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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT. ✓G.O. No. 1644Press
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No. 562. Read the following letter from the Resident of Hyderabad, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, dated Hyderabad Residency, 9th May 1866, No. 821 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,346, dated 28th April 1866, forwarding for disposal plans* and estimates for the

* Returned as requested.

improvement of that portion of the road from Kurnool to the Kistna river which lies within the Nizam's territories, and to beg that you will lay the following representation before His Excellency the Governor in Council.

2. The distance from Hyderabad to Kurnool is, according to the Road book, 134 miles. From Hyderabad to the Kistna is 120 miles, and the road is unmetalled and only partially bridged. Troops, however, have no difficulty in marching by it in the dry season, and transit and other carts traverse it at all seasons, being occasionally delayed only till a stream runs down. As long as this part of the road then remains as it is, I would respectfully suggest that to make a first class road of the remaining fourteen miles from the Kistna to the Toombuddra at a cost of nearly 10,000 Rupees per mile is inexpedient, and I see no hope at present of obtaining from the Nizam's Government a grant of 1,02,270 Rupees for executing its portion of the road between the two rivers, much less of obtaining the eight or ten lacs which would be required for the remaining 120 miles. And if a grant of so large an amount could be obtained for a road in His Highness' dominions, I think it would not be advantageous to expend it on the Kurnool road, which is daily losing such advantages as it once possessed, either in a military or commercial view. It may continue to be the route for troops on relief between this station and the South, but the Railway will soon supersede it when troops are required to be pushed forward quickly to this neighbourhood; and as a road for traffic, its importance, never very great, is rapidly decreasing as our connection with Bombay daily becomes stronger. I by no means say that the road ought not to be made a thoroughly good one, I only argue that there are other far more important roads on which all available funds should first be laid out, and that in the meantime, it is sufficient to keep this one passable by petty repairs every mon-

† No. 1,036, dated 17th May 1865, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

soon, and in a former letter† I suggested that the Executive Officer of Kurnool

might look after these repairs on the worst part of it close to his own station, for which purpose as regards the nine miles in His Highness' territory, I would place funds at his disposal. That part of the road is so far from this place, and from the other roads on which our establishment is employed, that it cannot be properly looked after by us, but it is so close to Kurnool that there would be no difficulty in supervising it from that station.

3. I trust His Excellency will think there is some reason in what I have said, and postpone at least the contemplated outlay of 25,960 Rupees on the five miles of road in the Madras District, until there is some probability of the remaining distance being provided for on a somewhat similar scale.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd May 1866.*

No. 563. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1866, No. 1,644.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 77.

Rupees 1,23,230 on the road from Kurnool to the Kistna river, and the sanction
28th April 1866, No. 1,345.

For the reasons stated in this letter, the Government are satisfied that it is undesirable to spend so large a sum as accorded to the estimate of Rupees 25,960 for work proposed to be carried out on the portion of the line within British limits, under the impression that the Nizam's Government contemplated the improvement of the remaining distance within their territories, will be considered cancelled. The portion of this road in the Kurnool District will be kept in such repair as the funds annually allotted for its maintenance will admit, and the Superintending Engineer will furnish an estimate for maintaining the portion in the Nizam's country, including in it the cost of such establishment as may be required to enable the Range Officer to undertake the execution of the necessary repairs.

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

- To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
- .. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- .. Accountant General.
- .. Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Returned as requested.

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No. 563 of 1866
From
G. H. Dule Esq. C.B.
Resident of Hyderabad
To
The Secretary to the Government of
Public Works Department
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1346 dated 28th April 1866 forwarding for disposal plans and Estimates for the improvement of that portion of the Road from Kurnool to the Kistna River which lies within the Nizam's Territories, and to beg that you will lay the following representation before His Excellency the Governor in Council.
The distance from Hyderabad to Kurnool is according to the Road book 134 miles. From Hyderabad to the Kistna

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and only partially bridged. Troops how-
ever have no difficulty in marching by
it in the dry season, and Transit and
other carts traverse it at all seasons,
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part of the road then remains as it is,
I would respectfully suggest that to
make a first class road of the remain-
ing 75 miles from the Krishna to the
Tombuddra at a cost of nearly 10,000
Rupees per mile is inexpedient, and
I see no hope at present of obtaining from
the Madras Government a grant of
102,270 Rupees for executing its portion
of the road between the two rivers, much
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either in a Military or Commercial
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this Department.

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that there would be no difficulty in
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the contemplated outlay of \$5,000 per
on the five miles of road in the
district, with the some proba-
bility of the remaining distance being
provided for on a somewhat similar
scale. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. W. Gule

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

J. W. Gule
Resident

Madras Presidency
7th May 1866
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From
The Resident of
Hyderabad.
The Secy. to Govt. & Co.

Of 9th May/66.
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Cu: 4 Plans given
A 821

Returning the
Plans forwarded with letter
A 1346 of 1866, and intimating
that there is no hope of provid-
ing the funds required for
the proposed improvement of
that portion of the road from
Kurnool to the Krishna river
which lies within the Nizam's
territories.

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Public Works Dept.

No 1644

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 23rd May 1866.
Read the following.

From the Resident of
Hyderabad.

(Executed 9th May 1866
A 821)

For the reasons stated in
this letter, the Government
are satisfied that it is unde-
sirable to spend so large
a sum as Rs. 128,230 on
the road from Kurnool to
the Krishna river, and the
sanction accorded to the es-
timate of Rs. 25,960 for work
proposed to be carried out
on the portion of the line
within British limits under
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remaining distance within
these territories, will be con-
sidered cancelled. The portion
of this road in the Kermoo
District will be kept in
such repair as the funds an-
nually allotted for its main-
tenance will admit; & the
Supt. Engrs. will furnish an
estimate for maintaining
the portion in the Kazan
Country, including in it the
cost of such establishment
as may be required to enable
the Range Officer to under-
take the execution of the
necessary repairs.

[Signature]

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6 To The S. Engrs 3rd Div
4 Controller
3 Asst General
3 Military Dept

Sept 25th May

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D/ 23rd May 1844.

28/5/44
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Conselling with
Certain observations the retention
of Papers 120, 230 for work
proposed to be carried
out on the portion of Road
from Turnool to the Kistna
river, within British limits.

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