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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th May 1867.*

No. 403. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

Referring, for the report of the Superintending
Engineer, 5th Division, letter from the Officiat-
ing Conservator of Forests regarding the con-
struction of the Auchitty and Denkinacottah
roads in the Salem District. (Here enter 13th May 1867, No. 1,076.)

No 404. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1867, No. 1,491.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 41.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 5th Division for
early report.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Ed. S. T. Augustin,

No. 248.

Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests
Camp Bannaghat 20th March 1867

From

Lieutenant C. J. Walker

Deputy Conservator of Forests Salem Dist.

To

Captain R. H. Biddome

Officiating Conservator of Forests.

Sir

With reference to the several Government Orders marginally noted I have the honor to call your attention to the operations now being carried on on the road from Denhucottah to Anchitly, with a view to the matter being placed on a clear footing.

2. I have lately visited that part of the road between Denhucottah and Condacottah (i.e. the head of the Ghat) on which the Department Public works are now engaged. I find that what work is being done is of an expensive nature such as raising embankments building Calverts &c. whilst it is also perfectly unnecessary as far as this Department is concerned - as we only require a road along which Bandies laden with timber can be brought with comparative ease. Bandies even now pass from Denhucottah to near the head of the Ghat and the road except in a few places requires, for our purposes, no repair whatever and it was on the understanding that only necessary repairs were to be effected at present, that the estimate of expenditure mentioned in para 2 of your letter to Government was arrived at by Mr. Arbuthnot and myself. I need scarcely say that to make a good road will entail

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No 1792 20th July 1864.
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entail an expenditure of five or six times the sum mentioned. However, and I do not think that this Department alone could be expected to bear such an expenditure as would be necessary. I have been in communication with the Assistant Engineer in charge of the Range, who states that he was ordered to prepare estimates for the road from Denhencottah to Enchettah, which he did and which amounted to Rs 30,000 more or less, of which some 8,000 were to be expended above the Ghat (i.e. between Denhencottah and Condacottah). He then received orders to go on applying to me for funds - which orders he has followed, although he has not been able to expend $\frac{1}{2}$ of the 8,000 during the current year. No instructions as to the nature of road required or as to a limit in expenditure were sent to him.

This explanation seems perfectly satisfactory but I do not think that it was your intention, as it certainly was not mine, or the Collector's that this Department should be called upon to bear all the expense of a really good road which cannot be completed throughout for less than Rs 60, or 70,000, although we might be willing to run a rough track through the Forest tracts.

Your views on the subject are clearly expressed in your letter to Government and is particularly noted in Government Order No. 2,331 dated 1st November/62. but it would appear latterly not to have been clearly settled whether we were to pay for the whole cost of the road or only a part. If we are to pay all we cannot afford a road such as

is now being made. I think myself that the road would be of the greatest service to the people in general as pointed out in Mr. Collector's letter No. 84 of 30th May 1863 para 5 and order thereon No. 1,274 - and that a grant for its execution might be sanctioned from imperial funds, but what I fear is that when our small contribution is exhausted, the work will stop and the bad parts, which are really the only obstacles to our using the road, still remain.

5. I am particularly anxious to commence the road at this end also and have come to the conclusion after careful enquiry that we must have communication between this and the Cauvery or above underfoot to enable us to work the extensive Atcha Forests lying along its banks. the timber from which can be floated as far as underfoot.

2nd The road to Mutton is also necessary and would open up these tracts.

6. It would be necessary therefore if the road is carried by the old route, via the Cauvery, which for other Government interests and those of the Public is preferable to the route via Mutton and Gairhattah, to have a branch road on track from below the Ghat to Mutton Mutlay which would suffice for our purposes and could be made at a small expense.

7. I have just been over that part of the old road between this and underfoot with the Asst. Engineer Mr. Edgesome. If Rs 3,000, or 4,000 were placed at disposal for this part of the road in this year it would be of much advantage as I shall require soon to draw on these tracts for supply under close system and leave the Forests nearer Denhencottah to recover.

8. I request therefore that a distinct understanding be arrived at whether we are to bear the entire cost of

of the Road or if it should not be equally borne by
Local funds, or altogether from an Imperial grant,
and that in any case ample funds be placed at
disposal to allow the work being vigorously carried on
as further delay is most objectionable.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Amphur Walker Esq.
Deputy Conservator of Forests.

Inform the Honorable Member
concerning the road from
Pudukkottai to Aichetty 92/92

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th May 1867.

No. 187. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests,
to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George,
dated Camp, Ootacamund, 23th March 1867, No. 2,289:—

1. I have the honour to inform you that Government in their Order
No. 1,792, of the 20th of July 1866, sanctioned the expenditure of Rupees 6,000
from the Forest funds, in order that the Auchitty and Denkinacottah roads (in the
Salem District) might be put into such repair as would enable us to carry out forest
operations; it was on an understanding that only repairs necessary for our carting
operations were to be executed, that the estimate of Rupees 6,000 was framed by
the Collector and the Deputy Conservator. The Department Public Works,
however, have commenced a road of such an expensive nature that it cannot be
completed under a cost of probably some 60,000 Rupees, or even more; this would
be all very well if funds are available from Imperial or local sources, and if the 6,000
Rupees sanctioned from the Forest Budget are only to be taken as a contribution
towards the road, but if it is expected that the Forest Department are to bear all
the expenses, a first class road, such as is now being attempted, cannot be made,
and when the 6,000 Rupees have been expended, one end only of the road will have
been opened out, which will be of no use to our department.

2. Government will perceive by the Collector's report, recorded in G. O.
No. 1,274, of the 13th of July 1863, that this road will be of great advantage both
to the State and the public.

3. The Deputy Conservator considers that a further expenditure will be
necessary to open out branch roads near Pennagara; this will have to be met from
Forest funds, and is an additional reason why our department should not allot
more than the 6,000 Rupees for the Auchitty and Denkinacottah road.

* No. 219, dated 25th March 1867.

4. I forward, for the information
of Government, a letter* on the subject
from the Deputy Conservator.

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1867, No. 1,076.
Referred to the Superintending Engineer, 5th
Division, through the Department Public Works for
report.
(True Extract.)

Forests, No. 7.

[Signature]

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Conservator of Forests.

Exl. S. T. Augustin.

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*John H. Long
William H. Long*

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[Signature]

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