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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th December 1863.

No. 131. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Coonoor, 27th October 1863, No. 211:—

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Head Assistant Collector in charge of South Canara, to Lieutenant A. T. FRASER, Acting Second Assistant District Engineer, dated Mangalore, 29th June 1863, No. 72.

SIR,

Plan and Report to accompany the Estimate herewith returned.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, forwarding for any remarks I might have to offer the proceedings connected with the proposed erection of a Choultry at the top of the Charmady Ghát.

2. The building proposed appears to me to be unnecessarily large, and I much doubt whether a suitable site would be found near the Mysore frontier. Bullock drivers usually sleep close to their bullocks, and would not avail themselves of the shelter afforded by the proposed Choultry if it were erected. For their convenience a Choultry is not in my opinion required.

3. The case of ordinary travellers, however, is different, and I fully concur in the advisability of erecting a Choultry for their accommodation. A building on the plan of the Musafirkana at Serandi at the foot of the Munjerabad line, would be amply sufficient for their accommodation. That building was, I believe, erected at a cost of Rupees 600 or so, and were one-half of the building proposed by the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with a verandah erected, it would though not so substantial as that at Serandi, answer all the requirements of travellers.

4. But 283 Rupees are available out of the Pagoda Funds for the erection of any similar building, and therefore the sum at present at my disposal would unless supplemented from the Local Funds, be wholly insufficient for the erection of the building I propose. No provision for this expenditure from Local Funds has, however, been made in the Budget for this year.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Copy forwarded with reference to Official Memorandum No. 125 of 21st October, with a recommendation that the Assistant Collector's proposal be adopted, and half the building erected according to Plan and Estimate previously submitted at a cost of Rupees 500, whereof Rupees 283 to be taken from Pagoda Funds and Rupees 217 from Local Funds, additional sanction.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

Referred to the Revenue Department for consideration.

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

To the Revenue Department, with G. O. 951, 18th April 1863, and No. 1,495, dated 11th June 1863, and three enclosures.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1863, No. 2,229.

The revised Plan of the building is approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 18th April 1863.

No. 287. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, dated Chepauk, 27th March 1863, No. 98 :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Acting District Engineer, South Canara, to Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. HITCHINS, R. E., Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, dated Mangalore, 17th March 1863, No. 173.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Proceedings of Government No. 292 of 4th February, calling for any further remarks I may have to make on the subject of the Charmady Ghát, with reference to Major Sankey's report thereon, I have the honor to state my opinion that too much has already been done on the existing traces to render it advisable to do more than carry out such obvious improvements as will present themselves to any intelligent Executive Officer who may be entrusted with the future operations on the Mysore side, and which are noted in the Report. Lieutenant Law's trace, I found on my last inspection, has been carried out on the Canara side, obviating some of the zig-zags I formerly objected to, and I defer to the opinion of the Mysore Engineers that its continuation to obviate the zig-zag within their boundary is inexpedient. I still, however, retain my opinion that the work as a whole has not been boldly enough engineered, and that ultimate economy would have resulted from the saving in length, without increase of gradient, that might thereby have been obtained.

2. The sanction of Rupees 6,000 for widening the line within Canara limits will be worked out within the current month, resulting I trust, in a width of six yards throughout. It is most desirable now that an annual maintenance sanction of Rupees 100 per mile be allotted, as in Mysore, for the conservancy of the line to its junction with Trunk Road No. II near Buntwal, a distance of 40 miles. Also that, as in Mysore, a Musafir Khana and Overseer's shed in one should be constructed on the saddle six miles above Charmady where water abounds, and at which point it is desirable that shelter should be provided for travellers and workmen obliged to spend the night on the Ghát. A plan and estimate for the sort of structure required will shortly be submitted.

3. I beg leave to corroborate Major Sankey's remark in paragraph 142, as to the absolute necessity for appointing a thoroughly efficient hard-working man to superintend the further operations on the Mysore side. And I take the liberty of enjoining great caution as to interference with the hours of traffic on so long a line of Ghát with but one halting place of limited extent (paragraph 145). As an Executive Officer myself, I would rather put up with much inconvenience to work, than restrict communication more than by limiting down-traffic to the forenoon and up-traffic to the afternoon hours, or *vice versâ*.

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1 Letter from the Acting District Engineer, South Canara, No. 173, dated 17th March 1863.

Submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings No. 292, dated 4th February 1863.

(Signed) H. W. HITCHINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle.

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 18th April 1863, No. 951.

1. The Government sanction an annual allowance of Rupees 100 per mile for the maintenance of the Charmady Ghát and road, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 4,000 for the forty miles of the line referred to in paragraph 2 of the letter above recorded. As the amount now sanctioned is not provided for in the Budget for 1863-64, it will be met from the Reserve Fund of that year. Application will accordingly be made by the Deputy Chief Engineer after the 1st May next.

2. The Government also await the plan and estimate adverted to in the close of the paragraph specified above.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 18th April 1863.

3. Ordered that the foregoing communication be forwarded to the Commissioner of Mysore with reference to his letter, dated 9th January 1863, No. 48, with an intimation that the Government concur in the opinion of the Acting District Engineer of South Canara, viz., "that too much has already been done on the existing traces to render it advisable to do more than carry out such obvious improvements as will present themselves to any intelligent Executive Officer who may be entrusted with future operations on the Mysore side."

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No. 289. From Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, Public Works Department, to the Commissoner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Rajah of Mysore, dated 18th April 1863, No. 952.

SIR,

1. Adverting to your letter dated 9th January 1863, No. 13, regarding the line of the Charmady Ghát, I am desired to forward the accompanying copy of a communication from the Acting District Engineer of South Canara, and to state that the Government agree with him in opinion that "too much has already been done on the existing traces to render it advisable to do "more than to carry out such obvious improvements as will present themselves to any intel-"ligent Executive Officer who may be entrusted with future operations on the Mysore side."

2. I have also to request your attention to Lieutenant-Colonel Walker's remark contained in the last paragraph of his letter, relative to interference with the hours of traffic, while work is being executed on the Ghát.

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Plan & Report to accompany this Letter dated 29th June 1863

Mangalore 29th June 1863

No. 72 — From A. McL. Webster Esqre
Head Assistant Collector in charge
of South Canara

To
Lieutenant A. T. Fraser
Acting 2nd Assistant District Engineer

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4. But 283 Rupees are available out of the Pagoda Funds for the erection of any similar buildings, & therefore the sum at present at my disposal would, unless supplemented from the Local Funds, be wholly insufficient for the erection of the building I propose. No provision for this Expenditure from Local Funds has however been made in the Budget for this year.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
A. McL. Webster
Head Asst. Collr. in charge

True Copy
H. Walker Lieut. Col. R.E. Signed A. McL. Webster
Supdg. Engr. 1st Div. Head Asst. Collr. in charge

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From The Secy. to Govt. D.P.W.

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Madras.

Dated 27th Octr. 1863, No. 211

Rec.d 2nd November.

From M. Ord. Lieut. Quarmby

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Copy of the Lowtte Canara Collectrs No. 72 of 29 June 1863 & Recommending that a Mosafirkhana be erected at Chermady in lieu of the building, allotted to in Govt. Order No. 1495 of 11 June 1863 — and pointing out funds.

From Secy.

No. 2229, 8 Decr

With an Order

Copy forwarded with reference to Official Minute No. 1235 of 21st Octr. with a recommendation that the Assistant Collector's proposal to attach, and fit up the building erected according to Plan and Estimate for a Choultry at a cost of Rs. 500, subject to Rs. 383 for repairs to the tiles from Pagoda Funds and Rs. 217 from Local Funds, additional sanction.

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27th October 1863

Lieut. Col. Walker

Dep.y Sec.y to Govt. D.P.W.

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The revised plan of the building is approved.

Fort St. George

8th December 1863

Copies to Capt. Walker B.E. Asst. Comr. & Exec. Engr. with G.O. dated 8th Dec.r 1863