like nature." The Government would wish therefore to know what may be calculated upon as the balance available for this purpose out of the Cattle Fine funds of the Tinnevelly District. It is true that in his letter of the 15th January 1862, No. 18, to the District Engineer, Mr. Silver states that "it cannot be expected that the amount required "for the purposes of the Act relating to trespasses by cattle, which is estimated at Rupees 10,000 per "annum, will be realized every year;" but it is easy to ascertain and report the average collections for the last three years, the disbursements for purposes connected with the execution of the Act, and the surplus available for roads, &c., during the same period.

2. The Government are of opinion that the existing discretionary allowance supplemented by the Local Funds ought to suffice for the less important roads in Tinnevelly, the principal ones being amply provided for with a maintenance grant of 51,400 Rupees; but under any circumstances, as the Budget of 1862-63 does not provide for a larger discretionary allowance than 5,000 Rupees for Tinnevelly the Government cannot now increase it.

Proceedings 29th January 1862, No. 71.

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

Dy Ch: Engrs Office &c
Chepauk 28 March 1862.

No 12056

From Colonel W. L. Birdwood
Deputy Chief Engineer &c

To Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Horsley
Secretary to Government &c
Fort Saint George

Public

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Dr Lieut. Engrs Affrs &c
Chepauk 28th March 1862

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt Servant
[signature] Colonel
Deputy Chief Engineer &c

To
Lieutenant Colonel R H Horsley
Secretary to Govt P.W.D
Fort St George

K.R.F.

No 892

The Govt cannot understand why so small a proportion as 1500 Rs only is available from the Cattle fine fund in aid of the discretionary allowance for minor roads in the Tinnevelly District. It was pointed out in Pro: dated 20th March 1861, No 562, that under the terms of Sec: I Act V of 1860, the surplus of the fines, fund after providing for the purposes connected with the execution of the Act may be applied to the construction and repair of roads and bridges and other works of a like nature. The Govt would wish therefore to know what may be calculated upon as the balance available for this purpose out of the Cattle fine funds of the Tinnevelly District - It is true

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From

The Deputy Chief Secy to G.G.

To The Secy: to Govt P.W.D
Fort William George

Dated 28th
Rec'd 31st " January 1862.

No 2056

Recommend that
the Discretionary allowance
from the District of
Tinnevelly may be raised
from Rupees 5,000 to
Rupees 15,000 per annum.
No 892-1 Secy.

William Orde

No 546.