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No. 440. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E. Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Buntwall, 9th February 1864, No. 333:—

SIR,

1. Since writing the letter printed with Government Order No. 339 of 2nd February, I have sent in the detailed statements of funds available and required, alluded to in its last paragraph, and from them and from my letter No. 329 of 6th February, it will be seen that no Repair Funds are available in the 7th Division for transfer to the repairs of the old lines of road at Palghaut approaching the intended bridge. The Repair Funds of Malabar have hitherto been kept down to a very small amount, and its discretionary allowance very small, owing, I am told, to the magnitude of its Local Funds. But those funds are now only available for particular roads; in improving and maintaining which this year, they have been very largely indented on. Next year's Budget provides for maintenance of Imperial lines more adequately; but meanwhile my anticipation of being able to provide Rupees 2,140 for Palghaut road repairs has been disappointed.

2. I shall feel obliged by the return of the sanctioned Kulputty bridge Plan and Estimate. The services of my own Draughtsman having been placed at Major Farewell's disposal for the Lawrence Asylum Plans, the above were made out by my Manager, whose other numerous occupations precluded the preparation of duplicates. It is owing to the want of an adequate staff of competent Surveyors and Draughtsmen for general duties, that Superintending Engineers are compelled to submit to Government such papers as those the roughness of which is complained of in paragraph 2 of the Government Order, I had some conversation on the subject with the Quarter Master General of the Army when at Cannanore, and am under the impression that a representation was made to Government by order of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with special reference to the drafting of Military Plans and Estimates which require so much care and exactness. The new Artillery Barrack Plans at Cannanore are not yet in hand, and although my own Draughtsman will soon be available for them, I should be glad of assistance for the numerous special Surveys and Plans with which it is desirable that my reports should be illustrated, much more profusely and elaborately than can be done with present means.

3. Hitherto I have refrained from troubling Government with any representations on the subject, knowing the limited scale on which the Department was re-organized. But it would be wrong any longer to delay pointing out a deficiency in that organization of which every Superintending Engineer must be painfully conscious, and the results of which are not satisfactory to Government.

No. 441. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1864, No. 523.

1. Ordered to be recorded.

2. The Plan and Estimate for the Kulputty bridge are herewith forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with three Plans and one Estimate.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The plan & Estimate for the Kalpetty Bridge are herewith for= =warded to the Superintending Engineer 1st Division.

Colombo 22nd July 1864

To The Supt Engineer 1st Division with 3 plans & Estimate

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