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No. 73. Read again letters from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated 1st September and 19th October 1863, Nos. 445 and 936, and recorded in Proceedings of Government dated 11th September and 30th October 1863, Nos. 2,610 and 3,165.

Read also 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 Coilputty, 17th March 1864, No. 2,130 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to call attention to my No. 936 of 19th October 1863, with which I forwarded letters from the Collectors of Madura and Tinnevelly, the former disapproving of, the latter assenting to my proposition to be allowed to cut branches which overhung the road within 12 feet of its surface.

2. I am compelled to make this application as the condition of the avenues in both Districts is still very unsatisfactory. On the Trunk Road in Madura there has been of late considerable improvement, but it was only in December and January after I pressed the Tahsildar of Meylur to see for himself that branches were cut sufficiently for my pony carriage to pass under.

3. On other lines there is no attempt at keeping the trees clipped.

4. In Tinnevelly in many places on a level a horseman cannot see the road 100 yards off owing to the trees, and this in the neighbourhood of Satur where the clippings would be useful fuel for the bridge work; my Overseer complains that he cannot get the road fairly worked in consequence, I trust that the Government will be pleased either to give the Officers of the Department Public Works the power of removing such obstructing branches, or take some steps to ensure its being done by the Revenue Officers. I have had complaints lately made to me as to the injury done to their carriages by travellers who, as I believe very naturally, supposed that the charge of the roads and their avenues were under the same Officers.

5. I would point out that there is not any Establishment for the charge of the avenues, and the Collector of Tinnevelly has, as far as I can make out from his Local Fund Statements retained no money for the purpose, as he has handed over to me the entire amount of the Jungle Conservancy Fund for expenditure in planting banks of channels, &c., to do which I am obliged to keep a special Establishment.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1864, No. 928.

The letters recorded above will be referred to the Revenue Department, for consideration with reference to its Proceedings No. 1,192, dated 4th July 1863.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Revenue Department.
" Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Supdg Engrs Office 8th Division
Trichinopoly 17th March 1864

No. 2130

From

Captain F. J. Moberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer 8th Div.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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Supty Engr's office &c.
Coilputty 17 March 1864

F. J. Huebeny Captain R.E.
Superintending Engineer &c.

To,
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government &c.

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Read again letters from the Supg Engr 8th Dn
d/ 1st Septr and 19th October/63 Nos 445 and
936 and recorded in Pro: of Govt d/ 11th Septr &
30th Octr/63 Nos 2610 and 3165.

Read also the following letter
from the Supg Engr 8th Dn

Calls attention to his No. 936 of 19th Octr/63 requesting to be allowed to cut branches which overhang the road within 12 feet of its surface and requests that Govt will be pleased either to give the Officers of the DPW the power of removing such obstructing branches or take some steps to ensure its being done by the Revenue Officers for reasons afforded —

P.E. 17th March/64
No. 2130

The letters recorded above will be referred to the Rev. Dept. for consideration with reference to its Pro: No 1192 d/ 4 July 1863.

W.B.

To The Rev. Dept. with G.O. No. 2610 & 3165 & 2 Letters
" Supg Engr 8 Dn

Desp. 8th April.

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30th Octr 1863 No. 665–668

Superintending Engineer
8th Division

To
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.
Recd 25th March 1864

Calls attention to his No. 936 of 19 October 1863 requesting to be allowed to cut branches which overhang the road within 12 feet of its surface and requests that Govt will be pleased either to give the Officers of the P.W.D. the power of removing such obstructing branches or take some steps to ensure its being done by the Revenue Officers for reasons afforded.

G.O. 928 4th April/64.

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D/ 4 April 64

Requesting that either the P.W. or the Revenue Officers may be given the power of removing the branches which over hang the road within 12 ft. of its surface. referred to the Rev. Dept. for consideration.

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