

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 1486

DATED 15-1-96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Chundale Mysore Road: Estimate of Rs. 6,600
for metalling portions of the — in Malabar D.C.,
sanctioned with remarks, and the question of
transferring the road to the charge of the
Malabar D.C. Board, ordered to be submitted
after the construction of the necessary culverts.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Buildings and Roads,
Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

From G. ROMILLY, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Wynaad Planters' Association,
to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Meppadi,
3rd July 1895.

Under instructions from this Association, I have the honour to address you on the subject of the Sultan's Battery—Mysore frontier road. Sections of this road have been metalled and put in good order at a considerable outlay, while other sections have been left untouched and are in consequence at certain times almost impassable. We would venture to point out that unless these sections of the road are also put into good order, the money already spent is practically thrown away; for it is obviously of no advantage to have a good metalled road which is intersected by impassable bogs. We therefore respectfully pray that this work may be sanctioned.

From J. HANNAN, Esq., Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 5th October 1895, No. 379 W.

With reference to your endorsement No. 536 D., dated 9th July 1895, on a letter from the Honorary Secretary, Wynaad Planters' Association (herewith returned), I have the honour to submit, for your orders, copies of letters Nos. 373 and 384, dated 17th and 26th August 1895, respectively, from the Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, reporting the bad portions of the Chundale-Mysore road and the proposed remedy for the same. Of the two estimates amounting to Rs. 3,100 and Rs. 6,600 respectively for emergent repairs and for putting the rest of the road in good order, I have sanctioned the former one amounting to Rs. 3,100 for immediate execution, as this amount can be met from the anticipated savings on annual repairs grant for the Calicut-Vayitri and Vayitri-Gudalūr roads.

2. The other estimate of Rs. 6,600 is herewith submitted for your sanction. With reference to the proposal of giving out the maintenance of the road, for a term of years, to contractors Messrs. Mitchell and Mackenzie, I beg to state that I consider this road should be made over to the District Board from the commencement of next official year with the Calicut-Vayitri-Gudalur road. In submitting proposals to make over the latter road, the Chundale-Mysore should have been also included.

3. I request that the necessary Government Order may now be issued.

ENCLOSURES.

From H. H. O'CONNELL, Esq., Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Vayitri, 17th August 1895, No. 373 S.E.

With reference to your No. 329 W.C., dated 15th July 1895, forwarding a letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Wynaad Planters' Association, I have the honour to state that I thoroughly inspected the road from Sultan's Battery on the 12th and 13th instants. I found that the following places are veritable "sloughs of despond":—

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(1)	To	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	3	560
(2)	To	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	4	180
	To	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	0	440
(3)	To	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	1	240
	To	...	...	...	...	...	...	67	3	330
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I watched my saman bandy getting through these places and timed it. It took over one hour to get through the last place with the help of 13 coolies and from half to three-quarters of an hour to get over the other two places and they are getting worse every day. I have given orders for these places to be repaired at once and enclose an estimate for the same amounting to Rs. 3,100 for which I request your sanction. The amount may be met from the anticipated savings on annual repairs estimate grant for the Calicut-Vayitri and Vayitri-Gudalur roads.

From measurements taken I find that patches of the road aggregating 8,930 feet also require repairs. If these patches were put into thorough order, it would cost, at the rate of Rs. 126-8-0 per 100 running feet, Rs. 10,688. The rate given is the rate at which the work just completed has been done. The road runs through the heart of the jungle, there are no villages near, all that attempting to maintain the road by departmental labour is a failure. I find coolies will work here without an advance and they must also be huddled in order to be near their work. It is a very out-of-the way place and their work could not be properly supervised. I therefore propose to ask Messrs. Mitchell and Mackenzie, who have estates in the neighbourhood undertake to keep the road open for traffic from year to year. I am convinced that this would be the most economical as well as best policy to pursue. The road is maintained principally in the interests of the planters, and it would therefore be to the interest of Messrs. Mitchell and Mackenzie to do the work well.

I will inform you if Messrs. Mitchell and Mackenzie will undertake to maintain the road, and if they will, I would propose doing away the departmental labour at once and put the matter in their hands.

From H. H. O'CONNELL, Esq., Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, dated Calicut, 20th August 1895, No. 384 S.E.

In continuation of my No. 373 S.E., dated 17th instant, forwarding an emergent repairs estimate for the Chundale-Mysore road, I have the honour to forward an estimate for putting the rest of the road in good order. It is necessary that this work should be carried out if the road is to be prevented from getting into as bad a state as the portions allowed for in the emergent estimate, and it will be cheaper to put it in order now than to wait until it gets worse.

I also enclose a copy of letter from Messrs. Mitchell and Mackenzie in which they undertake to keep the road in order for a rate of Rs. 360 per mile provided that it is handed over to them in fair order and I strongly recommended that the work be given to them for a term of years.

I have already pointed out to you the difficulty of getting labour in this part of the Wynaad, and without advances it would be impossible to get coolies to work here.

P.S.—The estimate for the culverts will follow. They will come under "Original Works."

(Intld.) H.H.O.

From Messrs. MITCHELL AND MACKENZIE, Contractors, Public Works Department, to the Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, dated Meppadi, 19th August 1895, No. 209.

In reply to your letter, dated Sultan's Battery Camp, 14th August, we have the honour to state that we are prepared to undertake the work of maintenance on the road between Sultan's Battery and the Mysore Frontier (twelve miles and seven furlongs) for Rs. 360 per mile. For this amount we would provide an average of 1,000 cubic feet of granite metal per mile from the selected quarries, stacking it where it is most required along the line, and would spread and consolidate the same, cut back jungle clear side drains and do petty repairs to bridges; the road being first handed over to us in fair order. We have no objection to taking this up under the A. System for a term of years.

ORDER—No. 148 W., dated 15th January 1896.

The estimate of Rs. 6,600 for metalling portions of the Chundale-Mysore road in the Malabar district is sanctioned as supplemental to the estimate of Rs. 37,400 sanctioned in G.O., No. 2192 W., dated 25th August 1893.

2. The outlay on the work to end of 1894-95 was Rs. 19,925 and the current year's grant is Rs. 17,173. This amount will, if necessary, be augmented on application by the Superintending Engineer.

3. The question of transferring the road to the charge of the District Board should be re-submitted after the construction of the culverts which are stated to be necessary.

4. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 has been registered as Provincial No. 99 W. of 1895-96 and classified as Communications—Original Works.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, with three enclosures.
 " Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
 " Local and Municipal Department.
 " Honorary Secretary, Wynaad Planters' Association.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.
 Spare Copies

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of {1896} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January, 15th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. No. 143 W., 15th Jan. 1893.

JANUARY.

Chundale-Mysore Road

Estimate of Rs. 6,600 for metalling portions of the — in Malabar district, sanctioned with remarks, and the question of transferring the road to the charge of the District Board ordered to be re-submitted after the construction of the necessary culverts.

No 148 W of 15 January 1896

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from the Honorary Secretary, Wynad Planters Association d/3 July 1895
" — the Suptg. Engineer, Circle, No 3796 d/5 October 1895

The Executive Engineer says that the D.P.W. can not do the ordinary work of maintenance departmentally. How will it be possible for the Local Board to do it? It certainly seems to me that the best plan — when it is put in order, will be to hand it over to the Contractors.

2 Nov

The estimate of Rs 6600 for metalling portions of the Chundale-Mysore road in the Malabar District, is sanctioned as supplemental to the estimate of Rs 37,400 sanctioned in G.O. No. 2192 W dated 25 August 1893.

2. The outlay on the work to end of 1894-95 was Rs 19,925 and the current year's grant is Rs 17,173. This amount will, if necessary, be augmented on application by the Suptg.

3. The question of transferring the road to the charge of the District Board should be resubmitted after the construction of the culverts which are stated to be necessary.

4. The sanction accorded in para 1 has been registered as Provincial No 99 W of 1895-96 and classified as communications, Original Works.

Estimate for installing certain portions of the Chaudale Mysore road, Malabar Co.

The G.O. to issue

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Sh. S.E. circle with 3 enclos.
" Envar P.W. Accts
" Local & Municipal

Public Works Department.

15 January 1896
Public Works Department

Note for His Excellency the Governor

With reference to His Excellency's note of 2nd November on the Chaudale Mysore Road, it is submitted that the work will have to be done by the contractors in any case, i.e. whether the road be handed over to the Local Fund Board or not. The question however is whether the road should be handed over to the Board after the contractors have, under the auspices of the P.W.D., put it in order which will not be the case till after the culverts have been constructed. But as will be inferred from para 3 of the draft proceedings, it is considered that there is no urgency for deciding this question immediately.

Very well

10 Jan

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The Chundale - Mysore
Road

1480

+ 2276 W. 5-9-95
+ 1544 W. 1-1-95
Total 3820

1480

Curr 7618

Resubmitted with
reference to His Excellency's note.
The draft order directs
that the question of
transferring the road to
the District Board should
be resubmitted after the
completion of the survey,
when the question comes
up again. The point
noted on by His Excellency
might be considered.

It has been
decided to transfer to
the Dist. Board, the
main road from Calicut
to Gudalur, it would
seem anomalous to retain
in the hands of the
P.W.D. a branch road
leading from Gudalur
and to the Mysore frontier.

Pass through Gudalur
a private locality as
the Chundale - Mysore
Road. It would be the official
letter for the District Board
that a road in the form of
the road is likely to be
the road is the road.

Current No. 1618
Letter No. 379/W
Dated 5th October 1895
From the Super Engineer IV Circle.

NOTE BY TECHNICAL SECTION.

Name of work Metalling portions of the
Chundale - Mysore road. Malabar District.
Amount of estimate Rs 6600

The S.E. IV Circle submits for
sanction with reference to this
Office Memo W. 536 D dated 9th
July 1895, an estimate amount-
ing to Rs 6600 for metalling a
portion of the Chundale - Mysore
road in the Malabar District
together with copies of letters
from the S.E. West Coast Div
reporting on the bad portions
of the road for orders.

It is stated in the report
that this road was improved
from Sultan's battery to Mysore
for miles in patches aggregating
5 miles out of a total distance
of 12 miles. It is now proposed
that the other portions of the
road not originally attended to
should be taken up & for
which the accompanying estimate
provides for metalling
& consolidating to a width
of 10 feet with 6" of metal.

at certain lengths & 4" at other places.

It is also reported that Culverts are absolutely necessary at certain intervals to discharge the surface drainage but no provision has been made in the estimate for these Culverts.

The S.D. in forwarding the estimate for sanction states that he considers that this road should also be made over to the Dist. Board from the commencement of next financial year with the Calicut Varigiri Gudalur road & requests that the necessary G.O. may be issued accordingly.

The rates cannot be checked for want of data.

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The estimate may be sanctioned. It seems desirable to postpone the transfer of this road to the District Board till after the construction of the Culverts.

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N^o 384 SE. Ex. Eng's Office, West Coast Dist. Calicut, 26 August 1895

H. H. O. Council Eng.

Executive Eng., West Coast Dist.

For the Superintending Engineer

Fourth Circle, Coimbatore

Sir,

In continuation of my No 373 dated

17th Inst. forwarding an emergent repairs

estimate for the Chundale - Mysore Road,

I have the honor to forward an estimate

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order. It is necessary that this work

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be cheaper to put it in order now than

to wait until it gets worse.

I also enclose a copy of letter

from Messrs Mitchell and Mackenzie

in which they undertake to keep the

road in order for a rate of Rs 360

per

1 Report

1 detail

1 Abstract

1 Copy of Messrs

Mitchell and

Mackenzie's letter

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No 373.

Engrs Office, West Coast Division

Vaynri, 17th August, 1895.

From,

H. H. O. Connell Esq

Engrs West Coast Division

To,

The Superintending Engineer

Fourth Circle, Coimbatore

Sir,

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- 1 Specification
- 1 Detail
- 1 Abstract
- 1 letter from Mr George Romilly
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I have given orders for these places to be repaired at once and enclose an estimate for the same amounting to Rs 3100 for which I request your sanction. The amount may be met from the Anticipated Savings on Annual Repairs Estimate grant for the Calicut Vayta and Vayta-Gudalur Roads.

From measurements taken I find that patches of the road aggregating 8930 ft also require repairs. If these patches were put into thorough order it would cost at the rate of Rs 126-8-0 per 100 Running ft. Rs 10,688. The rate given is the rate at which the work just completed has been done.

The road runs through the heart of the jungle, there are no villages near, all labour has to be imported and food also. The consequence is that rates run very high. I find that attempting to maintain the road by departmental labour is a failure. In the first place no coolies will work here without an advance and they must also be huddled in order to be near their work. It is very out-of-the-way place and their work could

not be properly supervised. I therefore propose to ask Messrs Mitchell and Mackenzie who have estates in the neighbourhood of Sultan's Battery from which they could draft Coolies out to this work for what they will undertake to keep the road open for traffic from year to year. I am convinced that this would be the most economical as well as best policy to pursue. The road is maintained principally in the interests of the planters and it would therefore be to the interests of Messrs Mitchell & Mackenzie to do the work well.

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I have &c
(sig) H. H. O'Connell
Esq.: Engineer.

True Copy!

W. H. M.
Supg. Engineer 4 mile.

Meeppadi 19th August 1895.

W. NAAD PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION.



Meeppadi SOUTH WYNAAD.

3. July 1895.

CHIEF SECRETARY
5. JUL 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The Chief Secretary to Govt.

Public Work Department

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I have the honor to be

Yours truly

George Conolly

Hon Sec

first handed over to us in fair order.

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Meppadi. 19th August 1895.

№ 209.

From

Messrs Mitchell and Mackenzie
Contractors P. W. D.

By

Hugh O'Connell Esq^r.

Executive Engineer.

West Coast Division.

(Camp.) Gudalur.

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Executive Engineer

to view.



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- Enc: 6.
2 Copies of E's letters
1 do of Contractor's letter
1 Estimate
1 Report
1 Letter from the Honorary Secretary W.P. Association

Supg. Engr's Office, 4 Circle
Coimbatore 10 October 1895

J. Hannan Esq
Superintending Engineer, 4 Circle

The Chief Engineer
P. W. D. Madras.

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3. I request that the necessary
G.O. may now be issued.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours Most Obedt. Servant.

H. M. M.

Supp. Engr. & Archt.

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G.O. may now be issued.

I have the honor to be,

P. W. CURRENT No. 7618

Recd: 7.10.95

From The other estimate of Rs 6000 is herewith Rs: 7

The Supp. Engineer, with reference to the proposed widening of the Mandi

Dated 5th October 1895

No. 1561 W 28-6-91

" 1613 W 15-6-91

" 1514 W 16-5-92

" 3485 W 20-12-92

" 2192 W 25-8-93

" 536 D 9-7-95

" 537 D 9-7-95

" 1545 W 21-1-95

" 2216 W 5-9-95

No 379

Enclos. 6.

Chundale Mysore Road

Submits for sanction an estimate of Rs 6000 for metalling the bad portion of the road with suggestion regarding its transfer to the D. H. Board.

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