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No. 191. Read the following letter from Major J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer 2nd Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp Singaroyeonda, Nellore District, 26th May 1863, No. 16:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter No. 991, dated 7th instant, from the District Engineer Nellore, reporting to what extent the Calcutta road northward from Nellore is traversable by mail carts, in compliance with the Orders of Government, No. 896, dated 18th ultimo.

2. From the District Engineer's letter it would appear that of the 74 miles from Nellore to Ongole, the first 8 miles are completed and could be traversed by a mail cart; in the next 11 miles the masonry works and gravelling are only in progress; and for 7 miles further on the road is almost ready. The Musunoor valley two miles in width then intervenes; and the heavy embankments, besides bridging which have to be constructed to render it passable in the rains, have not yet been commenced. From the Musunoor valley onward, 12 miles of the road are completed, and 84 miles more in various stages of progress. From Ongole to the Kistna frontier, a distance of 24 miles, nothing has been done.

* Pydara.
Paulharoo.
Mavairoo.
Moosairi.
Yanchalairi.
Gundaloumma.

3. The portion of Trunk Road No. 6, in question, crosses several large rivers* and until bridges are constructed across them and other small streams, the road would be unsuitable for mail carts, unless in the dry season.

From Captain A. S. MOBERLY, Acting District Engineer Nellore, to Major J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer 2nd Division, dated Nellore, 7th May 1863, No. 991.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government, No. 896 of the 13th ultimo, forwarded with Memorandum No. 703 of the 17th idem from the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, calling for a report as to what portion of the Calcutta road from Nellore is traversable by mail carts, I have the honor to furnish the following information regarding the state of the road.

2. The 110th mile includes the portion across the Pennair Anicut which is only closed during the time of freshes passing over; from thence to the Pydara river in the 118th mile the road is passable in all weathers; the Pydara river is passable during the greater part of the year, but like all rivers is a source of delay and difficulty: as far as this river the masonry works are completed and the road may be considered as traversable by mail carts.

3. From the north bank of the Pydara river to the 128th mile several masonry works are required as also metalling for the road, which are in progress.

4. From the 129th to the 135th mile the road may be considered as traversable, very little work remaining to be done. From the 136th to the 138th mile the road crosses the Musunoor valley, which requires both embankments and bridging, the last orders of Government regarding this portion were dated 2nd December 1862, No. 2,877, forwarded with letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Ludlow, No. 490 of the 6th idem; to this my predecessor sent a reply, No. 2,518 of the 15th idem, asking for information regarding the cost of screw piles, but not being able to procure it in Madras, he, in January, wrote to Messrs. Saunders and Mitchell on the subject, but as yet no answer has been received. This portion may be considered as a complete bar for mail carts.

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5. The 139th and 150th miles are completed with tunnels, &c., and from thence to the 184th mile near Ongole, work is being carried on, beyond that point no work is being done.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Major, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer 2nd Division.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1863, No. 1,473.

Communicated to the Public Department with reference to the Orders in that Department,
No. 375, dated 31st March 1863.

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

*Your Most Obedt Servt
J. C. Anderson Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer 2nd Divn*

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