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No. 564. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. FOORD, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 15th July 1865, No. 873 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to notice that the list of new works for entry in the Budget could be prepared more easily, if the District Officers were informed beforehand of the probable allotment to each District for new works.

2. There are in every District works which have been sanctioned ten years or more, and which either have not been commenced, or are still in an unfinished state. There are anicuts which do not pay, because the channels from them have not been cut. There are roads which are very good for a certain distance, then impassable in wet weather for several miles, and then for a further distance in good order. There are also many small works of a highly remunerative nature, just beyond the competency of the local Officers to sanction, and which are deferred from year to year.

3. There would be more certainty of the gradual completion of these works if the local Officers had the information which I have suggested. They would be guided by the amount at their disposal in making their selection of works, and the amount would be laid out to the best advantage.

4. In the absence of all knowledge on the subject, a very large list of works is now sent up from each District, and the amount applied for is very much in excess of what is likely to be sanctioned. The works may be entered in the list in the order of their importance, but the works to be selected should depend on the amount granted to the District.

No. 565. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1865, No. 2,108.

ACCOUNT, No. 92.

1. As the annual grant for Public Works throughout the Presidency is not, as a rule, known to Government at the time the local Budgets are prepared, and as, moreover, the amount to be allotted for new works in each District cannot be ascertained until the whole of the Divisional Budgets have been received, and the importance and urgency of the works considered, it will be impracticable to supply Superintending Engineers with the information suggested in paragraph 1 of the foregoing letter.

2. In order to ensure the provision of funds for works of the greatest urgency and utility in each District, Superintending Engineers should be careful, in the preparation of their Budgets, to enter the several items in the order of their importance. This course will be followed in the preparation of future Budgets, but it will be distinctly understood that precedence should be given to incomplete works.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
,, all other Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustini.

If the Local Officers had the information

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Supg. Engrs Office 5th Div.
Salem, 15th July, 1865.

From

Sruth. Col. E. A. Ford M.E.

Superintg. Engrs 5th Division

To

Colonel C. J. Orr M.E.

Secretary to Government A.S.W.

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Yours most obedt. Servt.

E. A. Ford

Supt. Engineer S. A.

Compd J. J. J.

Public Works Department
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 Under date the 21st July 1865
 Read the following

From the Superintending Engineer
 S^t Division

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 probable allotment for new
 works should be communi- (Here enter 15th July 1865 No. 273
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From
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to
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Noted 15th July 1865
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To Messrs S & W
all other Superintending

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