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No. 694. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Iddencull, Cumbum Talook, 18th September 1867, No. 1,684 :—

1. With reference to your Official Memorandum, No. 188 of 7th instant, I have the honor to point out that the estimates, &c., for the roads "from Cumbum to Markapoor" and "from Nundicotkoor to Bairlooty" have not yet been submitted and sanctioned; and so, agreeably to the orders of Government, I directed that no outlay should be incurred. Some expenditure has been incurred by Captain Hunter, R. E., on the latter of these two roads, but without authority from me, and so I directed him to stop the work, pending the submission and sanction of the estimate.

2. As regards the former of these roads, I beg to inform you that Mr. Sub-Engineer Bance did, some time ago, submit an estimate, &c., but prepared in such a slovenly, careless manner, that I was obliged to return it. On my arrival in this Range a few days ago, Mr. Bance showed me part of a revised Survey, &c., with which I went over the line in his company. This also has been prepared very carelessly, he having ignored most of the petty drainages, and having omitted one or two of the larger drainages. He has been very careless and inattentive to my orders on the subject of preparing Surveys, &c., for roads, stating that he did not understand my Circulars, though at the same time he took no steps to have them made clear to him. Other Range Officers have understood my orders and carried them out, and so I cannot make out why Mr. Bance could not. I believe that he never would take the trouble of reading them "carefully."

3. Considering that Mr. Bance is an old Revenue Surveyor, and so ought to have had a good deal of experience in surveying and levelling, I think I was justified in expecting that these at least would be correct, but this I regret to say is not the case. The survey and levels have been prepared by him very carelessly, and he has fudged over parts of the work. On sending for his Spirit level I found the instrument out of adjustment, and the whole thing in an unserviceable state, he had made no attempts to remedy it nor had he made any report; so that, unless I had seen the instrument, I should not have known of its being out of order. With an instrument in such a state it is no wonder that his levels are wrong.

4. In a few days I shall have completed my inspection of the works in this neighbourhood, and will then submit my report, giving my opinion on the manner in which Mr. Bance has conducted his duties.

No. 695. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1867, No. 3,021.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 83.

Ordered to lie over, pending the receipt of the report promised in paragraph 4.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Rxd. S. T. Augustin.

4. On my arrival in this Range a few days

Supdg. Engrs. Office 3D.
Camp. Siddencutt &
Cumbum Taluq.
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18th September 1867.

No. 1684.

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A. Abbey Major R.E.

Superintending Engineer

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Mr.

Fort St George
27th Septr 1867

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Nil

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Road frm Cumbum
to Markapoor & from
Nundeekotkoor to Bar
Looty. —

Brings to notice the
manner in which Mr
Bance has prepared the
Surveys Levelsons &c &c
former plans Roads.

etc. 3021 - 27th Septr 1867

With an Order

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