

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 3. Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Kurnool, 1st June 1868, No. 212:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge Government Order, No. 1,469, dated 27th May 1868, Revenue Department, and shall feel obliged if Government will allow me to make a few observations on Captain Hunter's letter, No. 676, dated 24th March 1868.

2. When Captain Hunter, in paragraph 3, quotes a portion of my letter, No. 170, dated 14th June 1867, to the Board of Revenue, he omits to mention that that was my report on the Imperial roads, the repairs of which called forth my remarks. He knew, as well as I did, that for the Local Fund roads metal was not required, and also that in all cases Local Fund roads, for which estimates were called for, were roads which joined other roads which had not been metalled. For instance, the Jarapur road to the Gadidemadugu road. The latter had never been metalled, was a Local Fund road, and of course the making it a first class metalled road was manifestly unnecessary.

3. (4.) Time was wasted by his not making the estimate for the cheaper class of road in the first instance. From the way which he puts it, the Government must imagine he sent two estimates at once. This was not the case: the extraordinarily high estimates were sent in the first instance, and after some interval and he had seen my objections, he then commenced to make the estimates for the cheaper roads.

4. (7.) Captain Hunter says, I asked for the estimate for a road from Parumanchala to Nagatur. I have only to refer to my letters to Major Moberly and the Board of Revenue, to shew that I discovered the error (probably a clerical one) in the Government Order,* and shewed that the road from Parumanchala

to Nagatur was not the one which was wanted, but from Teragopila to Parumanchala. I trust the Government will correct what is stated in their Order, paragraph 5, regarding the mistake, which they call, of my own creation.

5. I am sorry the Range Officer's staff is so small, and quite concur with Captain Hunter (6) that it should be increased, if the Government and the Board of Revenue concur, at the expense of the Local Funds. At present many roads are under contemplation and sanctioned in the Budget, which cannot be commenced for years at the present rate of surveying and estimate making.

6. When I said the Pyapally and the Jonnagherry road was completed, I had in contemplation what Major Moberly calls completed. He considers all the imperial roads in the district as completed. If the same construction, as he applies to this Jonnagherry and Pyapally road, is adopted, I can confidently say that there is not one imperial road in the district completed, for all want bridges in several places. Are there bridges across two large branches of the Hindry on the Kurnool and Bellary road? Has the road from Kurnool to Gooty all the bridges and road-dams it requires? Can the road between Nundial and the Cuddapah frontier be called completed? I might refer to others, but will not unnecessarily prolong my letter.

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From the Collector of Kurnool, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, Bellary, dated Kurnool,
2nd March 1868, No. 196.

1. I have the honor to request plan and estimate for constructing a district road from Teragopila to the village of Parumanchala, as recommended by the Consulting Engineer in paragraph 28 of his letter, communicated with Government Order, No. 3,474, dated 31st October 1866.

2. I never saw the Government Order till this day, (2nd March 1868,) for it was sent to Captain Hunter with a request that he would furnish the plan and estimate, and until I sent him a reminder to return the enclosure of Mr. Pochin's letter, it has been in Captain Hunter's office.

3. I see there is an evident error in the Government Order, because a road is mentioned as from Parumanchala to Nagatur. Such a road would be useless, for it would not be near the channel, and the intention of Captain Mullins was manifestly to connect the aqueduct at Teragopila with what Captain Mullins calls the district road from Nagatur to Parumanchala, (*vide* paragraph 28 of his letter).

4. The map will shew you that Nagatur is almost north of Parumanchala, and between these two villages a road marked. This road does not exist as a district road properly so called, but is a very fair bandy-track, along which a Battery of Artillery lately marched without complaint.

5. I will forward a copy of this to the Board of Revenue to explain the error in the Government Order, and for their approval.

From the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kurnool, 3rd March 1868, No. 86.

1. Referring to my letter, No. 10, dated 11th January 1868, I have the honor to forward, for the approval of the Board, a copy of my letter, No. 196, dated 2nd March 1868, to the Superintending Engineer.

2. It will explain regarding the road between Parumanchala and Nagatur—an error which must, with only very ordinary care and knowledge of the localities in the neighbourhood of the channel, have been manifest at the time, and which should have been brought to notice.

3. Captain Hunter had the Government Order, No. 3,474, Public Works Department, dated 31st October 1866, with Captain Mullins' letter with him more than a year. Why did he not bring to notice the error, and ask for information?

4. Mr. Pochin, when he forwarded to Captain Hunter the only copy of the Government Order, which was sent to this office, asked to have it returned. This was not done till after I sent Captain Hunter a reminder this year, and on receiving it I at a glance discovered the error.

5. The Government Order must have lain unheeded in Captain Hunter's office from 4th December 1866 till 29th February 1868.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1868, No. 1,832.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Public Works Department and Board of Revenue.

2. The case on which Mr. Chase

requests that the G. O. may be corrected is as follows:—

3. In paragraph 28 of his letter, dated 1st October 1866, Captain Mullins remarked that the Teragopila Aqueduct would afford a first-rate crossing on the line of the Company's canal, and that it was desirable that a district road should be laid out from it in a south-west direction to the road from Parumanchala to Nagatur.

4. The suggestion which was referred by Government in Department Public Works for consideration in the Revenue Department, was inaccurately quoted as for a road "south-west of the road from Parumanchala to Nagatur," but Captain

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Mullins' letter accompanied the reference which was forwarded from the Revenue Department to the Board of Revenue for "*report*," and by them apparently sent on to the then Acting Collector, Mr. Pochin, who appears to have at once called on Captain Hunter for a plan and estimate.

5. In his letter of 20th January 1868, to the Board of Revenue, paragraph 10, Mr. Chase blamed Captain Hunter for delay "regarding the road from Parumanchala to Nagatur," to which Captain Hunter replies that what the Government had called for was a *report* from the Collector regarding a road from Teragopila Aqueduct to Parumanchala, and that its non-submission could not be connected with his failure to prepare an estimate for a road from Parumanchala to Nagatur.

6. The explanation is somewhat disingenuous: for Captain Hunter had the G. O. and Captain Mullins' letter with him, and must have been perfectly well aware what plan and estimate the Acting Collector had required him to prepare, and what Mr. Chase referred to, and it in no way accounts for Captain Hunter's delay to meet Mr. Pochin's requisition. The fact remains that for upwards of a year no step was taken by him to expedite the settlement of the question, whether the road to the crossing afforded by the aqueduct should be made.

7. Still, what the Government had called for was a report as to the expediency of making the road, and had this been submitted, the probability is that an Order of Government for the preparation of the plan and estimate would have been issued, and would have met with more attention than Captain Hunter gave to the Collector's request, which he may possibly have thought was coincident with a report to Government, and in anticipation of further orders.

8. Mr. Chase now shews that, on 2nd March last, he pointed out to the Superintending Engineer and the Revenue Board the mis-quotation in the G. O., Department Public Works, of Captain Mullins' suggestion, but this does not alter the fact that he made a mistake on the subject in his letter of 20th January, when attributing to Captain Hunter the delay in disposing of the Government reference, which did not call for a plan and estimate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department

N^o 1832

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Under date the 1st July 1868.

Read the following letter
from the Collector of Kurnool.

Having certain observations
on Mr. Hunter's letter printed
Government Order N^o 1469 of
July 1868 on the subject
of roads in the Kurnool

(Here enter 1st June 1868 N^o 212).

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