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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 1st May 1862.

No. 27. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 24th April 1862, No. 821 :—

Concurring in the opinion of the Chief Engineer relative to the difference of opinion between the Collector and District Engineer, Nellore, as regards the expenditure of the local fund, and directing the speedy submission of the Budget of that District for 1862-63. } (Vide Public Works Proceedings, 24th April 1862, Nos. 374—376.)

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1862, No. 945.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 26th March 1862, No. 11,964 :—

SIR,

In accordance with Rule 73 of Chapter V of the New Code, I have the honor to submit for the information of Government copy of Extract Proceedings No. 11,911, dated 25th March 1862, containing my decision on the several points connected with the works to be entered in the Local Fund Budget of the Nellore District for 1862-63 for execution during that year, referred to me by the Collector of the District, owing to certain difference of opinion on the subject between himself and the District Engineer, Captain Mullins.

1 Copy of Proceedings of Chief Engineer, dated 25th March 1862, No. 11,911.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, under date the 25th March 1862, No. 11,911.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore :—

Forwards for consideration of the Chief Engineer correspondence between the District Engineer and himself relative to the Local Fund Budget for 1862-63. } (Here enter 14th February 1862, No. 26.)

From the District Engineer of Nellore :—

Returning the Budget Map forwarded with Chief Engineer's Proceedings, No. 10,770 of 20th instant, with the several District Roads which are referred to in the correspondence between the Collector and himself shown in distinguishing colors. } (Here enter 27th February 1862, No. 395.)

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1. In the above letters the Collector brings to notice that a difference of opinion exists between himself and the District Engineer relative to the lines of road on which the available Local Funds are to be expended, and requests that a decision may be given in each case.

2. The District Engineer forwards a Map on which the lines in question are marked, and refers to the paragraphs in his own and the Collector's letters in which each line is discussed.

3. The Chief Engineer having attentively read the correspondence, and weighed the arguments adduced on each side, has arrived at the following conclusions.

4. He coincides with the general principle advanced by Mr. Dykes in paragraph 7 of his letter No. 26, that, with 160 miles of coast, it is desirable for the purpose of facilitating traffic to make the coast the terminus ; and especially in the instance of the Nellore District, where considerable difficulty is experienced in passing from one water-shed to another, but it appears to him that the District Engineer has a similar object in view, only that he considers in some instances little will be gained by expending small sums of money on new lines, which, to render them really useful, will require considerable expenditure.

5. Taking the lines in the order enumerated by Mr. Dykes, the first is that which meets the Trunk Road between the rivers Pálár and Mannár.

6. This, the Chief Engineer is of opinion, should, as proposed by Mr. Dykes, be finished to the coast, but as the exact direction does not appear to be yet decided upon, surveys and estimates should be prepared as soon as possible ; while whatever money may be available for expenditure during the remainder of the *current* year might with advantage be laid out to the westward.

7. On the next line proposed to be undertaken north of the Mungamurri Basin the Chief Engineer considers it would not be politic to lay out any small sum at present, as the road appears to be entirely new, and the question as to the direction of Trunk Road No. 6, across the Mungamurri Basin has not been decided. Kaligiri and the country to the westward will have

access to the port of Eskapilly by the road which has been commenced and of which the District Engineer represents the small sum of Rupees 500 is required to finish the trace. The line proposed by Mr. Dykes will no doubt be advantageous to the country through which it passes, and might therefore be estimated for entry in the Budget of 1863-64.

8. The third line appears to be that from Kaligiri viâ Kowragunta and Alloor. As far as the Chief Engineer can judge from the correspondence, the Collector appears to have misunderstood the District Engineer's intention regarding it, as he expressly states in his letter that the expenditure is intended to be laid out on the portion between Alloor and the sea, so that no decision on the question is needed, as both parties appear to be agreed on its necessity. The Chief Engineer is, however, disposed to agree with the District Engineer in expending the small sum of Rupees 500 on completing the trace to the westward referred to in last paragraph, as though the condition of the intervening country between Kowragunta and the point of junction with the Sungum road is a disputed point, the line itself will be advantageous to the country *west* of Kaligiri, and is desirable inasmuch as it appears to be available for nearly immediate use; whereas the line to the north of the Basin proposed by the Collector is as yet wholly uncommenced.

9. The fourth line appears to be that from Nellore to Gungapatam. The Chief Engineer observes that the information sought by the Collector is clearly given in the District Engineer's letter, who states that of the two sums, Rupees 500 and 1,000, the one relates to expenditure during the current year, the latter to that entered in the Budget of 1862-63, and intended for the removal of local obstructions, which now prove a hindrance to both export trade and inland traffic to Nellore. The Chief Engineer considers the District Engineer's proposal here to be the right one. The exact *terminus* of the road can be determined by the Collector and District Engineer, and as the preparation of surveys and estimates will apparently be required for the incomplete portion, the length of which is nowhere stated in any of the letters, they should be prepared in time for entry in the Budget of 1863-64.

10. The importance of completing the connection of Nellore with Kistnapatam, the next point mooted, is unquestionable, and the Chief Engineer considers that the preparations which have already been made for completing the road across the swamp should be turned to immediate account.

11. With regard to the line proposed to meet that running from Répur to the coast, though doubtless desirable, the Chief Engineer thinks it would be preferable to employ the available funds on other lines leading to the coast which have already been commenced and are as yet unfinished, and considers that more would be gained by expending it on the westward of the line leading from Nellore to Kistnapatam, inasmuch as he understands that road will be available to the coast when the portion across the swamp is completed. This will bring a large tract of country within reach of a frequented port as well as of the Eastern Coast Canal, which, he trusts, may soon be extended to Kistnapatam.

12. In conclusion, the Chief Engineer regrets to find that Captain Mullins has used, with reference to the difference of opinion with the Collector regarding the Kowragunta road, an objectionable form of expression. Instead of meeting the Collector's opinion with a simple contradiction, it would have been more to the purpose, to have enumerated the villages and tanks which he referred to in his letter, and he hopes Captain Mullins will avoid in future any similar expressions which are ill-calculated to preserve that harmony and good feeling between the heads of the two Departments on which the welfare of the District so much depends. In saying this the Chief Engineer however must add, that he considers Captain Mullins did all in his power to secure the punctual submission of the Budget Statements in question; the delay in which appears to have arisen partly from the Collector's wish to expend the Local Funds on Imperial lines, a proceeding which the District Engineer properly objected to, and partly from a detention of the Statements in his Office after their preparation by the District Engineer in apparent conformity with personal discussions on the subject.

13. Having thus conveyed his decision on the several points referred to him, the Chief Engineer requests the Budget Statement for 1862-63 may be prepared in accordance therewith and submitted with as little delay as possible, as the General Statement cannot be closed until after its receipt.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engineer, D.P.W.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 28th February 1862, No. 448:—

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Kavali, 18th February 1862, No. 7.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Orders of Government, Revenue Department, No. 322, and explain that the delay in the submission of the Local Fund Budget from this District has arisen from the District Engineer and myself being at issue as to the proper road to be taken in hand.

2. I do myself the honor to enclose a copy of a letter I have addressed to the Chief Engineer on the subject, and in the last paragraph the Government will observe I have submitted for that Officer's consideration, whether it was not the duty of the District Engineer, when he declined complying with my requests, to have submitted his objections for the consideration of the Chief Engineer, instead of taking upon himself to consider, whether I was justified in the course I thought it my duty to pursue as the Collector of the District. I regret that there should have been any delay, but there would probably have been considerably less delay had Captain Mullins referred the matter under discussion at once, for the decision of the Chief Engineer under Rule 73 of Chapter V of the Revised Rules for the Public Works Department.

Ordered that this letter and the enclosure (original) be referred to the Public Works Department, with reference to the Order in that Department dated 7th February 1862, No. 157.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1862, No. 821.

The Chief Engineer submits with the above letter his decision on the difference of opinion between the Collector and District Engineer, Nellore, regarding the expenditure of the Local Funds. The Government concur in the Chief Engineer's remarks, and direct the speedy submission of the Budget which they are of opinion has been unnecessarily detained.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer.
" Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle.
" Collector of Nellore.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. T. McMootry.

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Written order concurring in the opinion of the Chief Engineer relative to the difference of opinion between the Collector and District Engineer, Vellore, as regards the expenditure of the local fund, and directing the speedy submission of the Budget of that District for 1862-63. —

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Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

Fort St. George
1st May 1862

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