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No. 459. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Nagpore, 27th September 1866, No. 204-2,788 :—

1. I am desired by the Chief Commissioner to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter No. 2,701, of the 27th ultimo, with its enclosures, forwarding a Statement of traffic registered on the Komarkole and Kalingia road for parts of the months of March, April, and May last, with the remarks of the Superintending Engineer, throwing some doubts on the correctness of the return.

2. The Statement referred to shows an import and export traffic carried by 577 carts and 4,059 bullocks, registered during one-third of each of the three months mentioned, at the average carrying power of carts and bullocks, the quantity of goods carried would be 19,678 Maunds. For the whole three months, assuming the same rate of transport, the amount of goods moved would be equal to 59,034 Maunds; and for the eight months of the year, during which the road would be open to traffic, 2,95,170 Maunds or 10,932 Tons.

3. The actual trade is probably more than this; for while the traffic on carts would be carried on during the latter half of the open season more vigorously than during the former half, the Bunjara traffic on pack-bullocks would be greater during the first months of the open season when forage and water are plentiful, than during the dry hot months of March, April, and May. The Bunjara traffic, too, probably exceeds the cart traffic in those wild regions by a good deal. If, then, the Superintending Engineer has strong doubts of the partial registration attempted representing fully the actual trade during the three months in question, the doubts are even stronger of its affording any criterion of the traffic for the entire season.

4. But there are no data in this Office for determining exactly the amount of traffic which crosses the Komarkole or Kalingia Ghauts annually; as some portion of it must belong to the strip of Bengal territory, lying between those places and Sonepore on the south-eastern frontier of Chutteesghur; and some to the eastern and southern Zemindaries not included in the trade circle of the Central Provinces. The actual registration on the eastern frontier, provided for under this Administration, amounted last year to 14,357 Tons of goods; but a portion of this had gone down the Mahannaddy to Cuttack, a portion to Ganjam viâ the Komarkole, and a portion to other places in that direction.

5. The above remarks are offered, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, not as an attempt to reconcile the actual trade carried over the Komarkole with the registration result forming the subject of your letter under acknowledgment. That would be as difficult to do from any available data in these Provinces, as to compare the trade over the Komarkole with registered traffic on our eastern frontier, as the Superintending Engineer, Captain Ryves, attempted to do in January 1865. But the Chief Commissioner trusts that the information above supplied will be of some interest to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, as showing the existence of a considerable traffic carried on between the coast Districts of the Madras Presidency with parts of Bengal and the Central Provinces,

the further development of which awaits the completion of the section of road, between Komarkole and Sonepore, which the Government of Bengal has been prevented taking in hand this year from the prevalence of famine in the Province of Cuttack.

No. 460. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1866, No. 3,340.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 88.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division with reference to his letter of the 6th August 1866, No. 80.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 204/2788

From The Secy. to Chief Comr. C.P.
Public Works Department,

To The Secy. to the Govt. of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Copie of Secy. to Chief Comr. C.P. W.D.
Dt. Nagpore, the 27th September 1866.

Sir,

I am desired by the Chief Comr. to acknowledge, with thanks, your letter No. 2701 of the 27th Ultimo with its enclosures, forwarding a Statement of traffic registered on the Komarkole & Kalingia road for parts of the months of March, April, and May last, with the remarks of the Superintending Engineer throwing some doubts on the correctness of the return.

2. The Statement referred to shows an import and export traffic carried by 577 carts and 4059 Bullocks, registered during one third of each of the three months mentioned. At the average carrying power of carts and Bullocks, the quantity of goods carried would

be 19,678 Maunds. For the whole three months, assuming the same rate of transport, the amount of goods moved would be equal to 59,034 Maunds; and for the eight months of the year during which the road would be open to traffic, 295,170 Maunds or 10,932 tons.

3 The actual trade is probably more than this, for while the traffic on carts would be carried on during the latter half of the open season more vigorously than during the former half, the Bunjara traffic on pack-bullocks would be greater during the first months of the open season when forage and water are plentiful, than during the dry hot months of March, April and May. The Bunjara traffic, too, probably exceeds the cart traffic in those wild regions by a good deal. If, then, the Supdg. Engineer has strong doubts of the partial registration attempted representing fully the actual trade during the

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant

William Cadell Coll A.A.
Secy. to Chief Comr CP & B.

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The Secy to Chief Comr C.P.
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Acknowledging the receipt of letter No 2701 of 1866, and offering certain remarks relative to the necessity for completing the road between Komar-Kole and Sonesore —

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Communicated to the A. Engr of the 1. Dn. with reference to his letter of the 6th Augt/66., No 80.

Gurt St George
19th Oct.r 1866

To
The Lt 1 Dn.

Dep.t 20th October