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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
12th April 1865.*

No. 263. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. PEARS, Postmaster General, Madras, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 1st April 1865, No. 8,177 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the very bad condition of the road between Tripetty and Naidoopett.

2. From the subjoined extract from a letter to my address from the Inspecting Postmaster 9th or Arcot Division, dated 27th January last, No. 140, it will be perceived that the road in question is in a very bad state throughout, but particularly so between Calastry and Naidoopett, and that none of the nullahs are bridged.

3. This road is of the greatest importance in a postal point of view; it now forms a part of the most important foot mail line in the Presidency, as over it now passes the correspondence for and from Calcutta and the Northern Stations and Hyderabad.

4. The condition of the road of course greatly affects the speed at which the mails are carried on it. The speed now averages four miles per hour, but if the road is put in good order and the nullahs bridged, the runners would have no excuse for not attaining a rate of five or six miles in the hour.

5. I therefore request His Excellency the Governor in Council may be pleased to take the matter into consideration and pass orders in view to the improvement of the road in question at an early date.

Extract from a letter from the Inspecting Postmaster, 9th or Arcot Division, to the Postmaster General, Madras, dated 27th January 1865, No. 140.

"As directed in your Order No. 6,257, dated 16th instant, I have the honor to inform you, I proceeded on the 18th, the day after its receipt, to inspect the line between Kurcumbaudy and Naidoopett. I arrived at Naidoopett on Monday, the 22nd, and only returned yesterday evening.

"Of very bad roads, this line may be classed among the worst. For about four miles from Kurcumbaudy the country is jungly and the road, which is but a cart track, is in some parts stony, sandy, and of hard soil, when it reaches the road between Tripetty and Calastry. Not a nullah is bridged, and it is too narrow for conveyances that exceed a country cart in breadth. Hence to Calastry a road has been formed, but only fit for carts and conveyances drawn by bullocks. Two tank channels are bridged. The Soornamooke, a broad river near Calastry, is unbridged. The road through Calastry, which is about 16 miles from Kurcumbaudy, is sandy like the dry bed of a river. The road between Calastry and Naidoopett, about 18 miles, can hardly be called a road, and in its present condition is not fit for country carts. It may be said to be *here, there and no where*, as it is in some places lost in the junction of paddy fields. This road is in some parts so rugged that the ruts and pits render it dangerous to travel over by night. No nullah is bridged, and after heavy rain it would be what is termed *impassable* for travellers. In going up and down this line I did not see a cooly of the Public Works Department at work on it."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. C. PEARS, Lieut.-Colonel,  
Postmaster General.

No. 264.

ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1865, No. 1,023.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 51.

1. With the letter above recorded the Postmaster General at Madras submits an extract from one addressed to him by the Inspecting Postmaster of the Arcot Division reporting on the condition of the road between Tripetty in North Arcot and Naidoopett in the Nellore District. The line is represented to be in bad order and particularly the portion (18 miles in length) between Calastry and Naidoopett, and the necessity for its early improvement is strongly urged by the Postmaster General.

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G. O. No. 1,944, dated 5th July 1864.  
for completing the portion of the road between Tripully and Calastry throughout its entire length (23 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles). In September following, permission was granted to expend on the road, during the current official year, a sum of Rupees 1,600 which had been contributed for the purpose by the Zemindar of Calastry, and in the Budget for 1865-66 provision was made to the extent of Rupees 14,150 to meet the contemplated outlay in that year. This allotment, however, has since been given up on account of the reduction of Rupees 7,34,000 ordered by the Government of India to be effected in the allotments for Civil Works. The Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, will therefore be requested to apply, after the 1st May next, for a grant from the Reserve to admit of the sanctioned improvements to the road being carried out.

G. O. No. 2,754, dated 21st September 1864.  
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Vide G. O. No. 533, dated 24th February 1865.  
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3. Colonel Boileau will also be requested to submit, as soon as possible, the requisite plans and estimates for the construction of the portion of road between Calastry and Naidoopett to which attention was directed in the Orders marginally noted.

G. O. No. 2,689, dated 15th September 1864.  
Do. " 830, " 27th March 1865.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division  
" Postmaster General, Madras.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

No. 8177

MADRAS,

12th April 1865.

From

Lieutenant Colonel A. C. Pears

Postmaster General, Madras,

To

Colonel C. A. Orr

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government the very bad condition of the road between Tripully and Naidoopett.
2. From the subjoined Extract from a letter to my address from the Inspecting Postmaster of the 4th or 4th Division dated 27th January last No. 140, it will be perceived that the road in question is in a very bad state throughout - but - particularly so between Calastry and Naidoopett and that none of the Nullahs are bridged.
3. This road is of the greatest importance in a postal point of view. It now forms a part of the most important foot Mail line in the Presidency as over it now passes the correspondence for and from Calcutta and the Northern Stations and Hyderabad.
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5. I therefore request His Excellency the Governor in Council, may be pleased to take the matter into consideration and pass orders in view to the improvement of the road in question at an early date.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

J. K. M.  
Postmaster General.

Extract from a letter from the Inspecting Postmaster General Arcot Division to the Postmaster General Madras dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 1865 N<sup>o</sup> 446.

As directed in your Order N<sup>o</sup> 6257, dated 16<sup>th</sup> Instant, I have the honor to inform you I proceeded on the 18<sup>th</sup>, the day after its receipt, to inspect the line between Kureumbandy and Naidoo Pett. I arrived at Naidoo Pett on Monday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and only returned yesterday evening.

Of very bad roads, this line may be classed among the worst. For about 4 miles from Kureumbandy the country is jingly and the road, which is but a cart track, is in some parts stony, sandy and of hard soil, when it reaches the road between Tripetty and Calastry. Not a Nullah is bridged, and it is too narrow for conveyances that exceed a country cart in breadth. Hence to Calastry a road has been formed, but only fit for carts and conveyances drawn by bullocks. Two tank channels are bridged. The Soornamooker, a broad river near Calastry, is unbridged. The road through Calastry, which is about 16 miles from Kureumbandy, is sandy like the dry bed of a river. The road between Calastry and Naidoo Pett, about 18 miles, can hardly be called a road, and in its present condition is not fit for country carts. It may be said to be here, there and no where, as it is in some places lost in the junction of paddy fields. This

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The Postmaster General  
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To The Secretary to Government  
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ment at work on it."

/ True Contract /  
J. W. Lane  
Postmaster General.

Civil Works <sup>1023</sup>

Public Works Department  
Proceedings of the Madras Govt.  
Under date the 12<sup>th</sup> April 1865.  
Read the following

From The Postmaster General  
Madras.

Brings to the notice  
of Government the very bad  
condition of the road between  
Tripatty and Naidoojett.

Here enters 1<sup>st</sup> April/65  
No 8177.-

With the letter above  
recorded the Postmaster  
General at Madras  
submits an Extract from  
one addressed to him  
by the Inspecting Post-  
master of the Arcot  
Division reporting on the  
condition of the road  
between Tripatty in North  
Arcot and Naidoojett  
in the Nellore District  
The ~~above~~ line

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is represented to be a  
bad order and particularly  
the portion (18 miles in  
length) between Palastiy and  
and Naidooptt, and the  
receipts for its early  
improvement is strongly  
urged by the Post  
Master General

In July last Estimates  
amounting in the aggregate  
to Rs 28,750 were sanc-  
tioned for completing  
the portion of  
the road between Diputty  
and Palastiy throughout  
its entire length (23 1/2 miles).

In September following per-  
mission was granted to  
expend on the road  
during the current financial  
year a sum of Rs  
1600 which had been  
contributed for the  
purpose by the Zamindar  
of Palastiy, and in the  
Budget for 1865/66 provision

S.O. No 1944  
d/15 July 1864

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d/21 Sept 1864

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vide G.O. No 533-  
d/24 Feb 1865

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G. O. No 2689 d/15-8/64  
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By the Supdt - 4 Dining  
 - Post Master General  
 Madras

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Wm. H. Burges  
Proving Grounds, Wash. D. C.

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My dear Sir  
I beg to request  
to be admitted  
and to be made  
a member of a  
portion of road in the  
District of Columbia  
to be by and the  
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