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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th April 1864.*

No. 111. Read the following letter from L. BOWRING, Esq., Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maha Rajah of Mysore, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Bangalore, 24th March 1864, No. 4,611-36 :—

SIR,

1. In 1854 the Civil Engineer of the 3rd Division, submitted to the Revenue Board the reports noted in the margin* on the systematic working of the main roads in the Bellary Collectorate, adding, at the particular request of the Collector, to the original list of these roads, a line from Bellary to Cumbadoor, on the frontier of the Pongurh Talook of the Chituldroog District.

* 3rd June 1854, No. 327.
1st July " " 378.

2. Estimates for this road were subsequently forwarded to the Chief Engineer on the 15th December 1855 for inclusion in the Budget of 1856-57, with the intention, as stated by the Civil Engineer, 3rd Division,† that on these being sanctioned, measures should be taken for estimating the cost of completing the portion south of Pongurh through the Mudduck Seerah Talook. These steps were proposed in order to carry out to completion a road between Bellary, Mudgherry and Toomcoor, projected by the Collector of Bellary in communication with the Superintendent of Chituldroog at the time of the famine in Bellary, the portion lying within the Mysore frontier having been since steadily prosecuted.

† No. 112 of 10th March 1856, from Civil Engineer, 3rd Division, to Chief Engineer, Madras.

3. In March and April 1856, the Chief Engineer, Mysore, received from the Chief Engineer, Madras,‡ copies of letters from the Collector of Bellary and the Civil Engineer, 3rd Division, affording the information given above, in which the great advantages of the proposed road to the Bellary Collectorate are referred to, and a hope expressed that the Mysore part of the line would be completed; in consequence of which work has been continued, and a late report from the Chief Engineer shows that the road from Toomcoor to the Mudduck Seerah boundary (44 miles) has been opened and bridged; and the portion traversing the Pongurh Talook has also been opened, though not yet bridged.

‡ Enclosures in Resolutions Nos. 1,230 and 1,991, dated 26th February and 26th March 1856, of the Madras Chief Engineer.

4. As it does not appear that the original design has been prosecuted, and as the detached portions in the Mysore territory will be of comparatively little value until this is effected, I have the honor to request that you will bring to the notice of His Excellency in Council that the Executive Engineer of Chituldroog reports that there is no road through the Mudduck Seerah Talook, and that the line from the frontier of Pongurh to Bellary is unbridged and considered to be only a fair weather road.

No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1864, No. 947.

As it is believed that the papers referred to in this letter are now on the records of the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, Colonel Hemery will be requested to submit a full report on the project referred to, and he will state the cause of the long delay in carrying it out. The report should contain references to past correspondence, if any, with the Government, and be accompanied by a sketch showing the direction of the road.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

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As it is believed that the papers referred to in this letter are now on the records of the Superintendent, Engineer 3rd Division, Colonel Henry will be requested to submit a full report on the project referred to, and the will state the cause of the long delay in carrying it out. The report should contain references to past correspondence, if any, with the Government, and be accompanied by a sketch showing the direction of the road.

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George

The road
the road
has been opened
the construction
Bellary
completed.

Chepauk
5th April/64

W.P.

To The Superintendent Engineer 3rd Div
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Recd. 5th April

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To, The Commissioner of Impose.
From, The Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept.
Fort Saint George.

Dated 24 March.
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Parlet 2781/64
Sent No. 4611
No. 36.
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Reports that the road
from Yomecor to the Imulchar
Seerah boundary has been opened
& bridged but that the continuation
of this road in the Bellary
Dist has not been completed.

No. 111.112
No. 947-5th April/64
With an Order