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9th May 1865.*

No. 176. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 25th April 1865, No. 329 :—

SIR,

1. Amongst the sanctions struck out of the Budget of 1865-66 by Government Order No. 533 of 21st February is one of Rupees 40,000 for continuing the operations on the New Coonoor Ghát, regarding which I take the liberty of suggesting that a special application be made to the Supreme Government, on the plea of its promise of usefulness as a Military Line of communication. There is no doubt but that its speedy completion would vastly facilitate and cheapen the cost of transport of Troops, and of Military and Commissariat stores to and from the Cantonment and Sanitary station of Wellington. I think therefore that a special exception might be made in its favour by the Supreme Government on the very grounds on which they have retrenched the Madras Budget generally ; and half a lakh of Rupees would not be too much to ask on account of work and compensation for land in 1865-66.

2. Meanwhile, there are certain descriptions of work, such as blasting and timber bridges, requiring skilled labour, the stoppage of which would throw out of employ men whom it might take some time to re-assemble. To keep them on, pending the submission of the estimates and survey (now being lithographed in your Office) and receipt of Orders of the Supreme Government, I venture to recommend the appropriation of Rupees 12,000, out of Rupees 12,760 for road repairs, entered in the List of Budget Grants under restriction appended to Government Order No. 361 of 7th February. These entries were for maintenance of unmade Railway feeders, estimates for which were called for in Government Order No. 2,460 of 26th August 1864, pending sanction of which it was intended that they should provide for petty improvements of the existing tracks ; but now that Government have approved of such roads being carried out from Railway Capital, the amount above noted appears available for other purposes.

3. With Rupees 12,000 I have little doubt but that the upper section of the New Ghát from its head to the first crossing of the old Ghát, about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length, could be opened for cart traffic within four months from 1st May. And I need not say how much gratification it would give the Officers who have been entrusted with the execution of the work, to be able to exhibit so much of what they have done to His Excellency the Governor on his next visit to the Neilgherries.

4. Of the balance, I would propose to appropriate Rupees 660, to raise the Grant for the Kotagherry and Ootacamund road, alluded to in paragraph 45 of Government Order No. 361 of 7th February to the same amount allowed for maintenance and improvement of all other Imperial lines in the Division. The lower scale of Rupees 55 per mile was fixed with reference to the small amount of Local Funds available for Coimbatore District roads, in which category the line was originally classified.

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9th May 1865.

No. 177.

ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1865, No. 1,252.

ACCOUNT, No. 26.

1. The Government are not disposed to divert the sum of Rupees 12,760 provided for the maintenance of the Railway feeders alluded to in paragraph 2. The Superintending Engineer will accordingly submit an application for authority to expend the amount in the manner indicated.

2. To admit of the continuance of *absolutely indispensable* operations on the new trace of the Coonoor Ghât, sanction is granted for a sum of Rupees 12,000 being placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division from the Reserve under "Communications."

3. With reference to paragraph 4, the Governor in Council sanctions the transfer of a sum of Rupees 660 from the Budget allotment marginally noted, to be applied to increasing the Grant for the maintenance of the Kotagherry and Ooty road.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Accountant General.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. R. H. Lee.

N^o 329

Superintending Engineer's Office 7th Divⁿ
Coonoor, 25th April 1865.

From

Lieutenant Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer 7th Division

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government R.E.
Madras

Sir

Amongst the sanctions struck out of the Budget of 1865-66 by Government Order N^o 533 of 24th February is one of Rupees 12,000, for continuing the operations on the New Coonoor Ghât, regarding which I take the liberty of suggesting that a special application be made to the Supreme Government, on the plea of its promise of usefulness as a Military Line of Communication. There is no doubt but that its speedy completion would vastly facilitate, and cheapen the cost of, transport of Troops, and of Military and Commissariat Stores, to and from the Cantonment and Sanitary Station of Wellington. I think therefore that a special exception might be made in its favour by the Supreme Government on the very grounds on which they have retrenched the Madras Budget generally; and half a Lakh of Rupees would not be too much to ask on account of work and compensation for Land in 1865-66.

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Rupees 12,760, for Road Repairs, entered in the List
of Budget Grants under restriction appended to
Government Order N^o 361 of 7th February. These
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works being carried out from Railway Capital,
the amount above noted appears available for other
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With Rupees 12,000 I have little doubt
but that the upper Section of the New Ghaut from
its Head to the first crossing of the old Ghaut
about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length, could be opened for
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Of the balance I would propose to
appropriate Rupees 660, to raise the grant for the
Matagherry and Ostakamund Road alluded to
in para 15 of Government Order N^o 361 of 7th February
to the same amount allowed for maintenance and

improvement of all other Imperial Lines in the
Division. The lower scale of Rs 55 per mile was
fixed with reference to the small amount of Local
funds available for Coimbatore District Roads,
in which category the line was originally classed.

I have the honor to be

Yours Most obedient servant

W. Walker Esq. B. A.
Superintending Engineer B.

Account P.W.D. -
 No. 1252
 Proceedings of the Madras Government.
 Under date the 9th May 1865
 Read the following -

From the 1st June 17th to 30th
 Requests authority to
 spend Rs. 12,000 out of Rs.
 12,760 entered in the List of
 Budget grants under restriction
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N.E. 25th April/65
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24th July 1865 No. 533.
 Divisional Commr.
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 The Secretary to Government
 Madras
 Dated 25th April 1865
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Mileage allowance to the Railway Co. for the Coonoor & Conjeevaram Road. Rs. 4250

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Proc. of Govt for May

No. 1252

Proc. of the Madras Govt.

D. 9. May 1865

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