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No. 554. 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 Coimbatore, 12th July 1865, No. 62 :—

SIR,

1. The Collector of Coimbatore in letter printed with G. O. No. 610 of 6th March, and myself in letter No. 8 of 13th May, have already strongly urged the propriety of advancing funds for connecting Kotagherry with the Coonoor Ghát, and with Ootacamund, Wellington, and Coonoor, by a practicable carriage road.

2. All hopes of a grant from the Reserve being now at an end, we concur in submitting a proposal that Rupees 3,500 out of the discretionary grant of Rupees 5,000 for Coimbatore District be allotted for carrying out so much of the work as is provided for in the accompanying estimates and bridge plan. The space

* Forwarded by Banghy.

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Godown, is that to be worked over; and from 2 to 13 and 10 being an existing carriage drive, the portion it is now proposed to open will not only be a complete thing in itself, but will for the first time put the Military Station of Wellington and its Commissariat Dépôt in direct communication with Coonoor Bazaar and Ghát, their present approaches to which are most circuitous.

3. The red lines in the survey and Nos. 1 to 2, 10 to 5 and 11, 4 to 6, 7, and 20, show the new trace, which has been opened to bridle-path from savings out of the maintenance allotment of the old road, and a grant of Local Funds. The old roads are shown by brown lines. In spite of ground lost between Nos. 10 and 5 by a zig-zag to avoid formidable rocky obstacles, the new line, with its gradients never exceeding 1 in 19, is actually shorter than either of the existing routes by Wellington or Coonoor Hotel to Kotagherry, up to their junction; and the former being barely practicable for slow traffic with a light load, and that not without danger, and the other only a riding road, the success attained in laying out a really good line has been beyond usual precedent.

No. 555.

ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1865, No. 2,104.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 72.

1. The Government fully recognize the importance of connecting Kotagherry with the Stations of Ootacamund, Wellington, and Coonoor by a practicable carriage

road, and they accordingly sanction the estimate of Rupees 3,500, submitted with this letter, for the portion between the head of the Coonoor Ghát and the Wellington Barracks.

2. Application will be made to the Government of India for permission to divert the amount from the discretionary grant of Rupees 5,000 for the Coimbatore District, but the work may be proceeded with in anticipation of sanction.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

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

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Superintending Engineer's Office
of Division

Openover 28th August 1865.

From

Lieut Col^l G. W. Walker R.E.

Superintending Engineer of D^o

To

Colonel R. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Gov^t D. W.

Sir,

I have the honor to request
that I may be favoured with
the return of the Survey, Bridge
Plan, and Detailed Estimates which
accompanied my letter printed with
G. O. No 2704 of 21st July 1865. -

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Your Most Obedient Servant

W. Walker Lieut Col. R.E.

Super Engineer of Division

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W. Walker Esq. M. A.

Superintending Eng. &c.

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Public Works Dept

No 2104

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 21st July 1865

Read the following

From the Superintending Engineer

Submits for sanction Plans and Estimate of Rs 3500 for opening a new line of Road from the head of the Corom Phant to Wellington & for a Bridge and suggests that the sum may be allotted from the discretionary grant of Rs 5000 for Coimbatore

Received 12 July 1865 No 62

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and Corcor, Cambridge
District, Victoria.

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