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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 20th May 1863.

No. 330. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department, dated 7th May 1863, No. 523:—

Requesting that orders may be issued calling the attention of the Executive Engineer Bangalore to the several defects noticed by Messrs. Taylor & Co. in the road from Poothanoor Railway Station to the foot of the Coonoor Ghát, and that the Superintending Engineer 7th Division may be instructed to inspect the road as soon as possible. (Vide Public Proceedings, 7th May 1863, Nos. 42-43.)

No. 331. ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1863, No. 1,269.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer 7th Division for immediate attention and the issue of the necessary orders to the District Engineer Coimbatore.

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

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel A. C. PEARS, Postmaster General; to th Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Public Departmen Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 5th May 1863, No. 51.

I have the honor to subjoin for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council copy of a letter from Messrs. Taylor & Company, reporting the condition of the road fro Pothanoor Railway Station to the foot of the Coonoor Ghaut.

2. Messrs. Taylor & Company have tendered to convey the Mails between Pothanoor an Ootacamund in nine hours. Their tender has been accepted by the Director General of th Post Office, subject to the confirmation of the Government of India, but as a Mail Cart is to b employed upon the portion of the road above referred to, I fear that it will be impossible to giv effect to the arrangement until the road has been greatly improved.

From Messrs. TAYLOR & Co., to the Postmaster General Madras, dated 4th May 1863.

We beg to acquaint you that our Mr. Bain went up to Ootacamund on Thursday last, an examined the Mail line between Coimbatore and that station, and found the road in such a sta as will not admit of a cart going but at a slow pace until it is put in much better order tha it is now, and we do not think that in the present state of the roads, the Mails could possibly b carried to Ootacamund from the Coimbatore Railway Station in less than twelve hours. There ar six jungle streams the first of which from Coimbatore took Mr. Bain half an hour to cross, the bed of which the wheels of the cart got embedded, and the abrupt ascent from the stream the made road took a considerable time before the horse, which was a strong and willing anim could drag the cart up to the road. Besides these streams some of which after a fall of rain to a great depth. The road in many places, and for long distances, is covered with broken sto not rolled over with the roller, but allowed to remain in that state until the cart wheels perfo that duty in a most irregular manner—most dangerous to a horse at night and apt to lame hi and with the roughness of the road no speed whatever can be attained. We think that road will eventually be a very good one when the streams are bridged, and the small stones rol over with the heavy roller.

Besides all this in one or two places there are heaps of very large stones collected on t road covering more than half the breadth so that a cart with great difficulty can pass, and in t other places, now under repair, there are most dangerous holes on the road side which were t horses feet to slip in, and in dark night nothing is more likely than this to occur, the damage both driver and horse would be very considerable.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) A. C. PEARS,
Postmaster General.

ORDER THEREON, 7th May 1863, No 523.

Communicated to the Public Works Department, whence orders will be issued, calling t attention of the Executive Engineer to the several defects noticed by Messrs. Taylor & Co., so of which would seem to admit of an immediate remedy. The road should be inspected by t Superintending Engineer, Lieutenant Colonel Walker, as soon as possible.

(True Extract.)

G. J. Cumm
Chief Secretary.

To the Postmaster General.
Public Works Department.

Exd. T, McMootry.

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Requesting that orders may be issued calling the attention of the Executive Engineer to the canal deposit noticed by the Surveyor in the road from Portuguese Choultry Station to the Pallavaram Choultry, and that the necessary Orders may be immediately transmitted to him as soon as possible.

To
The Superintending Engineer
7th Division

Madras 21st May 1863

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