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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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No. 298. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. MEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 29th July 1864, No. 73 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor earnestly to solicit a special grant of Rupees 36,319, to enable me to complete the high road between Bellary and Cuddapah.

1 Statement.

2. In Part I. of the Imperial Budget for 1864-65, item No. 119, the sum of Rupees 20,000 was allotted for the portion of the above road within the limits of the Cuddapah District ; including this sum, Rupees 78,534, out of Rupees 1,06,431, the amount of the Estimate, have been expended, leaving a balance of Rupees 27,897 still required to complete that portion of the road.

3. In the Income Tax Budget for 1864-65, item No. 15, the sum of Rupees 10,000 was entered for the road from Bellary to the Cuddapah frontier ; including this sum, Rupees 93,778 have been expended out of Rupees 1,02,200, the amount of the Estimate, leaving an unexpended balance of Rupees 8,422.

4. The small sums allotted as above stated to the two Districts of Cuddapah and Bellary will soon be expended, and unless a further grant is sanctioned, all work on this most important line of communication must be stopped, leaving several gaps which could be completed within the official year, were the unexpended balances of the Estimates made available at once.

5. This road is, without exception, the most important in the whole Division. As many as 1,500 carts have been counted in one day near Gooty, and as the North West Railway approaches Cuddapah, the traffic on it will greatly increase.

6. The work on this road in the Bellary District has been admirably carried on by Mr. Wilson, Assistant Engineer ; I was quite astonished at the quantity and quality of the work performed between the beginning of February and the end of April last. Considering the difficulty of procuring labour, the whole country having been drained by the Irrigation Company's Engineers, and the badness of the past season which necessitated the conveyance of drinking water to the working parties often, for a distance of two miles, the manner in which the work was pushed on is most creditable to Mr. Wilson and to his two hard working Overseers Mr. M. Day and A. Subaraya Mudaly.

7. In the Cuddapah Range of the Cuddapah District, under Mr. Biggers, C.E., the work is well advanced, but in the Poddatur Range, under Mr. Supervisor Lasky, large sums have been spent without, in my opinion, adequate returns.

8. Mr. Lasky does not work economically, and instead of using his own influence among the people, he writes foolish letters to the Tahsildars urging them to send Coolies to the work, for which he was severely reprimanded in Order No. 1,931, dated 2nd July 1864. He, moreover, does not obey orders, and I have warned him that the very next time I have occasion to find fault with him, I shall recommend his immediate reduction to the grade of Taluq Overseer.

9. I now beg to repeat my application for a grant of Rupees 36,319 to enable me to complete this important road, and should a reference to the Supreme Government be necessary, I trust that I may be allowed to proceed with the work in each District after this year's allotments are expended, to avoid dismissing the Coolies who could only again be collected with great trouble and expense, as the Engineers of the North West Railway and of the Irrigation Company are now paying higher rates for labour than have ever been given by this Department.

No. 299. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1864, No. 2,330.

The Reserve being nearly exhausted, the Government are quite unable at present to provide the large additional grant applied for, for the road from Cuddapah to Bellary ; but looking to the importance of this communication a special application will be made to the Government of India for a further allotment for the current official year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Statement showing the Amount of Expenditure incurred on the Road from Bellary to Cuddapah in the Districts of Bellary & Cuddapah. 25

	Amount of Expenditure	Date of Sanction	Expenditure including the amount yearly grant	Balance	Remarks
Road from Bellary to the Cuddapah frontier	102200	G.O. 1174 8th May 63	93778	8422	
Road from Cuddapah to the Bellary frontier	106481	21st 5th Sept 62	10554	27897	

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Enclosure in a letter from

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