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No. 356. Read the following letter from Colonel A. C. PEARSON, Postmaster General, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 29th December 1863, No. 5,635 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that I intend recommending a Mail Cart in supersession of the existing Runner Establishment on the road between the Railway point of Tripetty and Nellore, whereby at nearly the present cost I anticipate great improvement in the time of the travelling of the very important Mails for and from Madras, Hyderabad, the northern stations and Calcutta passing over it.

2. I accordingly addressed the Superintending Engineers of the 2nd and 4th Divisions, requesting to be informed of the condition of the road, and its practicability for a Mail Cart, and I subjoin copy of their replies; and as these on the whole are unfavorable to the project, I request Government may be pleased to pass orders for the improvement of the road in question at an early date.

No. 357. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1864, No. 175.

The Postmaster General will be informed that the Government are unable at present to provide any funds for the improvement of the line between Tripetty and Nellore. The Superintending Engineers of the 2nd and 4th Divisions have made due provision for the work in the Budget of 1864-65, and have promised to submit the necessary Estimates at an early date. The improvement of the line can therefore be undertaken only after 1st May next.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers, 2nd and 4th Divisions.

„ Postmaster General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

I believe that after perusing it you

No 3594

Supdtg Engrs Office
4th Division Madras
25th Nov 1863

From

Lieut. Col. A. J. M. Poileau R. E.
Supg Engineer 4th Division

To

Colonel A. C. Pears
Post Master General

Sir,

Extract of a letter from Captain Chrystie R. E.
16th Nov 1863

With reference
to your letter of 4th Nov 1863

Para 4. You will perceive that I am of opinion that out of the 23 miles of road only one mile (the 14th) is even in fair order and that several of the others are nearly impassable. This is undoubtedly in a great measure due to the road never having been completed and also to the completed portions having been left unmeasured for during the past six months, although it is well known that newly constructed road (especially where embanked) require much careful attention for the first two or three years but it is also due to the circumstance already mentioned in Para 2 Viz. that shingle, instead of broken jilly, has been used for the lower part of the metalling. This shingle consists of water worn sand stones pebbles, say on an average 3 cubics, but many much larger, and is altogether a description of material which ought never in my opinion, to be used for road making where other materials are, as in this road, procurable within moderate distance. as soon as the upper layer of gravel has been cut through, the loose shingle comes to the surface and as its round edges will not bond, a small hole once made, rapidly enlarges to several square yards or to the whole area over which the upper layer of gravel has been worn thin.

I have the honor
to enter marginally
an extract of a

Report lately received
from the Ex. Engr

Wallajah Range
North Arcot

District, on the
road between

Trichupetty and
Thalastrey which

is a part of the
road between

Disembury and Naidoopett and
I believe that after perusing it you

will concur with me in thinking it impracticable for a Mail Cart.

2. An Estimate for completing that portion of the line has been entered in the Budget of 1864/65.

3. As regards the state of that portion which lies between Thalasthy and Maidopett I have no information, as it is in the limits of the 2^d Division. I think I heard Captain Kearu Sup^t of Police say he went over it a few days ago, and I have no doubt he would be able to tell you of its condition.

I have &c
Signed J. J. M. Bouleau
Sup^t Eng^r 4th Divⁿ

No 35

Sup^t Eng^r Office 2^d Divⁿ
Masulipatam 17th Decr/63

From

To

Sir,

Lieut Col J. C. Anderson R.C.
Sup^t Engineer 2^d Divⁿ

Colonel A. C. Pears

Post Master General
Fort St. George

Referring to your letter No 5047

dated 1st Instant which I received only yesterday I have the honor to inform you that I am calling on the Range Officers for a full report on the state of Trunk road No 6 from the Southern limit of Tellore District to the town of Tellore: mean while, I would beg to state that besides the obstacles to the passage of a Mail Cart offered by the unbridged rivers there is a formidable gap at the 88 mile near the village of Manabale.

2. The road is heavy in some places, particularly towards the southern part of the District, but with the above exceptions I believe it would be practicable for a Mail Cart to run to Tellore. In the dry season the banks of the rivers could be sloped down, and rendered possible and in the rains, the Cart might be crossed over by a Ferry boat, but at that season, no such expedients could be resorted to at the 88 miles and unless there were a separate set of Carts for the North and South sides I do not see how the difficulty could be surmounted.

3. The works which are required to render this portion of the road practicable have been estimated for and funds for their prosecution in 1864-65 have been applied for.

I have &c
Signed J. C. Anderson
Supt. Engr. &c &c
True Copies
As per
Postmaster General

MS 5478

Madras
POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
29th December 1863
No. 5685

From The Postmaster General.
To The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department,
Fort St. George.
SIR,

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2. I accordingly addressed the Superintending Engineers of the 2 & 4 Divisions requesting to be informed of the condition of the road and its practicability for a Mail Cart and I subjoin Copy

of their replies and as these on the whole
are unfavorable to the project I request
Government may be pleased to pass
orders for the improvement of the road
in question at an early date.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant
A. P. S.
Post Master General

Received of the Honble the Postmaster General
the sum of Rs. 1000/- on account of the
Post Office Fund for the year 1860-61
and the sum of Rs. 100/- on account of the
Post Office Fund for the year 1861-62
Total Rs. 1100/-

PM 1863
Dec 29th for January 1864
No 5478

Dear Postmaster General

I beg to say to you
that the White Light
on the White Light

Dec 29th December 1863
Dec 31st

Respects that are
may be placed for the improvement
of the road between the
quarry and the station for a distance
of 1/2 mile on that place.

No 145-18th January 1864
With an Order

No 145th

The Post Master General will be informed

that the Government are unable at present to provide
any funds for the improvement of the line between
the quarry and the station. The Supplementary Engineer
of the 2nd and 4th divisions have made the proposal
for the work in the August of 1864/65 and have
promised to submit the necessary estimates at
an early date. The improvement of the line
can therefore be undertaken only after 1st
May next.

The Supplementary Engineer of the 2nd division
will submit the report which he has called for
on the state of the line between the quarry and the station
to the Engineer of the 2nd and 4th divisions
for the improvement of the line between the quarry and the station.

No 145-18th January 1864
With an Order