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No. 256. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Padamathoor, 25th February 1864, No. 1,950:—

SIR,

1. Referring to Government Order No. 375 of the 5th instant, I have the honor to observe that I cannot procure the gravel for the road from Madura to Tondy at the lower rate, which, at the time the Estimate was framed, Captain Ryves acknowledged was insufficient, inasmuch as he himself entered a higher rate in his own Estimate.

2. The Government have in Order No. 1 of 4th January 1864, declined to sanction any further amount for this road; I see no alternative therefore except the execution of less work, the width of the metalling must be diminished in proportion to the increased rate, or if no increase is allowed these items in the Estimate must be omitted, in either case less work must be done.

3. The diminution in quantity is, in my opinion, objectionable, and I think it is highly to the interest of Government to complete this road before they commence another, but my views have been overruled by Government who prefer Mr. Levinge's opinion. I beg again to point out that it is not I, but he who is unsupported by his and my predecessors. They commenced the road, they framed the Estimates which I am now carrying out. I have only proposed to finish off what they began.

4. The bridges now in existence on the road bear slabs showing that they were constructed between 1838 and 1841, the earthwork has been in many places completed and allowed to fall away because there are no funds for turfing or metalling, and those parts which under Mr. Dudgeon's Estimate are now finished, with the exception of the gravel, will in another year be in a deplorable condition if they are not coated.

5. If the Government will sanction Rupees 3,300 I can work out the full amount of the Estimate at the higher rates, but if they adhere to the views in Order No. 1 of 4th January 1864, I trust that they will favor me with instructions as to whether I am to leave out these items or reduce the width of metalling. I have not heard what the Collector's views on the subject are, it appears to me purely a matter of executive detail; but as the Estimate is now nearly worked out, the further progress of the road must be stopped till I hear from you.

No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1864, No. 734.

The Government sanctions a supplemental grant of Rupees 3,300 from the Reserve for the road from Madura to Tondy on the understanding that the whole amount will be expended during the current official year. Should Captain Moberly, however, be unable to appropriate the full sum he will report at once how much will actually be required for expenditure up to the 30th proximo.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Supt Engineer's Office 8th Division
Padamathoor 25th February 1861.

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Superintending Engineer 8th Division

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Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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Superintending Engineer 8th Division

Supt Engrs office 8 Dn
Padamattoor
24th February 1864

To
Colonel C.A. Orr RE.
Secretary to Government D.O.W.

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From, No 940
The Supt Engineer 8th Dn

To
The Secretary to Govt
PWD

Dated 25th February 1864
Received 2 March "

Enclosure None

Requests instructions regarding the low rate allowed for gravel work in the Estimate, now under execution for the road between Madura and Tondy, and points out the necessity for completing this line before Commencing another.

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Chepauk
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To The Supt Engr 8th Dn
" Contr & Audr PW Accts
" Accts Clerk

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