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19th February 1864.*

No. 407. Read the following letter from Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 13th February 1864, No. 1,836:—
SIR,

1. With reference to the Orders of Government Nos. 210 and 257, dated 20th and 23rd January 1864 respectively, I have the honor to report that the road from Trichinopoly to Salem, a distance of 40 miles within this Division, is being repaired on the maintenance allowance of Rupees 10,000, and that Rupees 7,691-12-6 have been expended to the 31st January. The grant of Rupees 8,000, referred to in the former Order, was laid out in 1861-62 and 1862-63.

2. I have lately travelled over this line of communication and found it in very fair order, especially the portion which follows the north bank of the Cauvery river, but its state is much influenced by the weather, owing to parts of it not being metalled, and the rains in December must have affected these portions in the injurious way brought to notice by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

3. Since the opening of the South Western Railway increased traffic has sprung up on this road; the gravel put down was not found sufficient, and broken stone for a depth of two inches was laid for a length of 20 miles from the maintenance allowance. This material will be continued for a distance of about five miles beyond, and as the present allotment will not admit of more being done, I propose submitting an Estimate in a few days for metalling the remaining portion, which if approved of, can be sanctioned for expenditure in 1864-65.

4. The road was laid out as a second class one, and the gravelling spread for a breadth of six yards. On the completion of the Railway from Negapatam to Trichinopoly, as far as Erode station on the South-Western Line, much of the present traffic will be diverted, and it remains for the consideration of Government whether this road shall be made a first class communication by widening the line to 10 yards, with eight yards metalling at a cost of forty or fifty thousand Rupees. A distance of nearly twenty miles runs along the Cauvery north bank on a high embankment, which would involve a large expenditure to widen.

5. The Executive Engineer reports on the 29th ultimo, that he lately drove in a two wheeled conveyance at the rate of eight miles an hour along the whole of this road within my Division, but that he had to walk in portions of the Salem District. This fact would show that the line, within my limits, in the dry weather, is already in a fit state for Mail Coach traffic.

No. 408.

ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1864, No. 503.

No. 210, dated 20th January 1864,
No. 257, dated 23rd January 1864.

1. Communicated to the Military Department and to the Post Master General, with reference to the Orders noted in the margin.

2. The Government will await the receipt of the Estimate referred to in paragraph 3.

3. With reference to paragraph 4, the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, will be directed to communicate with the Collector, and to submit a further report upon the subject at an early date.

4. The Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, is requested to expedite the submission of his reply to the Orders noted in the margin of paragraph 1 of those Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers, 5th and 6th Divisions.
„ Post Master General.
„ Military Department.

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19th Feb 4/64

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To the Supy: Brig 5th & 6th Divs
" Post Master General
" Milly Depu 1st
Dated 19th Feb 4/64

W. B. Chapau
Off. Supy: Engineer
Baptin 423

Upon Street's statement concerning

18th Feb 1836
Pro: of Govt for
The Sup: Engineer
to the

To
The Secretary to Govt
(P.W.)

Dated 13th Feb 1836
Recd 18th

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N^o 508-19th February

Reporting that Road
from Lichinopoly to Salem
is being repaired and
is in good order but
portions of the road were
become injured by rains
when His Ex: the Commander
in chief passed over it
With an order

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