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29th January 1864.*

No. 634. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Go-
vernment, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 7th January 1864, No. 4,402:—

SIR,

1. Among the old Unanswered References in this Office I find an Extract Minutes of Consul-
tation of Government, No. 2,260, dated 4th December 1857, on the
1 Statement. subject of the Pootulput and Kircumbady road in the District of
North Arcot.

2. The explanation called for in paragraph 3 of the Order above quoted appears to have
been received by the Chief Engineer in March 1858, but never to have been forwarded.

3. It appears that out of the sum, Rupees 15,879, granted in Extract Minutes of Consul-
tation, No. 310, dated 21st September 1852, Rupees 3,057 were transferred, under permission
granted in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 389, dated 21st October 1853 to that portion
of Trunk Road No. XI which connects Chittoor with Pootulput. Out of the balance,
Rupees 12,822, no less a sum than Rupees 8,558 was expended in the days when the works were
in the hands of the Collector, and only the remainder Rupees 4,264 by this Department; the
Officer in charge, Captain Barber, having at the time reported the insufficiency of that sum to
complete the road.

4. The Estimate Rupees 21,426 sanctioned in Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 91,
dated 24th February 1855, for building five bridges on the road in question between the 110th and
128th mile was never acted on further than in the collection of a few materials as subjoined:—

	Bricks.	Cubic Yards rough stone.	Old cut stone.
For bridge at Thanapully river in 110th mile.	20,000	25	...
Do. at Pankal tanks surplus stream in 115th mile ...	...	100	50
Do. at Soovarumooky river at Lootovunka in 120th mile ...	...	...	...
Do. at hill stream near Kulrodapully in 123rd mile ...	...	15	...
Do. at Biranji Malapam stream in 129th mile (bricks are at 128th mile) ...	10,000	...	...
Do. at Alepore Wanka in 142nd mile.	7,000	...	...

5. It will thus be seen that only 12,822 Rupees had been expended on the road at the
time of Government passing their order now under reply, and not Rupees 37,305 as they then
had reason to suppose.

6. As regards the present state of the road it is thus described by the Native executive
agent, though not precisely in his own words: "It is not metalled with jelly and gravel like
" other Trunk Roads, but has been improved by the annual maintenance allowance, the portions
" where the soil is worst being gravelled. From the 110th mile (the commencement) to the 130th
" it is passable for carts in wet weather; thence from the 131st to the 135th mile it has had gravel
" laid on but of so earthy a character that it turns to mud in the rain; thence for two miles the road
" is formed in embankment across paddy fields, and the earth is coated with sand (gravel being
" three miles distant), and from that point to the end of the road, or from Triputti to Kircumbady
" it goes over red, hard stony soil easily passable for carts, though here and there are muddy
" portions, and round stones crop up above the surface of the road."

7. A detailed Statement of the condition of each mile of road is enclosed.

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*Vide page 59 of Appendix to Budget for
1863-64.*

8. The present maintenance allowance, Rupees 3,850 for 38½ miles, is considered sufficient. Captain Chrystie, Executive Engineer North Arcot, on a recent visit to the Chendragherry Range reported on this road, that out of this allowance "the Sub-Engineer has "metalled ten miles with thin coats of gravel, and has constructed two large sized brick in chunam "tunnels and four road dams," and adds that he found the "road in good order for one of its class."

9. The traffic is about 150 carts per diem. Ere long I hope to see this road, and if I consider it necessary, I will have a special Estimate prepared for its due completion.

10. Permission is requested however to strike off the Government Order under notice from my Unanswered Reference List.

No. 635. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1864, No. 314.

Under the explanation afforded in this letter, the Government permits the removal from the List of Unanswered References, of their Orders dated 4th December 1857, No. 2,200, relative to the road from Pootulput to Kircumbady in the District of North Arcot.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Statement Showing the various District the Imperial Roads in 2^d Range of N. S. to be made and maintained

Name of Road	Length in Miles			Existing Annual Maintenance Grant		Probable Amount required for Completion of Construction		Remarks
	1 st class	2 nd class	3 rd class	1 st class	2 nd class	3 rd class	1 st class	
1. Trunk Road No. 11 from the beginning of the 107 mile near Potholpett to 127 mile beyond Mulloor up to the frontier of Cuddapah District near Cherao covvaypally		19			4275		50000	The Probable amount for constructing Bridges across the rivers
2. 2 nd class Metalled Road No. 17 from the commencement of 110 th mile of the above 11 Trunk Road near Potholpett to Mircumbady		38 1/2			3850		38000	The probable amount if for metalling the line throughout and constructing large and small bridges across the Rivers & deep streams.
3. 2 nd class Road No. 18 from Puzay to Ballappally in the limits of Cuddapah District		38			1000		10000	2 nd for metalling the line throughout and bridging the Rivers and deep streams.
4. Road from Pallypett to Pothoor - New Road estimate submitted		12 1/2			525			This is in excellent order as the soil being generally nearly throughout the line.
5. Road from Vellatry to Muddaspett - Proposed Road		18					23000	Estimate forwarded in 1862/63 but not sanctioned
6. Road from Gairipett to Vintettaghery								Estimate in preparation

2^d Range Office of N. S.
Camp Pampate
17th June 1863

A. Chidambaram S. D.
In Charge of 2^d Range of N. S.

No 314

Under the application

afforded in this letter, the Government
permits the removal from the lists
of unaccounted for persons of Howard
H. Howard dated 4th December 1859
as 2260 relative to the road from Antigua
to Mineumby in the District of
North Crook.

Elephant 29th Jan 2/64

W. H.

To the Deputy Secy. of the Govt.

Recd. 1st Dec 1859

Dec 21st 1859
" 27th 1859
" 24th 1859
" 14th 1859

To the Secretary to Govt.

Dec 21st 1859

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