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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
3rd June 1867.

No. 55. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Keenanore Anicut, 29th May 1867, No. 41:—

1. With reference to the Order of Government of the 17th of May, No. 1,491, I have the honour to state that I have just received from the Assistant Engineer of the Ussur Range an estimate of Rupees 6,600, for completing the road from Denkenicottah to Auchitty for a distance of nine miles, also a report on the present and former states of the road.

2. The road was formed many years ago, but no tunnels or road dams were built, and, in many places, no side-channels cut. The road passes through very rocky country, and it seems that none or very few of the boulders met with in the course of the road were removed, but they were simply covered over with earth. As no repairs had been made for some years, the earth had been washed away and the rocks left exposed, so that many miles of the road were more like the bed of a torrent than anything else.

3. The estimate that has been made provides for building four tunnels and fourteen road dams, cutting side-channels where required, removing the rocks by blasting and burning, raising the road and filling ruts. This is for the portion between Denkenicottah and Gundicottah at the top of the ghaut. No estimate has yet been made for the portion of the road from Gundicottah to the foot of the ghaut near Auchitty, as the old track cannot be followed. More than one line has been examined, but the selecting and marking out the best line in a rocky and wooded country is a work of time.

4. The repairs were commenced some months ago. The road, though still in an unfinished state, is now passable from Denkenicottah to Gundicottah. The Assistant Conservator of Forests states that this portion was passable before the repairs were commenced, but Mr. Paynter reports that his cart was six hours getting over eight miles, and was upset three times.

5. On the portion under repair, one tunnel and sixteen road dams remain to be built. Four miles should be gravelled, and there are still some rocks to be removed. The road is not being made like an imperial, but an ordinary district road. The work can be discontinued on it as soon as the Forest Department consider the road good enough for their purpose; but it must be remembered that a half made road soon goes to ruin.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, 3rd June 1867, No. 1,663.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 3.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division be communicated to

the Revenue Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department of the 13th May 1867, No. 1,076.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Revenue Department.
" Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 41.

Superintending Engineer's Office, 3^d Floor,
Karnanore Amrut May 29th /07.

From

The Superintending Engineer,
5th Division.

To

The Secretary to Government,
D. P. Works.

Sir,

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2. The road was formed many years ago, but no tunnels or road dams were built, and in many places, no side channels cut. The road passes through very rocky country and it seems that none or very ^{few} of the boulders, met with in the course of the road, were removed, but they were simply covered over with earth. As no repairs had been made for some years, the earth had been washed away and the rocks left exposed, so that many miles of the road were more like the bed of a torrent than any thing else.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
E A Ford Lieut Col R E
Superinty Engineer 5th Division

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.
Under date the 2^d June 18

Read the following

From The Sup^r Engineer
4th Division

To
The Rev. Deacons
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1st of Feb. 1867.
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No. 1663

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

Madras

Dated 3rd Decr. 1867

*Letter from the Sup^r.
Engineer of the 5th Division,
reporting on the condition of
Road from Orukpencottah
to Aucketty. in the Salem
District, communicated to the
Revenue Department*

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