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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th November 1868.*

No. 244. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 22nd October 1868, No. 141:—

1. I have the honor, herewith, to forward for the orders of Government an estimate of Rs. 6,321-2-0 for widening the bridge-path from Kotagherri to Kodanaad to an additional width of two yards, out of the solid, so as to make it practicable for cart traffic.

2. The bridge-path is five miles and 1,500 yards in length, in direct continuation of the new cart road which connects Kotagherri with the Coonoor Ghaut, and is actually shorter than the old track to Seven-Mile Tope, which it supersedes. It was laid out by Captain Law, on a line selected by me, at the particular request of Messrs. Grant and Robinson, who accompanied me on my first reconnaissance of the ground. It will complete a line of communication by carts from Kodanaad, through Wellington and Ootacamund, to Neddiwattam, forming one Imperial Road from the extreme east to the extreme west of the hill plateau.

3. Encouraged by the local officials, and others when on leave from Madras, with hopes that the Government would complete the bridge-path to a cart road, the owners of the four Tea, Chinchona, and Coffee Estates most immediately benefited by the line have taxed themselves to the extent of one Rupee per acre, to a total amount of Rupees 1,187, to make a commencement. And that sum has been judiciously utilized by the Public Works Officers to the extent of Rupees 540 in 1867-68, and Rupees 647 in the current year. And I have now the honor to recommend that the estimate be sanctioned, and the balance of Rupees 5,134, provided by an allotment of Rupees 2,500 from the Discretionary Fund of the current year (Rupees 5,000) hitherto intact, and the remainder from the Reserve of next year.

4. I also take this opportunity of recommending that the other half of the Discretionary Fund be now allotted towards making passable for carts as much as possible of the new Koondah road, between Ootacamund and Mr. Melvor's Reservoir, as already suggested, but without effect, with reference to other available funds, in my letter printed with G. O., No. 2,893, of 11th September.

No. 245. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1868, No. 3,551.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 34.

1. Considering that the line which has been opened to bridge-path from Kotagherri to Kodanaad is one of much importance to the planting interests on the Neilgherries, and that, if widened as proposed, it will complete the communication for wheeled traffic from Kodanaad through Wellington and Ootacamund to Neddiwattam, the Government sanction the estimate of Rupees 6,321 submitted by the Superintending Engineer, and authorize the transfer of funds proposed in paragraph 3 to meet the outlay on the work during the current official year.

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2. His Excellency in Council further approves of the Superintending Engineer's proposal in paragraph 4 to provide funds for opening for cart traffic the road* between Ootacamund and the site of the proposed Bhowany Reservoir.
- * Estimate Rupees 35,000, sanctioned in G. O., 23rd May 1868, No. 1,635.

3. The transfers of funds in both cases will be subject to the sanction of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 141

Superintending Engineer's Office, P. W. D.
Coimbatore 22nd October 1868.

From

Colonel G. W. Walker, B. C.

Superintending Engineer of the P. W. D.

To

Colonel C. A. Cox, B. C.

Secretary to Government P. W. D.
Madras

Sir,

Enclosure. 1

1. Estimate No. 9 of
1868/69. No. 6321-20.

I have the honor herewith to forward for the orders of Government an Estimate of Rs 6321-2-0 for widening the Bridle path from Kotaherry to Kodanaad to an additional width of 2 yards out of the side, as to make it practicable for cart traffic.

2. The Bridle path is 5 miles and 1500 yards in length, in direct continuation of the New Cart Road which connects Kotaherry with the Coonoor Ghaut, and is actually shorter than the old track to Seven Mile Top which it supersedes. It was laid out by Capt. Law, on a line selected by me, at the particular request of Messrs Grant and Robinson, who accompanied me on my first reconnaissance of the ground. It will complete a line of communication by carts, from Kodanaad through Wellington and Ootacamund to Neddiattam forming one Imperial Road from the extreme East to the extreme West of the Hill Plateau.

3. Encouraged by the local officials, and others when on leave from Madras, with hopes that

the Government would complete the Bridgepath to a good Road the owners of the 4 Tra, Chinchona, and other estates most immediately benefitted by the line have taxed themselves to the extent of one Rupee per acre, to a total amount of Rs 1107, to make a commencement. And that sum has been judiciously utilized by the Public Works Officers to the extent of Rs 540 in 1854-60, and Rs 647 in the current year. And I have now the honor to recommend that the Estimate be sanctioned, and the balance of Rs 5134 provided by an allotment of Rs 2500 from the Discretionary Fund of the current year (Rs 5000) hitherto intact, and the remainder from the Reserve of next year. I also take this opportunity of recommending that the other half of the Discretionary Fund be now allotted towards making proposals for works as much as possible of the New Road between Cotacamund and Mr. Mr. Lewis Reservoir, as already suggested, but without effect, with reference to other available funds, in my letter printed with G. O. No. 2898 of 11th September.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedt Servt.

Wm. Walker Esq. & Co.
Superintendents of the work

R.P.

1858 Sep 11
From Mr. Walker & Co.
The Superintendents of the work
To
The Secretary to Government
S.D.P.W.
Madras.
Dated 22nd Oct 1858
No. 26 } October 1858

Enclosure. 1.

No. 148.

Submits an Estimate for widening the Bridgepath from Kotasherry to Kodumudi & proposes how to meet the expenditure.

No. 244

30th Oct 1858 C.A. S. S. House

No. 2831 - 11th Nov 1858

6321 submitted by the Supy

the Government would complete the Bridge.

Public Works Department

No 3537

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under dates the 11th Novr 1888

Read the following

From The Supy Engrs of the S. E. No 144 dated 22nd Oct/88/

Considering that the line
which has been opened to
trade from Kothayam
to Kodanad is one of much
importance to the planting
interests on the Nilghevies,
and that if widened as proposed,
it will complete the com-
munication for wheeled traffic
from Kodanad through Nel-
lington and Ottacaimund
to Neddiwallam, the Govt
sanction the estimate of Rs
6321 submitted by the Supy

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Eng^s, and authorize the transfer
of funds proposed in Para 3
to meet the outlay on the
work during the current of
fiscal year.

N. E. in Council
further approves of the Survey
Engineer's proposal in Para 4.
to provide funds for opening
for Cart Traffic the road
between Bokacumund & the
side of the proposed Blomany
Reservoir.

The transfers of
guards in both cases will be
subject to the sanction of
the Govt of India.

* Estimate Rs 35,000 sanctioned
on G. O. 23rd May/68, 6/635

The Supply Surge Director
" Controller Gen. Estimates
" Acct. Genl.

Aug 16/12

L. No 4153

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engrs.
of the Division

Dated

At

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. No. 1100 Nov 1868, No. 3531

Nos. 244-245

Roads - the estimate of Rs 634
for widening the bridge path
from Kotagheery to Kodanand
in the Coimbatore Dist, sanc-
tioned & the proposals for
providing funds for that
work & for the road between
Kotacurund and the site
of the proposed ~~reservoir~~
Shorany reservoir, ap-
proved -