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No. 268. 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 Madura, 29th February 1864, No. 1,967:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that no money has been allowed for new roads in the Madura District in the Budget of 1864-65, although Rupees 7,695 have been made available by the re-arrangement of the maintenance allowances sanctioned in Government Order No. 183 of the 18th January.

2. The Budget total is made up to the average of other Districts by the entry of Rupees 15,000 for the Paumben Reef Channel, but I beg to submit to Government that this work is one that concerns other Districts quite as much if not even more than it does Madura.

3. It would seem but reasonable therefore that this work should be considered independently of the District generally, and that some further allotment should be made for the construction of roads in which it is sadly deficient; the Government were pleased in their No. 3,153 of 25th November 1863 to sanction the Estimate which I submitted with the concurrence of the Collector for the important road from Tirumangalum to the Coimbatore frontier, important actually as the line of transport for Cotton and as a Railway feeder, in which latter capacity its value will be probably increased when the Great Southern India Railway is continued to Caroor and Errode.

4. There is a mistake in the entry for metalled roads in the Tinnevelly District:—

	RS.
Road from Streevellipootoor viâ Satur and Ettiapooram to Tuticorin, 64 miles, at 200 Rupees per mile, should be... ...	12,800
The amount of Rupees ... ... should be entered under the head of road from Vaimbur to Ettiapooram 15 miles at 200 Rupees per mile.	3,000

5. I trust that the Government will be pleased to make this correction as the roads are important Cotton lines, and in Government Order No. 3,441 of 24th November 1863, sanction was refused for even a modification of the first road.

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1864, No. 740.

1. With reference to paragraphs 1 to 3 of this letter, Captain Moberly will be informed that the Government will be prepared to consider any application that he may make after 1st May next for funds for works which it may be advisable to undertake in 1864-65, and that the necessary grants will be made for them from the Reserve for that year.

2. Referring to paragraph 4 the Government observes that so large a sum as Rupees 45,000 has been provided under the head "Dykes" in the Godavery District for the year 1864-65, whilst the allowance in 1863-64 was only Rupees 4,750. The sum of Rupees 12,800 required for the maintenance of the road from Streevellipootoor to Tuticorin in the Tinnevelly District can doubtless be spared from the funds allotted for the Godavery District under the head referred to, and the Government accordingly resolves to transfer that sum to the credit of the Tinnevelly District

3. The sum of Rupees 3,000 referred to in paragraph 4 will, as in previous years, be expended in the maintenance of the road from Vaimbur to Ettiapooram.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers 1st and 8th Divisions.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
„ Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Supd Engineer's Office 8th Division.
Madura 29th February 1864.

No 1967

From,

Captain J. J. Moberly RE.
Superintending Engineer 8th Division

To,

Colonel C A. Orr RE.
Secretary to Government PWD

Sir,

Public.

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that no money has been allowed for new roads in the Madura District in the Budget of 1864-65, although Rupees 7695 have been made available by the re-arrangment of the maintenance allowances sanctioned in Government Order No 183 of the 18th Jany.

2 The budget total is made up of the average of other Districts by the entry of Rupees 15000 for the Pamban reef channel, but I beg to submit to Government that this work is one that concerns other Districts quite as much, if not even more than, it does Madura.

3 It would seem but reasonable therefore that this work should be considered independently of the District generally and that some further allotment should be made for the construction of roads in which it is sadly deficient. the Government were pleased in their No 3453 of 25th November/63 to sanction the estimate which I submitted with the concurrence of the Collector for the important road from Sirumangalum to the Coimbatore frontier. important actually as the line of transport for Cotton and as a railway feeder, in which latter capacity its value will be probably increased when the G. I. P. Railway is continued to Karoor and Erode.

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4 There is a mistake in the Estimate for metalled roads in the Tinnevelly District.

Road from Struvelliputtur via Satur and Ettyapuram to Tuticorin 64 miles at 200 Rs per mile. Should be ------ 12,800.

The amount of Rupees ------ 3000 should be entered under the head of road from Coimbur to Ettyapuram 15 miles at 200 Rupees per mile.

5 I trust that the Government will be pleased to make this Correction as the roads are important cotton lines. and in Government Order No. 3,441 of 24th November 1863, Sanction was refused for even a modification of the first road.

I have &c.

J. Caldwell Captain RE.
Superintending Engineer 8th Division.

Supt Engineer's Office
8th Div. Madurai
29th February 1864

To, Colonel C.A. Orr RE.
Secretary to Government PWD.

Public Works Department

No 710

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 11th March 1864

Read the following from the Superintending Engineer 8th Div.

(H.S. of 29th February 1864 No 4)

Points out certain omissions in the Budget of 1864/65 for Metalled roads in the Tinnevelly District, and requests that some further allotment may be made for the construction of Roads in Madura District as no money has been allowed for new roads this District.

Read also

With reference to Paras 1 to 3 of this letter Captn Caldwell will be informed that the Govt will be prepared to consider any application that he may make after 1st May next for funds for works which he may be advisable to undertake in 1864/5, & that the necessary grants will be made for them from the Reserve for that year.

Referring to Para 4 of this letter, the Govt observe that so large a sum as Rs 45000 has been provided under the head "Dykes" in the Godavery District for the year 1864/5, whilst the allowance in 1863/4 was only Rs 4750. The sum of

Rs 12800 required for the maintenance of the road from Shreevilliputtoor to Sutteorin in the Tinnevelly District can doubtless be spared from the funds allotted for the Salem District under the head referred to, & the Govt accordingly resolve to transfer that sum to the credit of the Tinnevelly District.—

The sum of Rs 3000 referred to in P. 4 will as in previous years be expended in the maintenance of the road from Tambiri to Ettiapooram.

To The Right Hon'ble the Chief Secretary to Govt of Fort St George

Dated 12th March

1864 Despatch
Pres: of Govt. for Madras
No. 740
Pres: of the Md Govt
Dated 11th March 1865

Permission granted for the transfer from the head "Dypes" in the Godavery District of a sum of Rs. 12800 required for the maintenance of the road from Sreenellapootoor to Tuticorin in the Tinnevelly District.

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