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3rd July 1863.*

No. 42. Read the following letter from Captain O. W. S. CHAMBERS, R. E., Superintending Engineer 1st Division, to Colonel W. L. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 3rd June 1863, No. 143:—

SIR,

1. With regard to the Order of Government, as per margin, on the subject of the Hill tour of the Acting Agent of Vizagapatam, I have the honor to report for their information that, until more superintendence is allotted to the Vizagapatam District, it is impossible to undertake surveys of new lines of road. There are but four Officers and Subordinates in the Vizagapatam District for the payment of the considerable sums disbursed monthly, and three of these are Range Officers; it is consequently impossible to detach one of the four on survey duty, without bringing works in progress to a stand still.

2. The line from Parvatipoor to Vizianagram, of which some seven or eight miles out of the latter town have been made at the expense of its Rajah, and the remainder of which was to be executed by the Zemindars through whose property it lies — such a promise at least was made to Mr. Fane — is, in my opinion, certainly to be eventually the main commercial line of the Collectorate, but yet, unless fresh funds and competent superintendence be provided, I respectfully assert that it should not be undertaken until the projects now in hand in this District be completed.

3. The system hitherto pursued here of making a piece of road here and a piece there, disconnected by unbridged rivers and sloughs of despond, is one that should no longer be allowed to obtain. With the sanction of Government I purpose finishing what the Department is now engaged on, viz., Trunk Road No. VI, and the Jeypoor road and its branch (that is as much of them as are located in the plains) before taking up new projects, premising always that a special Officer be not told off to, and a special allotment of funds made for the road recommended to be established by the Agent to the Governor.

4. On Trunk Road No. VI there is still a sum of above two lacs to be expended before the communication is completed, while 15,000 Rupees is the amount allotted for expenditure on the line during the current year.

This requires no comment; but I will observe with all deference, that if there be money available for expenditure and Officers disposable, it would be wiser to hand over both men and money to a work in progress than to employ them on the establishment of a new line.

5. With regard to clause 6 of the second paragraph of the Government Order, I beg to state that I fully believe that at a large outlay and with the expenditure of one or two competent Officers, the establishment of the two Gháts mentioned and of the rest of the Jeypoor road in the hill country, would be merely a question of time. Whether the return would be equivalent to the outlay, is to me more than doubtful.

6. At present the Natives of the hill country show no disposition to come forward and work; so much so is this the case that the Rajah of Vizianagram, who has a Coffee plantation on the Galicondah, is attempting by the offer of high wages to get up his labor from the plains; but still a resident European Officer by high and prompt payments and popular manners would, I think, gradually induce the people of the country itself to take to the work.

7. This Department has, however, as yet never been able to get more than a very few hill men together, and consequently an unsuccessful attempt was made this year to bring up labor from the low country; these coolies were recruited on high monthly wages from the neighbourhood of the town of Vizianagram.

8. I accompany this by two extracts from letters* from Major Stewart, R. E., who was a considerable time in the Jeypoor country, and who was very sanguine with regard to the successful establishment of the road, which show how difficult it is to get labor in the hill country.

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9. It was notorious amongst the Sappers employed on the Pettaghat last year, that the Rajah was adverse to the opening out of his country, but calculated upon fever standing his friend, yet unless he supports the scheme, local labor will hang off.

Extract from a letter from Major J. STEWART, R. E., Acting District Engineer Vizagapatam, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, No. 1,262 of 14th February 1862.

6. As yet, I have experienced very great difficulty in procuring labor. The country is by no means thinly populated, but throughout a most complete feudal system seems to prevail. The villagers will neither work nor furnish supplies without permission from their Naidoo, and thence the authority ascends in a regular chain up to the heads of Taluqs called Ligamans, and to the Rajah's Dewan. I fear that the last named personage is much opposed to the country being opened out, and that the difficulty in procuring labor is due to his hostility. The Governor's Agent has, however, written most strongly to the Rajah, pointing out his duties in the matter, and how important it is that all assistance should be given towards making the road.

Extract from a letter from Major J. SHAW STEWART, to the Collector of Vizagapatam, No. 1,205 of 7th February 1862.

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice the extreme difficulty which I have experienced in procuring labor and supplies along the road between this place and Jeypoor. Throughout Jeypoor a perfect feudal system seems to prevail. The people will neither work nor furnish supplies without permission of the head of their village; and his permission is withheld till he receives the Rajah's orders.

2. Knowing this to be the case, I twice* wrote to you on the subject, begging that the Rajah might be directed to give the necessary orders for that purpose, and to place some of his Peons at my disposal. This you requested† him to do; but your request has not been complied with; for not only have no Peons been sent to help me, but I have received nothing but incivility, and in some cases insolence, from the village authorities.

6. The chief work on the road is between Petta and Jeypoor, and there Lieutenant Irving is anxious to get from 300 to 500 coolies. Up to the date of my leaving Petta, he had not succeeded in getting one man. I cannot but think that this is due to the hostility of the Rajah's Dewan, who is I believe much opposed to the country being opened out. I cannot otherwise account for the difficulty in procuring labor.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) O. W. S. CHAMBERS, Captain, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer 1st Division.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1863, No. 1,747.

Communicated to the Agent at Vizagapatam with a request that every effort may be used to induce the Rajah to help the Officers of Government in establishing the lines of communication referred to in this letter.

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

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Extract from a Letter from Major
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to the Dy Chief Engineer R.E. No. 1262 of 14th
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 From Captain O. W. S. Chambers R.E.
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 to Colonel W. Burdwood R.E.
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Robt. Chambers Capt. R.E.

Subj. Engr. R.E.

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