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No. 419. Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 29th April 1864, No. 404:—

SIR,

1. From the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 1,558, dated the 14th March 1864, passed upon the Order of Government No. 43, dated the 7th January 1864, the Government will have learned that I have acted according to rule in carrying on the repairs to the Andiputty pass.

2. I beg to explain that when the Estimate for repairing the pass from the proceeds of the toll collections was made, it was agreed upon by me and Captain Payne, the then District Engineer, that I was to get the Estimate carried out by the Sub-Magistrate of Ooslumputty.

3. At the same time Captain Payne informed me that discretion should be exercised in making any necessary alteration in the direction of the road, and in the carrying out of the Estimate by the person employed by me; accordingly, from time to time, on the report of the Sub-Magistrate and on my personal inspection of the locality, such discretionary, improving, alterations, in the direction of, and widening of the approaches and pass, plainly perceptible have been made; by doing so the road has been shortened in places, traffic facilitated, and expenditure in cost of construction saved; while the extra width I gave to the pass which was absolutely necessary has been met from the item of sundries provided in the Estimate purposely for such necessary improvements.

4. I have just returned from the pass and consider the Sub-Magistrate deserves the greatest praise for the amount of work he has done, for his economy in its execution, and for the judicious improvements he has effected.

5. For the information of Government I transcribe a letter* on the subject from Captain Payne to the Superintending Engineer, which I think will entirely bear me out:—

* Dated 14th March 1864, No. 182.

"With reference to the Collector's letter No. 211 of the 8th instant, and its five enclosures, all of which are herewith returned, I have the honor to inform you that in the Estimate of Rupees 18,500,† which was prepared by me in the month of December 1862 for the improvement of the Ooslumputty and Andiputty road, I allowed a series of average rates for different descriptions of soil, leaving it to the discretion of the executive agent to pay what in any particular case might be considered, from the locality and other circumstances, a fair remunerative rate."

† The Sub-Magistrate can carry out this Estimate for about 13,000 Rupees.

2. "When I examined the road in the months of December and January last, (vide letter No. 170, dated 20th January 1864), the Sub-Magistrate Subayer, in executive charge, pointed out several places where in carrying out the work he had effected a saving, and others in the execution of which he anticipated that the estimated rates would prove insufficient. I pointed out to the Sub-Magistrate that the excess in the one case would probably be balanced by the saving in the others. He appeared to have used his discretion carefully in the payment for work executed up to the date of my visit, and I think therefore it may be concluded that he has exercised his discretion equally well in fixing the higher rates proposed in the account furnished to the Collector, and I should recommend their being sanctioned.

3. "With reference to the alterations spoken of by the Sub-Magistrate, I consider them judicious, and modifications that might with advantage be carried into effect. They are but trifling and involve no extra expense as the Sub-Magistrate informed me.

4. "The larger masonry works proposed by the Collector might be constructed if considered necessary, after the provisions of the present Estimate have been carried into effect."

6. Whilst the work is going on satisfactorily and economically Captain Moberly writes to me to give over the execution thereof to him; if I make it over to him, he must give it to Captain Payne to carry out by means of his Táluq Overseer, whilst Captain Payne is quite willing to let me carry it out through the Sub-Magistrate with whose work Captain Payne and I are quite satisfied.

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7. I write this letter therefore to Government to ask for an order to Captain Moberly directing him to allow me to carry out the work through the Sub-Magistrates, who under the old system had experienced in Maramut works, who has done well and who does not spare himself in this work.

8. The Government may judge I take a great interest in getting the pass and its approaches put into good order. It was on my recommendation a toll was established on the Ghât, and I wish to give the traders using it a good road as quickly and cheaply as I can, and I know the Sub-Magistrate can work more economically than the Department Public Works.

9. The traders pay for the road and are therefore entitled to what the tolls allow us to afford them, which is a first rate road, and I therefore propose calling on Captain Moberly to request Captain Payne to revise his Estimate and to provide for a first class road and for bridges to all the streams in lieu of road dams and other economical expedients.

10. Since the imposition of the toll Rupees 9,508-0-11 have been collected, and Rupees 4,215-14-10 expended on the road. Below is a table of the traffic through the pass which has paid toll since its imposition in November 1861.

STATEMENT.

Months.	Laden ponies.	Single horses.	Laden bullocks.	Laden donkeys.	Empty carts or bandies.	Laden carts and pairs of bullocks.	Carriages of any kind with horses or bullocks.	Palanquins and mancheels with bearers.	Camels.	Elephants.
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No. 420.

ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1864, No. 1,447..

The Government are of opinion that the works in progress at the Andiputty Pass are of a nature to be more satisfactorily carried on by the local Revenue Officers than by the Department Public Works, and they direct that those works be kept under the supervision of the Collector, who will obtain from Captain Moberly such professional aid as may at any time be required.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Board of Revenue.
" Collector of Madura.
" Revenue Department.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 404 Madurea 29th April 1864

From
V. A. Lewin Esqre.
Collector of Madurea

To Colonel C. A. Orr. R. Es.
Secretary to Government.
Public works Deptt.
Fort St George.

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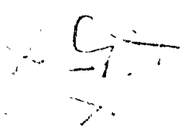
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Collector

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No 1144 of

Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 18th May 1864.

Read the following letter

From the Collector of Madura.

Reporting the completion
alterations effected by the
Parakum Party Sub Magte
in carrying out the Estimate
for repairing the Anicuts
&c &c from the proceeds of
the Toll Collections.-

The Government are
of opinion that the works in
progress at the Anicuts should
be carried on by the
satisfactorily carried on by the
local Revenue Officer than by
the P. W. Dept, & they direct
that this work be left under
the superintendence of the Collector
who will obtain from Captain
Doveton such professional aid
as may at any time be required.

To
The Secy to Govt P.W.D.
" Civil Engr. & Surveyor
" Collr of Madura
" Civil Engineer

Dated 21st May 1864

Entered in Despatch Book

7th Dec 1864 Book No 41-92.

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From The Collector of Madura
To The Secretary to
Government P.W.D.

Madras
Dated 29th April
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