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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 26th November 1874.

No. 476. Read the following letter from Colonel C. V. WILKIESON, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 29th October 1874, No. 95 :—

I HAVE the honor to request you will be so good as to obtain a further allotment of Rupees 2,500 for opening bridle-path or bullock-track up to the Ponachy saddle from the foot of the Annamallay hills, for expenditure in the current year, as the present allotment of Rupees 6,700, made in G. O., No. 976-E., of 14th April 1874, has already been exceeded.

2. By the memorandum attached it will be seen that Rupees 13,526-14-9 has been expended, and Rupees 728 is due for this month's work, making a total of Rupees 14,254-14-9, the total amount sanctioned in G. O., No. 976-E., dated 14th April 1874, being Rupees 14,200.

3. There still remains about a mile of path to be cut, the greater part through sheet rock between the 12th and 13th zigzags, for which Rupees 2,500 will, I think, be enough to finish. Then the whole line will be opened out, as it is available to passengers now the whole distance except this portion, and here the traffic is taken on the old ghaut which is very steep.

4. The original estimate could only be a rough calculation of the cost, and I think we may be congratulated on only exceeding it by so small a sum, and I have no doubt if Mr. Johnston had not been removed or another officer had been sent in his place that it would have been completed within the estimate, as the present Range Officer has so large a charge that he could give only a very little personal supervision to the work.

5. I intend going out to the ghaut in the beginning of the week to verify both the estimates for opening out the ghaut to 12 feet wide, and also the estimate for road from foot of ghaut to Annamallay, which will be ready in a few days.

6. In the meantime I hope that Government will sanction the amount, viz., Rupees 2,500, now asked for, or I shall be obliged to stop work.

No. 477. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1874, No. 3,346.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 33.

THE sum of Rupees 2,500 will be held at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, for the Ponachy Ghaut work; but he is expected to supply a regular supplemental estimate and comparative statement of the particulars of the extra cost, with a view to ensuring more accuracy in the larger estimate now under preparation, for which these preliminary works should afford reliable data.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Supg. Engr Coimbatore

Statement shewing the total expenditure up to End of September 1874 on Poonachy Ghaut new Road.—

Particulars	Amount.
Tracing	25 7 6
Sappers Huts	37 11 6
Tools purchased	579 8 3
Rock bored and blasted	2910 13 0
Rough stone revetment	1212 14 .
Ponies for Sappers	56 . .
Removing boulders and cutting path in earth	5635 5 .
Sappers working batta	143 2 .
Blasting Powder	1077 6 4
Carriage of Tools	33 4 .
Fuzes	366 7 .
Sundries	209 5 6
Total Rupees	13526 49

Coimbatore Range
Office: Coimbatore
27th Oct: 1874

1st/ O. A. Hayne
Range Officer.

/True Copy/
Cowitson Colonel RE
Supg. Engr Coimbatore

No. 95.

Superintending Engineer's Office
Coimbatore, Oct 29th, 1874

From

The Superintending Engineer
Coimbatore.

To

The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to obtain a further allotment of Rs 2,500, for opening bridle path or bullock track up the Poonachy Saddle from the foot of the Aniamallay Hills, for expenditure in the current year, as the present allotment of Rs 6,700 made in G. O. No 976 E.S. of 14th April 1874 has already been exceeded.—

2.— By the memo. attached it will be seen that Rs 16,526-14-9 has been expended and Rs 720 is due for this months work, making a total of Rs 17,254-14-9

From the Superintending Engineer
Coimbatore
Dated 29th October 1874

To

The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith the Estimate for opening a Bridle path or Bullock track up the Poonachy Saddle from the foot of the Aniamallay Hills, for expenditure in the current year, as the present allotment of Rs 6,700 made in G. O. No 976 E.S. of 14th April 1874 has already been exceeded.—

2.— By the memo. attached it will be seen that Rs 16,526-14-9 has been expended and Rs 720 is due for this months work, making a total of Rs 17,254-14-9

Rec'd 31st Oct 1874

the total amount sanctioned in my G.O. No 976 E, dated 14th April 1874, being Rs 12,200

3. There still remains about a mile of Path to be cut, the greater part through sheet rock between the 12th & 13th Zigzags for which Rs 2,500 will, I think, be enough to finish. Then the whole line will be opened into as it is available to passengers over the whole distance except this portion, and here the traffic is taken on the old ghaut which is very steep.

4. The original estimate could only be a rough calculation of the cost and I think we may be congratulated on only exceeding it by so small a sum, and I have no doubt if Mr Johnstone had not been removed or another officer had been sent in his place that it would have been completed within the estimate, as the present large officer has to [illegible]

a charge that he could give only a very little personal supervision to the work.-

5. I intend going out to the Ghaut in the beginning of the week to verify both the estimates for opening out the Ghaut to 12 feet wide and also the estimate for road from foot of Ghaut to Annapallay, which will be ready in a few days.-

7. In the meantime I hope that Government will sanction the amount viz Rs. 2,500 now asked for as I shall be obliged to stop work.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.

Lieutenant Colonel R.E.
Superintending Engineer
Coimbatore.-

P.W. 1874 Department

From The Officiating Collector
The Supdg Engineer
Coimbatore

To The Secretary to Government
P.W. Deptt.
Madras

No. 795

Dated 29th October 1874
Read 2nd November 1874

Enclosure

Forwards a memo of expenditure upto 5th Septr on Poonachy Ghaut new road and requests a further allotment of Rs 2500 to complete the bridlepath up to the Poonachy saddle from the foot of the Attapadi Valley

Ordered.

G.O. No: 3346. 26-11-74.

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Rs 2500 allotted for the completion of the bridle path from the foot of the Attapadi Valley to the Poonachy saddle.

Rs 2500

Sanctioned Rs 2500

now under Intimation
for which time preliminary
work should afford
reliable data.

Engr
1-12-75

S.E. Coimbatore
Controller
Despd to Delhi 27/11/74.

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Govt. of {1874} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Supg: Engr.
Coimbatore

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 26 Nov 1874, No. 3346

Nos. 476-477.

Ponachy Ghaut Work

Rs. 2,500 to be held at the disposal of the Supg: Engr: Coimbatore for the work, and a ~~regular~~ Supplemental Estimate & comparative statement of the particulars of the cost ~~awarded~~ — as required.