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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th February 1864.*

No. 306. Read the following letter from Colonel A. J. M. BOILEAU, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 1st February 1864, No. 4,881 :—

SIR,

1. In September last the Consulting Engineer for Railways forwarded to my address a letter from the Agent and Manager representing that in consequence of the "almost impassable condition" of the road between Satghar and the Railway Station of Mailpetty "the traffic which would in an ordinary way be dealt with at that Station found its way to Gooriatum," and thus deprived it of that share which it was entitled to, and which would tend to render itself paying. The Range Officer was thereupon at once directed to prepare an Estimate for the formation of a road (for in fact nothing deserving of the name existed), and in November last the proposed line was inspected at my request by Captain Chrystie, Executive Engineer.

2. That Officer has submitted the accompanying report, by which it appears that previous to the opening of the Railway there was only a path passable for foot passengers and bullocks; and in 1858, when the Railway was opened, the inhabitants of the several villages in those parts desirous of taking advantage of it sent (and now continue to send) their traffic in carts by a mere track over the country; but so difficult is it in wet weather from the nature of the soil that communication is almost entirely cut off between the two places.

3. The Collector entirely approves of the proposal to form the road in question, which he observes will "open out a part of the country which is in a very retrograde condition, as compared with what it was when the great bulk of the inland traffic streamed down the Naikenairy (old Pioneer) Ghât, and passed through Satghar where were the well known gardens which take their name from that place." Mr. Robinson further remarks that the proposition to form a road has his support because it "contributes to open out a fertile piece of country and to rescue it from fever and the footpad."

4. The Executive Engineer conversed freely with the merchants in the villages through which he passed when inspecting the line, and found them extremely desirous of having the road made.

5. Thus I think there is no question that this is a communication deserving of early attention, and I have no hesitation in urging its construction in 1864-65, and in soliciting the sanction of Government to the Estimate Rupees 4,700; the work to a much larger amount, viz., Rupees 10,000, having been already provisionally entered in the Budget.

No. 307. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1864, No. 458.

The Budget of 1864-65 being closed, no assignment can now be made for the proposed road between Satghar and the Mailpetty Railway Station. The Superintending Engineer will re-submit the Estimate after the 1st May next.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Supp. Engineer's Office, 4th Division
Madras. 1st ~~January~~ February 1864.
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From,

Colonel A. J. M. Poileau, R.E.

Supp. Engineer, 4th Division.

To,

Colonel Charles A. Carr, R.E.

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Public.

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Madras
16 February
1864

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant

W. B. B. Colouel R.B.

Suff. Engineer, 4th Division.

To,
Colonel Charles A. Orr, R.B.

Secretary to Government, P.M.D.

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The Railway Station

being closed, no arrangements can
now be made for the improvement
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