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12th October 1866.

No. 303. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp, Coonoor, 4th October 1866, No. 135 :—

1. I have the honor to submit for sanction the survey and estimate of the new road from Ootacamund to Neddiwuttum at the head of the new Goodaloor Ghaut, called for in G. O. No. 3,458 of 17th November 1865, and which have been delayed by press of other work.

1 Survey
2 Estimate, Rupees 66,762, No 20 of 1866-67

2. I have had great pleasure in inspecting this line, the bridle-path of which is open throughout, no gradient exceeding 1 in 19. The permanent bridge over the Karikal or Mookoorty stream, the most dangerous on the route, has also been constructed and brought into use by the completion of the section of road of one mile in length between the second and third crossings of the old line from Pykara to Neddiwuttum. Nearly four miles from the Ooty lake to the sandy nullah are also passable for carts, and a good deal has been done near Pykara itself on both sides of it.

3. In fact, but for want of funds the line might easily be opened to dry weather traffic in the current season, and it is a great pity that some were not provided for it either in the Budget or from the Reserve of 1866-67. A more popular and useful road could not be named ; and if funds are available from the Income Tax assignment lately made by the Supreme Government, I would strongly recommend an allotment of Rupees 7,462 for the present season out of the balance of Rupees 57,462 left after deduction of last year's grant, and of the value of Convict labor employed. Should this be given an allotment of Rupees 8,000 will suffice for 1867-68 that other works also in hand may not be stinted ; otherwise a double allotment should be made for that year.

No. 304. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1866, No. 3,261.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 59.

1. In consideration of the importance of connecting the Neilgherries with the Wynaad, and of improving the means of access to the Government Chinchona Plantations near Pykarra and Neddiwuttum, a sum of Rupees 7,000 was, on the recommendation of the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, allotted in Proceedings, No. 3,458, dated 17th November 1865, for working out a new trace of the road between Ootacamund and Neddiwuttum at the head of the Goodaloor Ghaut. From the letter above read it appears that this line has been opened out to bridle-path with a gradient not exceeding 1 in 19 throughout, that a permanent bridge across the Mookoorty stream, represented to be the most dangerous on the route, has been constructed, and that certain portions of the line have been rendered practicable for wheeled traffic.

2. The Superintending Engineer now submits an estimate of Rupees 66,762 for completing the road throughout its entire length of 20½ miles, and deducting Rupees 7,000 which have been already spent, and Rupees 2,300, the value of Convict labor employed, a balance of Rupees 57,462 remains to be provided.

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3. The Government sanction the estimate, and resolve to allot a sum of Rupees 7,462 for expenditure on the work during the present season from the Income Tax assignment recently placed at their disposal.

See G. O No 3,195, dated 8th October 1866.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with one Estimate and one Survey.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant General.

Exd. T .O'Connor.

No 135

Supt Engineers Office 7th Dn
Camp Conoor, 4 Oct. 1866.

From

Lieut. Col. G. W. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer 7th Division

To,

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

Sir,

Enclosures
1. Survey.—
2. Estr. No 68762. No 20 of 1866-67.

I have the honor to submit for sanction the Survey, and Estimate, of the New Road from Cotacamund to Neddiattum at the Head of the New Godaloor Ghaut, called for in G.O. No 3458 of 17th November 1865; and which have been delayed by preps of other work.—

2. I have had great pleasure in inspecting this line, the bridlepath of which is open throughout, no gradient exceeding 1 in 19.— The permanent Bridge over the Karikal or Mookorty Stream, the most dangerous on the route has also been constructed and brought into use by the completion of the Section of Road of one Mile in length between the 2d and 3d Crossings of the old line from Pykara to Neddiattum.— Nearly 4 miles from the Doty Lake to the Sandy Nullah are also passable for Carts, and a good deal has been done near Pykara itself on both sides of it.—

3. In fact, but for want of funds the

line might early be opened to dry weather traffic in the Current Season, and it is a great pity that some view not provided for it either in the Budget or from the Revenue of 1866-67. A more popular and useful road could not be named; and if funds are available from the Income Tax assignment lately made by the Supreme Government I would strongly recommend an allott. of Rs 7462 for the present season out of the balance of Rs 57462 left after deduction of last years Grant, viz the value of Convict Labor employed. Should this be given an allott of Rs 8000 will suffice for 1867-68 that other works also in hand may not be stinted; otherwise a double allotment should be made for that year

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed. Servant
H. Walker Lieut. Col. R.E.
Supt. Engineer 7th Div.

Rec'd 5th Oct. 1866
Rec'd 6th Oct. 1866
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Forwards Survey estimate
& Plan of Road between
Pykarra & Siddimuttum
Ootacamund
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No. 3261 Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 12th Octr 1866.

From
The Superintending Engineer
of the 7th Division

. Read the following

(Here enter No. 135 dated 4th October 1866.)

In Consideration of the importance of Connecting the Nilgherries with the Wynaad, and of improving the means of access to the Government Cinchona plantations near Pykarra and Siddimuttum, a sum of Rs 7000 was, on the recommendation of the S. Engr. of the 7th Dn, allotted in Proc: - No 3458 dd 17 Novr 65. for working out a new traice of the road between Ootacamund and Noddemuttum at the head of the

No. 3261 - 12th Octr/66.

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has been Constructed, and
that certain portions of the
line have been rendered
practicable for wheeled
traffic.

The Engr now
submits an estimate of
Rs 66,762 for Completing
the road throughout its en-
-tire length of 20½ miles,
and deducting Rs 7000 which
have been already spent,

and Rs 2300, the value of
Convict labor employed, a
balance of Rs 57,462 remains
to be provided

The Govt sanction
the estimate, and resolve to
~~the grant~~
allot a
~~of allotting the~~ sum of Rs 7,462
for expenditure on the work during the
present season from the
Income Tax assignment
recently placed at their dis-
-posal. ~~It will be considered whether this~~
~~assignment is sufficient~~

See G. O. No 3195 of
8 October 1886.

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The Engr Dr with one estimate and one survey ✓
" Controller ✓ 2 "
" Acct Genl ✓ 4 "

× Sent by hand
Sept. 13 October

G.O. No. 1866 Dated 5th Octr. 1866

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No. 3261.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Dated 12th Octr. 1866.

An estimate of Rupees 6,762 for the completion of Road between Ootacamund and Neddiwuttum at the head of the Goodaloor Ghaut, Sanctioned, and a sum of Rupees 1740 allotted for the work during the present Season from Income Tax Funds

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