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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th January 1864.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 8th December 1863, No. 1,443:—

SIR,

1 Letter from the Superintending Engineer, to Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, with three enclosures.
1 Copy of Collector's letter.

• No. 829, dated 4th December 1863.

I have the honor to forward an Estimate for the completion of the road from Madura to Tondy, which the Collector has declined* to countersign. I have not been favored with his reasons for preferring the direct road to

Ramnad, but as I understand that the Government prefer to complete one road before another is commenced, I think it my duty to submit this Estimate at once, the more so that the prices to be paid on works now in progress require to be considered.

2. As regards the direct road to Ramnad I would, however, point out that it follows the river, closely crossing it twice, that the soil is throughout bad, and that the construction of a road would always be difficult and expensive, whereas from this to Shevagunga the soil is good, and for some distance between Shevagunga and Ramnad it continues so, while nearly throughout it is far more easily drained.

3. The subject has been treated of in my No. 669 of 17th September 1863, forwarding the statement of roads proposed to be executed from General and Local Funds, it must be remembered that the Collector has himself entered as one of the Local Fund lines the road running north and south from Caltar near Shevagunga by Yellayangoody to Ramnad, maintaining also the direct road from Madura as a Government road, while I propose to abandon the construction of the latter at least for the present, and to make the road across from Shevagunga to Yellayangoody and on to Ramnad the main line on the score of economy.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 4th January 1864, No. 1.

	Amount of Estimate.	
12th Sept. 1861, No. 1,708	Rupees 7,016	For bridges and tunnels.
18th Oct. " " 1,920	do. 16,000	Earthwork repairs.
29th Aug. 1863, " 2,067	do. 10,300	Metalling.
18th Nov " " 2,780		
	33,316	

In the several Orders noted in the margin, the Government sanctioned three Estimates for the improvement of the road from Madura to Tondy, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 33,316. The Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, now submits an Estimate of Rupees 93,000 providing for all that he

considers necessary to place the entire line in a thoroughly efficient condition. The principle which has guided Captain Moberly in the preparation of this Estimate is that referred to in his letter of 17th September 1863, No. 669, namely, the concentration of imperial funds to the construction of certain important communications in the District to which sufficient attention had not hitherto been given, and the appropriation of Local Funds to lines of minor importance. The Collector and Superintending Engineer are, however, at issue as to the lines to which precedence should be allowed. Captain Moberly's proposals as submitted in his letter of 17th September 1863 above quoted, are the abandonment of the direct line from Madura to Ramnad, and the construction of a branch to the latter place from Shevagunga on the road from Madura to Tondy, the last mentioned line being considerably improved. On a consideration of the arguments advanced by the Superintending Engineer and of the objections urged by the Collector, the Government decided on negativing* the proposals of the former; and it

* 30th November 1863, No. 3,517.

is now observed that Mr. Levinge objects to countersigning the Estimate of Rupees 93,000 for the improvement of the road from Madura to Tondy as he considers that road of far less importance as a Salt line than the one from Madura to Ramnad. Looking to the fact that the Collector must be the most competent to decide on the relative advantages of roads intended to develop the Salt trade, and that the Estimates already sanctioned for improvements to the road from Madura to Tondy are still being worked out, the Government must decline at present to entertain the proposal submitted by Captain Moberly, who will be guided by the opinion of the Collector in the selection of lines required for affording facilities of communication to the trade in Salt.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Suptg Engrs Office & Division
Madura 8th December 1863.

From,

Captain F. J. Moberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer & Division

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government D.P.W.

Sir,

Public

x No 829 dated
4th December 1863.

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- 1 Letter from the
Suptg Engrs to Secy
to Government D.P.W.
with enclosures
- 1 Copy of Collector's
order

I have the honor to forward an estimate for the completion of the road from Madura to Sengy, which the Collector has declined to counter sign. I have not been favored with his reasons for preferring the direct road to Rannad, but as I understand that the Government prefer to complete one road before another is commenced, I think it my duty to submit this estimate at once, the more so that the prices to be paid on works now in progress require to be considered.

2 As regards the direct road to Rannad I would however point out that it follows the river, closely crossing it twice, that the soil is throughout bad, and that the construction of a road would always be difficult and expensive, whereas from this to Shevagunga, the soil is good and for some distance between Shevagunga and Rannad, it continues so, while nearly throughout, it is far more easily drained.

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The subject has been treated of in my No. 669 of 17th September/63, forwarding the statement of roads proposed to be executed from General & Local funds, it must be remembered that the collector has himself entered as one of the Local fund lines the road running N. & S. from Caltar near Shevazunga by Yellayangoody to Ramnad maintaining also the direct road from Madurai as a Government road - while I propose to abandon the construction of the latter at least for the present, and to make the road across from Shevazunga to Yellayangoody and on to Ramnad the main line, on the score of economy.

Suply Engr's office
8th Dec. Madurai
5th December 1863

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
J. H. Mobery
Superintending Engineer & Secy

Captain R. E.

To,
Colonel J. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government D.P.W.

Podocicatta
4th December 1863.

No 829
From, J. H. Leverage Esqre
Collector of Madurai
To, Captain F. J. Maberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer's Division

Sir,
I have the honor to return the
enclosure to your letter No 1298 dated the 26th Novem^r
and to inform you that I decline sending them
on with my countersignature till it is finally
settled by Government what Salt Roads & Roads
to the Coast are to be made. I consider the Road
to Tenay of far less importance than the Road
direct to Pannad from Madurai which I
have informed the Board when reporting on
the Salt Road.

I have &c
Signed, J. H. Leverage.
Collector.

(True Copy)

F. Maberly Captain R.E.
Superintending Engineer &c &c

No. 80 of 83-84 115 p. 10.

1777 1863
Office of the Secretary to the
Hon^{ble} Salt & Opium
Division

To, The Secretary to Govt
S. P. M.

No. 80 of 83-84 115 p. 10.

Noted &c
Recd 14th December 1863.
J. H. Leverage

Forwarded for the reasons
assigned on Estimate of
Rs 76,886 for the completion
of Road from Madurai to
Tenay which the Collector
has declined to sanction =
Signed,

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No. 1 of 83-84 115 p. 10.

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No. 1 Public Works Department
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 4th Jan'y/64

Read the following
 from the Superintendent
 Engineer & District Engineer

Formuds for the reasons
 assigned an Estimate of
 Rs. 76,886 for the completion
 of Road from Madras to
 Pondy which the Collector
 has declined to Counter-sign

Here enter & Dec. 1863
 No. 1443

In the several orders noted
 in the margin, the Government
 sanctioned & estimated for
 the improvement of the road
 from Madras to Pondy, amount-
 ing in the aggregate to Rs. 33,316.
 The Supg Engineer & District Engineer
 submits an Estimate of Rs. 93,000
 providing for all that he considers
 to place the entire line in a
 thoroughly efficient condition.
 The principle which has guided
 Capt. Mackenzie in the preparation
 of this Estimate is that referred
 to in his letter of 17th Sept. 1863
 to 1869, namely, the concentration
 of imperial funds to the construction
 of certain important communica-
 tions in the District to which

	Amount of Estimate
12 th Sept. 1861. 1708	Rs. 7016. For bridge & culverts
18 th Oct. " 1862	" 16,000 - " repairs
29 th Aug. 1862. 2067	" 10,000 - " metalling
18 th Nov. " 2700	" 10,000 - " metalling
	<u>33,316</u>

Enclosure in a letter from
 the Supg Eng & District Eng
 Secretary to Government & Es
 dated 8th December 1863 No. 1443
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 4th Dec'y/64.
 Copy of Collector's letter
 declining to submit to
 Government estimate
 & estimate with his
 counter signature

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Sufficient attention had not hitherto
been given, & the appropriation
of Local funds to lines of minor
importance. The Collector & Subg-
Ingr are however at issue as to
the lines to which precedence
should be allowed. Capt. Brookerly's
proposals as submitted in his
letter of 17 Sept 183 above quoted,
are the abandonment of the direct
line from Madura to Pannat,
& the construction of a branch
line to the latter place from
Shewagunga on the road from
Madura to Tondy, the last
mentioned line being considerably
improved. On a consideration
of the arguments advanced by
the Subg-Ingr & of the objections
urged by the Collector, the Govt
has decided in negating the
proposals of the former; & it
is now ascertained that Mr. Levinge
objects to the counterbalancing
the loss of Rs 22,000 for the
improvement of the road from
Madura to Tondy, as he considers
that far less importance as a
salt line than the one from

* 30 Nov 183- 3517.

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Madura to Pannat. Looking
to the fact that the Collector must
be the most competent to decide
on the relative advantages of
roads intended to develop the
Salt trade, & that the Robinsons
already sanctioned for improv-
ments to the road from Madura
to Tondy are still being worked
out, the Govt must decline at
present to entertain the proposal
submitted by Capt. Brookerly,
who will be guided by the
opinion of the Collector in the
selection of lines required for
affording facilities of communi-
cation to the trade in salt.

W.B.
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To
The Supg Ingr & Secy to the Govt, Estimate & Report.
P. of Revenue ✓
Dated 5th January 184-

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