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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

27th November 1877, No. 1,820 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 240. From E. H. PRINGLE, Esq., District Engineer, South Canara, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads, dated Camp at Seeradi, 9th November 1877, No. 58.

I HAVE the honor to annex, for the information of Government, copy of a letter from the Puttoor Divisional Officer regarding the state of the road to Mercara. Mr. Fernandez has been doing his utmost to obtain coolies, but there has during this year been a most singular scarcity of labor along the ghauts throughout the length of South Canara. The traffic has been abnormal and the rainy season unusually prolonged, and the combination of the two has had the effect of destroying large portions of the surface of the unmetalled portions of the road. Since the day before yesterday the dry weather seems to have fairly set in, and as the muddy portions of the ghaut I am now on have already improved, I trust that the Sampaje Ghaut approaches have in like manner dried up.

2. I proceed to Sullia as soon as I can finish the work of inspection of the Seeradi Ghaut.

From Mr. V. M. FERNANDEZ, Officer in charge of Puttoor Division, to E. H. PRINGLE, Esq., District Engineer, South Canara, dated Sampaje, 31st October 1877, No. 194.

I BEG to report for your information that since I reported last on the 23rd instant upon the condition of the road between Sullia and Sampaje, there has not been a break in the weather, but on the contrary the rain has been on the increase since the last three or four days, and the road has in consequence fearfully broken up in several places along the whole length, the cart wheels sinking in some places even a foot deep, and the coolies are not able to work on the rainy days. I have at present a number of about 70 up-country coolies and 44 Mangalore coolies all working near Sampaje, the former being employed upon collecting broken stones, and the latter in laying the metal. But this number is hardly sufficient for the immediate repairs of the damages sustained; more coolies are not procurable by any means, as the harvesting is not over as yet owing to the unusual rains of this year. Owing to these difficulties I am not able to move hence, or to attend to any other work, and shall not be able to do so till satisfactory arrangements are completed for the repairs of all damages.

2. At Sullia I have not more than 12 coolies working under two maistries and they are employed since a long time in repairing a small piece of road nearer the Sullia Toll-gate, which has fearfully broken up. There is however no possibility of the present number at this place being increased, as not a single laborer is procurable though daily payments are made.

No. 241. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1877, No. 1,820 W.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, South Canara.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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District Engineer's Office
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From

The District Engineer
South Canara

To

The Chief Engineer
Roads & Buildings
Madras.

Sir

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your Most obedt. Servant

W. H. Pringle
District Engineer, Canara

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From

The Officer in charge
Puttann Division.

To.

E. H. Pringle Esq.
District Engineer, Canara

Sir

I beg to report for your information that since I reported last on the 25th instant, upon the condition of the road between Sullia and Sampage, there has not been a break in the weather, but on the contrary the rain has been on the increase since the last 3 or 4 days, and the road has in consequence fearfully broken up in several places along the whole length, the cart wheels sinking in some places even a foot deep, and the Coolies are not able to work on the rainy days. I have at present a number of about 70 experienced Coolies & 40 Mangalore Coolies all working near Sampage, the former being employed upon collecting broken stones and the latter in laying the metal. But the number is hardly sufficient for the immediate repair of the damages sustained. More Coolies

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The District Engineer
San Francisco.

The Chief Engineer
for Roads & Buildings

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