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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

13th December 1877, No. 2,079 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 127. From E. H. PRINGLE, Esq., District Engineer, South Canara, to the Chief Engineer, Buildings and Roads, dated Camp, Sampaje, 3rd December 1877, No. 61.

In continuation of my letter, No. 58, dated 9th November 1877, I have the honor to report that I have personally inspected road No. 1 from Mangalore to Coorg via the Sampaje (Mercara) Ghaut.

2. I am glad to say the dry weather we have had up to yesterday has completely restored the road surface, and there are but few traces left of its recent broken condition. Yesterday, however, rain fell, and to-day there are the usual indications of widespread atmospheric disturbance which on this coast at this time of year usually precede several days heavy rain.

3. The main causes of the breaking of the road during this monsoon setting aside the prolonged rains, the heavy traffic, and the want of labor, are the clayey character of the soil in many places and the shutting out of sun and wind by the jungles that overhang the road. Where there are open patches, the road though merely barrelled with the soil of the locality has stood the traffic fairly well.

4. Arrangements have now been made to collect metal before the ensuing monsoon for every section of the road between Sullia and the Coorg frontier that broke up or showed signs of weakness this year, the distance aggregating some 4½ miles.

5. The dearth of labor at the very season when it is chiefly wanted is the great hindrance to work in the country bordering the ghauts. Local laborers are generally in possession of small properties and are exceedingly independent. Labor from the coast will not remain near the ghauts for any length of time, and the high rates up-country coolies receive in Mysore and Coorg Public Works are deterrent to their general employment in Canara.

6. Looking to the great difficulties experienced this year in keeping road No. 1 passable for wheeled traffic, I consider the Divisional Officer entitled to much credit in having succeeded so well as he has done. It is entirely due to his personal exertions that no serious block has occurred.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 13th December 1877, No. 2,079 W.

RECORDED in continuation of G.O., No. 1,820 W, dated 27th November 1877. Copies of those orders will be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg for information.

(Here enter No. 2,080 W, dated 13th December 1877.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads
Civil Works

No. 2000 W.

No. 120

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THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Public Works Department.

To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF MYSORE AND COORG.

1. In continuation of my letter of the 15th June 1877, I am directed to forward for information two letters received from the District Engineer, South Canara, containing reports on the state of the approaches to Coorg and the Sampaga Ghaut.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Col. J. R. E.
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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District Engineer's Office
Camp, Sampaga 3rd Dec 1877
From
The District Engineer
South Canara.

To
The Chief Engineer
Roads and Buildings
Madras.

Sir

In continuation of my letter No. 58 dated 9th November 1877, I have the honor to report that I have personally inspected Road No. 1 from Mangalore to Coorg via the Sampaga (Mencasa) Ghaut.

I am glad to say the dry weather we have had up to yesterday has completely restored the road surface and there are but few traces left of its recent broken condition. Yesterday however rain fell and today there are the usual indications of wide spread atmospheric disturbance which on this coast at this time of year usually precede several days heavy rain.

The main cause of the breaking of the road during this monsoon is nothing
aside.

would the prolonged winter, the heavy
travellers, and the want of water, are the chief
obstacles of the soil in many places & the
shutting out of good wind by the mountains
overhang the road. Where there are open fields,
the road though much travelled with the
soil of the country has been the traffic
fairly well.

Arrangements have now been made
to collect fuel before the coming winter,
for every section of the road between the
line of the Congo river, that looks up a
showed signs of weakness this year, the
distance aggregating some 100 miles.

The climate of Liberia at the very
season when it is chiefly wanted is the great
hindrance to work in the country. Besides
the Ghanki Local laborers are generally in
possession of small properties and are
exceedingly independent. Labor from the coast
will not remain near the Ghanki for any
length of time, and the high value of labor
which receives in England & Congo & Sierra Leone
detracts to their general employment in
Liberia.

Looking to the great difficulties ex-
perienced the year in looking and all
possible for which I am, it is considered

the Divisional Officer entitled to much credit
in having succeeded so well as he has done.
It is entirely due to his personal exertions
that no serious block has occurred.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant

Erasmus
District Engineer
Liberia

G.O. 27 November 1877. 1:1520 4
 G.O. 15 June 1877. 1:247-6
 G.O. 29 May 1877. 1:15416.

Read and Sent by

The District Engineer
South Canara

The Chief Engineer
for Mysore - District
Mysore

1861
Dated 30 December 1877

Engineer. Bangalore

Report from Bangalore
to Coorg via the Sampage
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 13th Dec 77.

Read the following :-

Letter from the District Engineer }
 South Canara } No. No 61. d/3 Dec 1877.

Recorded in continuation of G. O. No 1820 W, dated 27th Nov 1877. Copies of these orders will be forwarded to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg for information.

(No. No. 2080 W dated 13th Dec 77)

To The Chief Commissioner Mysore and Coorg

Sir, In continuation of my letter of the 15th June 1877, I am directed to forward for information the letters received from the District Engineer, South Canara, containing reports on the state of the approaches to Coorg via the Sampage Chaut.

G.O. No. 1820 W
 dated 27 Nov. 1877.
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To the Chief Clerk of House
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G. O. 13 Dec 1877 2579
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the St. Lawrence Refract Route
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to the Chief Commissioner
of Navigation and Canal for
information.

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