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No. 306. Read the following letter from Mr. E. W. BARNETT, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Condiporam, 29th January 1867, No. 121G :—

1. Captain Mullins, R. E., Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation Company, informs me that he has written to you regarding a proposition I made to Government, through the Collector of Cuddapah, to construct causeways across several of the large rivers between Cuddapah and Bellary, and recommends me to forward you a copy of my letter to the Collector.

2. I herewith beg to enclose you a copy of said letter, to which, up to the present time, no reply has been received.

3. If necessary, I shall be glad to send you a section of the causeway I propose making.

From Mr. E. W. BARNETT, to the Collector and Magistrate of Cuddapah, dated 25th October 1866, No. 57 G.

1. I have the honor to request you will be kind enough to lay the following proposition before the proper authorities, with such remarks thereon as you may deem advisable.

2. That whereas great inconvenience, expense, and delay is experienced by all who are called upon to transport merchandise or goods across the various large rivers between Cuddapah and Bellary, such as the Chittravutty, the Pennair, and the Huggry.

3. The inconvenience arises from the difficulty in procuring bullocks to assist bandies across the sandy beds, which assistance is absolutely necessary in the case of laden bandies. The expense arises from the fact that no special cattle for this purpose are provided, and that the neighbouring villagers are at liberty to dictate their own terms to the proprietors of any bandies requiring their assistance.

4. The delay arises from the said proprietors having to search out and then bargain with the owners of the cattle to render their assistance. And not unfrequently is it the case that bandies are delayed for days together for want of such assistance.

5. There can be no doubt that if these difficulties were overcome by constructing a road across these rivers, at least equal to existing roads on either sides, that it would be a great advantage to all who are called upon to transport goods, and to the public generally.

6. The cost of hiring cattle to pilot bandies across these rivers in the dry season varies from eight to twelve Annas per bandy ; during the rains, whilst the rivers are still passable, a double number of pilot cattle are required, of course at a double expense.

7. In order to avoid all this inconvenience, delay, and expense, to a certain extent, I have to request that Government will allow me to construct, at my own cost and risk, a paved causeway across the bed of the Chittravutty, by way of experiment, which causeway shall be made and maintained as a road at least equal to the neighbouring roads, on the following conditions :—

1st.—That the Government authorize me to make use of the bed of the Chittravutty river in order to construct a causeway to facilitate the passing of the ordinary conveyances of the country.

2nd.—That Government authorize me to collect and appropriate tolls on all conveyances, cattle, or passengers making use of the said causeway at the following rates :—

For all four-wheel vehicles, one Rupee crossing.
For all laden two-wheel vehicles, eight Annas.
For all empty do. do. four Annas.
For all cattle unburthened, one-half Anna.
For all do. burthened, one Anna.
For all passengers, including bearers in case of palanquin, &c., one-half Anna.

3rd.—That all wheeled vehicles intending to cross this river, and passing within one mil from either bank along the public road, shall be compelled to pay toll.

4th.—That no other individual or Company shall be allowed to construct a causeway across this river, tending to divert the traffic along the public road from this proposed route.

No. 307. ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1867, No. 151.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 67.

1. The Government see no objection to Mr. Barnett constructing, at his own cost and risk, paved causeways across the beds of the Chittravutty, the Pennair, and the Huggry, to facilitate the passage of those rivers, and to his re-imbursing himself the expense by levying the tolls he proposes on all conveyances, cattle, or passengers making use of those causeways, provided that the causeways do not in the least degree interfere with the present passage of the rivers between the terminal points of the roads on either bank, and that the use of the causeways shall be perfectly optional. His Excellency the Governor in Council accordingly authorizes Mr. Barnett to construct a causeway, on these conditions, across the bed of the Chittravutty *as an experiment.*

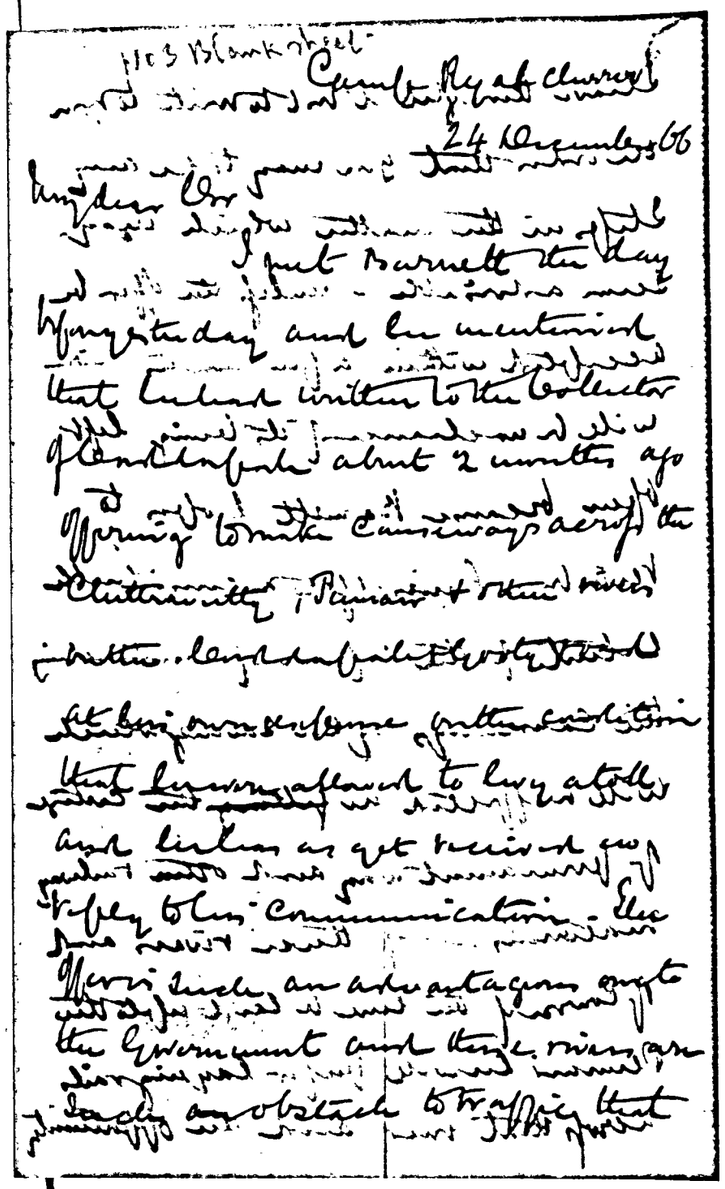
2. The Government note that Mr. Barnett's proposals were submitted to the Collector of Cuddapah so far back as the 25th October last. Mr. Smith will be requested to explain the apparently unaccountable delay which has been permitted to occur in the disposal of Mr. Barnett's letter.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Mr. E. W. Barnett.
To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.



I have thought it best to write to you in order that you may take any steps in the matter which may seem advisable - unless the offer be accepted within a fortnight that will be understood as being left open because Barnett looks to receive assistance from us towards the extent of the cost of constructing the causeways by the saving which will be effected in putting down the cost of permanent way and other railway materials across these rivers and if convenient the line be laid out so that Mr Barnett would prefer laying rails across that river and the opportunity of obtaining considerable advantage for the traffic generally will be lost. Barnett says the tolls will be much less than is now paid for pilot bullocks, and bankers will have the option of using causeways or putting across the river as at present

Yours sincerely
Colin Campbell

No. 57 G

Ans 26/5/67

Madras Railway, N. W. L.

DISTRICT____SECTN.____

CONTRACTORS' OFFICE,

25th October 1866.

To

G. P. Smith Esqr
Collector and Magistrate
Cuddapah

Sir

I have the honor to request you will be kind enough to lay the following proposition before the proper Authorities with such remarks thereon as you may deem advisable—

That whereas great inconvenience, expense and delay is experienced by all who are called upon to transport merchandise or goods across the various large Rivers between Cuddapah and Bellary such as the Chuttravutty the Pennair and the Huggry—

The inconvenience arises from the difficulty in procuring bullocks to assist bandies across the sandy beds which assistance is absolutely necessary in the case of laden bandies— The expense arises from the fact that no special cattle for this purpose are provided, and that the neighbouring villagers are at liberty to dictate their own terms to the proprietors of any bandies requiring their assistance—

The delay arises from the said proprietors having to search out and then bargain with the owners of the cattle to render their assistance— And not unfrequently is it the case that bandies are delayed for days together for want of such assistance—

There Can be no doubt that if these difficulties were overcome by Constructing a road across these Rivers, at least equal to existing roads on either sides, that it would be a great advantage to all who are called upon to transport goods & to the public generally—

The cost of hiring cattle to pilot bandies across these Rivers in the dry season varies from Eight to twelve Annas per bandy; during the rains, whilst the Rivers are still passable, a double number of pilot cattle are required of Course at a double expense—

In order to avoid all this inconvenience, delay, and expense to a certain extent, I have to request that Government will allow me to Construct, at my own cost and risk a paved Cause-way across the bed of the Chuttravutty by way of experiment, which Cause-way shall be made & maintained as a road at least equal to the neighbouring roads on the following Conditions—

1st That the Government authorize me to make use of the bed of the Chuttravutty River in order to Construct a Cause-way

Cause-way to facilitate the passing of the ordinary conveyances of the country.

2nd — That Government authorize me to collect and appropriate tolls on all Conveyances, cattle or passengers making use of the said Cause-way at the following rates

For all Four wheel Vehicles — one Rupee crossing
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For all Empty do. do. four annas
For all cattle unburthened one half anna
For all do. burthened one anna
For all passengers, including bearers in case of Palanquin &c. one half anna

3rd — That all wheeled Vehicles intending to cross this River and passing within one mile from either bank along the public Road, shall be compelled to pay toll —

4th — That no other individual or Company shall be allowed to construct a cause-way across this River, tending to divert the traffic along the public Road, from this Bridge

I have the honr to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

(Sgd) E. W. Barnett.

No. 121 G.

Madras Railway, N. W. L.
District ____ Sectn. ____
Contractors' Office,
29 January 1866

Enclosures

To
Col. Dyer R. E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.

Dear Sir,

Capt. Mullins R. E. Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation Company, informs me that he has written to you regarding a proposition I made to Government, during the collection of tolls at Cuddapah, to construct causeways across bed of the Pennair River between Cuddapah & Bellary, & recommends me to proceed via a copy of my letter

to the Collector -

I herewith beg to enclose you a copy of Land Letter, by which you will see the present time, as I have received -

If necessary I shall be glad to send you a return of the Company's Officers making -

Yours truly

C. Or. Vincent

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No. 151

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 16th January 1867

Read the following

From

Mr. C. W. Barnett (No. 121 G. 29th Decr 1866)

The Government see no objection to Mr. Barnett constructing, at his own cost and risk, paved causeways across the beds of the Chittravutty, the Pennair, and the Huggry, to facilitate the passage of those rivers, and to his re-imbursing himself the expense by levying the tolls he proposes

Recd 1866 Dec 15th
From Govt Secy
No 521

From Mr C W Barnett

Dated 29th Dec 1866
Rec'd 31st " 1866

Subject
Proposing to construct a certain causeway across each of the large rivers between Cuddapah and Kellary

Ans No 205
dated 7th January 1867 & No 12

No 157 16 Jany 67

Referred to the Collr. to have the powers necessary to cede to a private individual the privilege of levying tolls? only very little can be done by Govt. to assist the levy of tolls on roads passing up & down certain parts of the Pass. Act VIII of 1857

proposes on all conveyances, cattle or passengers making use of those causeways; provided that the causeways do not interfere with the present passage of the rivers between the terminal points of the roads on either bank, and that the use of the causeways shall be perfectly optional. His Excellency the Governor in Council accordingly authorizes Mr. Barnett to construct a causeway, on these conditions, across

and Act XV of 1864 referred to the Govt. It would be better to submit the proposed measure by an Act. Mr. Barnett intends at what time the causeways are open.

I doubt also whether we have any power to force Mr. Barnett, or his representatives, to keep them open for any length of time. No doubt he has applied to the Local Collector, Mr. Smith, and I suppose also to Mr. Ct. but I do not remember to have seen any letter from Mr. Barnett on the subject. Mr. Barnett's proposal has been under consideration for some time, and I should think we have had ample opportunity of ascertaining from the Collector of Cuddapah whether the

I also doubt whether the Govt can authorize an individual to lay in his own behalf, tolls on a causeway constructed by himself, and if so then seems to us inexpedient to accede to the proposal to the Collector of Cuddapah at this

across the bed of the Chittravutty as an experiment.

We have noted that Mr Barnett's proposals were submitted to the Collr of Cuddapah so far back as the 25 Oct last. Mr Smith will be requested to explain the apparently unaccountable delay which has been permitted to occur in the disposal of Mr Barnett's letter —

To Mr. E. W. Barnett.
" Supg Engr. 3d Dn.
" Revenue Dept.

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.

Dt 16th January 1867

Passing orders on the proposals of Mr Barnett for the Construction of Causeways, paved across the bed of the Chittravutty, the Vemair and the Huggy rivers.

No 306 - 307.

a. 7th Jany. 1867 - Or 12th