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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th February 1867.

Read the following paper :—

No. 488. From the Postmaster General, Msdras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 6th February 1867, No. 5,525.

1. I have the honor to request the attention of Government to the very bad state of the road which connects the Errode and Caroor Railway Stations.

2. The mails passing between the four southern districts on the one hand, and the rest of the Presidency on the other, are carried over this piece of road by a contract mail cart, and, although (as the trains on the two Railways are now timed), a very moderate rate of speed brings the mails in good time for the train they should go by, yet the condition of the road is so very bad that even this rate is not always attained, and the consequence is the detention of these important mails for twenty-four hours at Caroor, or ten hours at Errode (as the case may be).

3. It takes a traveller, with posted bullocks, from seventeen to twenty hours to pass over these twenty-four miles.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division for early report, as to the measures which he would propose for placing the road in proper order.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
7th February 1867. *Secretary to Government, P. W. D.*

No. 489. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cochin, 12th February 1867, No. 224.

The Postmaster General's letter with the endorsement.

1. The road inquired after in your endorsement on the Postmaster General's letter No. 5,525 of 6th February, is a district road having an annual maintenance allotment of only Rupees 740. It could not accordingly be maintained even in a fit state for local slow traffic, much less for the quicker traffic which the late extension of the Southern of India Railway has thrown upon it.

2. In reply to inquiries of the Collector, I some time ago suggested that the allowance of Rupees 740 should be increased to Rupees 2,035 from the District Road Cess for the current official year, which has accordingly been sanctioned in G. O. No. 283 of 29th January, and the increased allowance is being made the most of. But no provision has been made for next official year that I am aware of, and it is desirable that an allowance of, say, Rupees 110 a mile, be made available from 1st April next.

No. 490. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1867, No. 561.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 74.

1. The Superintending Engineer's letter above read will be communicated to the Postmaster General.

2. The provision made in the Local Fund Budget of the year 1867-68 for the Caroor and Errode road being Rupees 740, Colonel Walker's recommendation to increase this allowance will be considered in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Postmaster General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Madras, 6th February 1861.

From

The *Postmaster General.*

To

The ~~Chief~~ *Secretary to Government,*

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

SIR,

1 I have the honor to request the attention of Government to the very bad state of the road which connects the Erode and Caroor Railway Stations.

2 The travel passing between the Great southern Districts on the one hand and the seat of the Presidency on the other are entirely over this piece of road by a contract Mail Cart; and although for the Caroor on the two Railways are even themselves a very moderate rate of speed by the Mails on good days for the transit they should go by yet the convalescence of the road is so very bad that however their rates or mail drivers themselves the consequence is the detention of these important Mails for 24 hours at Caroor or 12 hours at Erode (as the case may be).

3 If there a traveller with [illegible]

Inclosed I transmit to you a letter
addressed from Postmasters to you on their
42 bills.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed. Servt.

A. Kerr
Postmaster General

No. 224

From Major Cyprian Ricketts, R.E.
Cuddapah, 13th February 1867

To Colonel C.H. Walker, R.E.
Secy. Engineer & Q.M. Division

To Colonel C.M. Cox, R.E.
Secy. to Govt. P.W.D. Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for your information the accompanied Estimate for the Construction of a Bridge over the Gandikota Nullah on the Cuddapah and Gandikota Road.

2. The Nullah is impassable during the South West Monsoon and the Bridge is required for the passage of Troops, Guns, Stores, Mails, Travellers, Cattle, Carts, Treasure &c. &c. during the North East Monsoon.

3. The Nullah is fordable during the remainder of the year.

4. The Bridge is required for the passage of Troops, Guns, Stores, Mails, Travellers, Cattle, Carts, Treasure &c. &c. during the North East Monsoon.

5. The Nullah is fordable during the remainder of the year.

Enclosures:
Estimate in triplicate = Correspondence connected with the Estimate = Plan = Section = Index Plan.

No. 224

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From

The Postmaster General,

Madras.

To

The ~~Chief~~ Secretary to Government,

P.W. Department,

Fort Saint George,

P.W. No. 560/67

No. 5525

Dated 6th February/67

Received 7 " "

Answered

Brings to notice of Government the bad state of the Road between Errodu & Karoor.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Circle for early report as to the measures which he would recommend he would propose for placing the road in proper order.

Colonel
Secy to Govt P.W.D.

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C. 18th Feby 1867. A. Dunn

and it is desirable that an allowance of say Rs. 110 a mile, be made available from 1st April next.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed. Servant
(Sd.) W. Walker Colonel R.E.
Supg. Engineer 7th Dn.

No 561

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 25th Feby 1867

Read the following

From the Post Master General
Madras — (R.L. No 5525 of 6th Feby 1867)
" " Supg Engr 7th Dn (" No 224 of 12th " — ")

The Superintending Engineer's letter above read will be Communicated to the Post Master General.

The provision made in the Local Fund Budget of the year 1867/8 for the Cuttoor & Erode road being Rs 740, Col. Walker's recommendation to increase this allowance will be considered in the Revenue Dept.—

Dept. 26/2/67

To The Ld Dn
" Rev Depr
" Post Master Genl

P. Y. Ry. 18th Feby Reg. Letter from Supg Engr 7th Dn. Cuttoor to Madras Superintending Engineers No 550 dated 13th Feby 1867 Recd 19th Feby 1867 Forwarded to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department.

Dated 19th Feby 1867

By Order
Secretary

Request early orders
and return Cuttoor
Letter.

No 561 - 25th Feby 1867

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Pro: of the Madras Govt.

Dy 25th February 1867

Letter from the
Supt Engr of the 7th Divn
relative to the condition of
Road (Caroor & Erode)
communicated to the
Postmaster General and
the proposal to increase the
annual maintenance
allowance for the road,
referred to the Revy Department

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