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No. 308. Read the following letter from the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Salem, 9th July 1868, No. 42:—

1. I have received a report of the Assistant Engineer, Oosoor Range, through the Superintending Engineer, of the length and cost of completing the road from Denkenicottah to Auchitty.

2. The Assistant Engineer states that the road, as planned by him in connection with the Forest Department, does not go to Auchitty but to Geeratty, a distance of four miles to the east. The total length of the road is 20 miles and 1,650 feet to Geeratty. Of this distance eight miles have been completed, viz., as far as Goondacottah, and there remains therefore some twelve and a half miles, on which nothing has been done except that the country has been surveyed.

3. The Assistant Engineer reports that this latter portion of the proposed road is through rocky and hilly jungle, and that in consequence of there being only a few villages near, labor will probably be difficult to procure. He estimates the cost at 2,000 Rupees per mile, or 25,000 Rupees for the whole of the twelve and a half miles.

4. He further remarks, that between Geeratty and Denkenicottah there are five large streams, which it would be advisable to bridge over, and he calculates the cost at 3,000 Rupees, making a total therefore of 28,000, still to be supplied. This road was proposed by the Forest Department, who considered that its formation was one of great importance to the State and public, and would bring a large extent of country into easy communication with Bangalore and the railway. As regards the working of Denkenicottah forests, the formation of this road would no doubt be useful, but when considering the number of villages on and in the vicinity of the road, and the extent of cultivation of each village, the advantage in proportion to the proposed outlay is not equivalent. The following will shew the villages with the Beriz for 1277, which will be benefited by the scheme:—

VILLAGES WHICH WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE NEW ROAD TO AUCHITTY.			VILLAGES THROUGH WHICH NEW ROAD WILL PASS.		
Names of villages.	Beriz for Fusly 1277.			Names of villages.	Beriz for Fusly 1277.
1	2			3	4
	RS.	A.	P.		RS. A. P.
Oorlookasandram	354	13	7	Pothalgunganahulli	154 6 6
Arthakur	428	4	8	Naganoor	857 0 10
Sappapuram	482	6	1	Andevanahulli	489 10 0
Mattammathekari	392	3	5	Mullikarjunadurgam	360 4 10
Kongisettihulli	340	1	7	Kunducottah	633 4 0
Ramasandram	308	12	8	Auchitty	458 8 11
Thomsanhulli... ..	771	14	11		
Also the villages entered in column 3	3,953	3	1	Total ..	3,953 3 1
Total ...	7,031	12	0	Grand total ...	7,031 12 0
					10,984 15 1

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5. You will see from the above, that the road will pass through only six small villages or hamlets, the aggregate rental of which is only Rupees 3,953-3-1. Now, as 5,800 Rupees are said to have already been expended up to Goondacottah, and as 28,000 Rupees are still required to complete the whole extent, a total of 33,800 will have to be provided for the benefit of a few villagers, who only, from their insignificance, are able to pay Government 10,000 a year, and if then the whole revenue to Government for three years were given, it would be insufficient. The number of roads to be maintained and kept up by the Local Funds in this district are so great, that I am unable to see how so large a sum as Rupees 28,000 can be allotted to this new road. Undoubtedly the chief benefit will be to Government, in consequence of the working of its forests, and I think, therefore, that the greater portion of the sum required for the completion of the Geeratty road should be supplied from funds other than the Local Funds. The Road Cess on the villages that will be benefited does not amount to 150 Rupees a year.

6. The amount in reserve of the Local Funds is only Rupees 8,250, and as there are many calls made for incidental expenses (works) here and there, which are sanctioned as the exigencies of the cases require from this reserve, I am unable to propose any allotment that will be of sufficient use to carry on this road. As the road is of such importance to the Forest Department, and as their income for the last year shews a large surplus as against expenses, I think it would be but fair and just that the greater portion of the expenses should be met by that department, if no funds are available from other quarters.

No. 309.

ORDER THEREON, 16th July 1868, No. 1,976.

Miscellaneous.

Referred to the Board of Revenue
and to the Officiating Conservator of
Forests for their remarks.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Officiating Conservator of Forests.
,, the Collector of Salem.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From W. 2375

The Collector of
Salem

To
The Secretary
to Govt.
Madras

With order
Dated 9th July 1868

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No. 42
Bringing to notice
a report from the
Supr. Engineer showing
the cost of completing
a certain road
and stating that
in his opinion the
expenses incurred
should be met
with by the Department.
Public Works.