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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 1st April 1864.

No. 1. Read the following letter from S. BATES, Esq., Manager Indian Carrying Company (Limited), to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th March 1864, B 2-613:—

SIR,

1. Referring to Government Order No. 81 (Public Works Department), dated the 9th January, to my letter B 2-178 of the 22nd December 1863, relative to the state of the road between the Poothanoor Railway Station and Kullar at the foot of the Coonoor Ghát, I have now the honor to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that having within the last week travelled over the road twice during daylight, I regret to have again to complain of the little progress which has been made in the erection of the bridges, owing, I believe, to the few workmen employed on them, for although in passing I kept a good look-out on several of the unfinished bridges not a single workman could be seen, and on no one bridge could I observe more than half a dozen of people at work.

2. The diverted roads at each of the breaks where the bridges are unfinished are in such a state that to pass them in a wheeled vehicle is now a matter not only of difficulty but is positively dangerous, and on account of the heavy and continuous traffic will become more so daily. The season when numerous travellers pass over the road on their way to the Hills is now fast approaching, and it would be a great boon to them if these bridges could be completed before that time.

3. It occurs to me that this could readily be done, having noticed that the whole of the masonry work of the bridges (excepting one) is completed and ready for the wooden beams, &c.

4. Excepting those parts where bridges are being erected, the road itself is now in fair condition and workable for horse conveyances, and these vehicles will be put on by the Company immediately the bridges can be crossed.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1864, No. 893.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, who will be requested to use every possible exertion for expediting the completion of the bridges referred to.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
„ Manager, Indian Carrying Company.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Indian Carrying Company, Limited.

OFFICES, Second Line Beach

Madras, 11th March 1864

From S. Pates

Manager Indian Carrying Co Ltd.

To A. J. Arbuthnot Esqre

Chief Secretary to Government.

Fort St George

Sir,

Referring to Government order No 81 (Public Works Department) dated the 6th January to my letter No 178 of the 22nd December 1863 relative to the state of the road between the Perrambur Railway Station and Kullar at the foot of the Ghaut, I have now the honor to state for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that having within the last week travelled over the road twice during daylight, I regret to have again to complain of the little progress which has been made in the erection of the Bridges, among I believe, to the few workmen employed on them, for although on passing I kept a good look out in search of the unfinished Bridges not a single workman could be seen, and on no one Bridge could I observe more than half a dozen of people at work..

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Sir,

I have the honor to be directed to request that you will cause the Bridges on the Line of Railway between Ottawa and Pembroke, which are now in course of erection, to be completed with the least possible delay, and I am to add that the Commissioners will be glad to receive from you a statement of the probable time when the Bridges will be finished.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Thomas Devlin
Secretary

Dept. of Public Works
Toronto 1st April 1864.

No 1247

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for your information, a Copy of a Letter addressed to the Superintendent of Public Works, Quebec, on the subject of the Bridges on the Line of Railway between Ottawa and Pembroke.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Thomas Devlin
Secretary

Grand Junction Railway Company
Montreal

Dated at Toronto 1st April 1864.
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No 893 Communicated to the Superintendent of Public Works, with the request that he will be requested to use every possible exertion for expediting the completion of the Bridges referred to.

Chapeau 1st April/64

To the Superintendent of Public Works
" Manager Grand Trunk Railway Co.

Dept. 2nd April

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