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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 24-10- 1866.

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No. 566. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 3rd October 1866, No. 139 :—

1. Referring to Orders noted in the margin, I have the honor to report that I have entered in my Budget for 1867-68, items for completing the Trunk Road in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Districts ; for the former estimates will be forwarded shortly, for the latter one was sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,628 of 24th August 1857.

G. O. No. 3,053, 24th September 1866.
Do. ,, 2,396, 30th July ,,
Do. ,, 2,489, 7th August ,,

2. This work has not been touched for some time past ; there is no means of communication between Chicacole and any place to the south, and the country is very difficult from Chicacole northwards, heavy sand for eight miles is the only obstacle.

3. There are pieces of unmade road, again, south of Vizagapatam, in that District ; and in the Godavery, between Toonee and Rajahmundry, there is scarcely any road at all.

4. A few miles were made some years ago, but in a very bad style, with large unpacked stone, more or less covered with gravel ; the maintenance allowance could never have been properly spent on it, and, unfortunately, in 1865-66 Captain Ryves (who never saw the road) procured in G. O. No. 1,254 of 9th May 1865, its transfer to the Ellore Canal ; the consequence is, that very much of the gravel is gone, and for considerable distances the traffic must either leave the line, or go over a pavement of the roughest form.

5. I have given instructions for the better conservancy of the existing road, and the sanding of the most muddy places elsewhere, and I hope to have a practicable fair weather road ; but before I make estimates, shall be glad to know whether the Government wish it to be constructed properly, or assent to Captain Ryves' opinion, that it should be given over as a local line.

6. Bad as it is, there has been an average traffic of 80 bandies a day throughout the year ending 31st August 1866, and there is every prospect of an increase when it is improved, since I met many pack animals, and large numbers of cowry coolies carrying loads from Chicacole to Rajahmundry.

7. Omitting all calculation of the latter, we have a traffic of 10,000 tons a year.—In Volume I, page 303, " Roorkee Professional Papers," is a calculation showing that with 5,400 tons a year it is worth expending 7,500 Rupees in constructing, and 300 Rupees in maintaining, each mile of a road. Our wants will not amount to half, if so much.

No. 567. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1866, No. 3,393.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 105.

Vide G. O., No. 1,179, dated 17th April 1866.

1. The Government observe that sanction has already been accorded to an estimate of Rupees 10,620 for completing the portion of Trunk Road No. VI.

between the Bengal frontier and Soobaliah in the Ganjam District, and to another of Rupees 93,460 for constructing 41 miles between Chicacole and Chittivulsa in the Vizagapatam District, and as those estimates appear to be all that are necessary, the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division will state to what others he refers in paragraph 1 of his letter.

Vide G. O., No. 1,628, dated 24th August 1857.

2. As the road between Toonee and Rajahmundry is a continuation of Trunk Road No. VI., it should be treated in the same manner as the portions in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam Districts; but its completion is not so pressing as the other portions of the road and it should therefore be placed for the present in as passable a condition as possible without much expense.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Post Master General.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Superintending Engineer's Office,
1st Div., Vizianagram, 3rd October 1866.

No. 139.

From

Lieutenant Col. F. J. Hobertly R.E.

Offg. Superintending Engineer, 1st Div.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Madras.

Sir,

G.G. 3053 / 24-9-66.
G.G. 2396 / 30-7-66.
G.G. 2489 / 7-8-66.

Referring to orders noted in the margin, I have the honor to report that I have entered in my Budget for 1867/68, items for completing the Trunk Roads in the Ganjam & Vizagapatam Districts. For the former Estimates will be forwarded shortly - for the latter one was sanctioned in G. O. No. 1628 of 24th August 1857.

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3. There are pieces of unmade Road again South of Vizagapatam, in that District & in the Godavery between Toonee & Rajahmundry, there is scarcely any Road at all.

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4. A few miles were made some years ago; but in a very bad style, with large unpacked stone, more or less covered with gravel; the maintenance allowance could never have been properly spent on it, and unfortunately in 1865/66 Captain Pyne's [whom never saw the Road] procured in G. O. No. 1254 of 9th May 1865, its transfer to the Ellore Canal: the consequence is that very much of the gravel is gone, & for considerable distances, the traffic must either leave the line, or go over a pavement of the roughest form.

5. I have given instructions for the better Conservancy of the existing road, & the sanding of the most muddy places elsewhere; & I hope to have a practicable fair weather road. but before I make Estimates, shall be glad to know whether the Government wish it to be constructed properly, or agreeable to Captain Pyne's opinion that it should be given more as a cart line.

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I have &c

T. J. Peachey Lt Col R.E.
Ag Superintending Engineer 2nd Div.

No. 3393

Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 24th October 1866.

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The Acting Superintending Engr.
of the 1st Division (No. 139 dy 3d October 1866)

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The Acting Superintending Engr.
of the 1st Division

To

The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated Ootacamund
the 3d October 1866

Rec'd 4th Ditto

Reply Rec'd 12th

No. 139

Report on the Repairs
30th Sept. 2396; 24th Sept. 2489
24th Sept. 30th Sept. 2491 and
2nd Oct. 2495 respectively
regarding the Trunk Road
Road between the Ganjam
=Gumsur Frontier

Madras.

Ans. 8th.

No. 3393 - 24th Oct. 1866.

C. 174 & 1/4 & 1/8 & 1/16 & 1/32 Ans. 1/8

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for the Supt Engr 1st Div
" Revenue Dept
" Board of Revenue
" Coast Master Samuel

Dept 25 October

P. W. 1866 Dept.

Pro: of Govt for Octo

Rs 33695.

Rec: of the Madras Govt

Dt 24th Octr 66.

C.no 5157/66

The Supdg Engineer
of the 1st Dn informed that estimate
for Trunk Road No 7
on the Ganjam and Vizaga-
patam Districts have been already
sanctioned and that certain
portions of the road should
be pressed on to completion

Rs 566.567