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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th September 1868.

No. 109. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on letter from Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, regarding the line from Dindigul to Caroor, estimated at Rupees 2,17,900 for 20½ miles. } (Here enter 31st August 1868, No. 2,782.)

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1868, No. 2,346.

Local Funds, No. 5.
Civil Works.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,782.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 31st August 1868.

No. 647. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Goojiliemparay, 14th August 1868, No. 1,201:—

No. 777, 20th March 1865.
,, 2,777, 1st Sept. 1866.
,, 2,593, 24th August 1867.
,, 3,334, 25th October ,,
,, 3,584, 21st Nov. ,,

1. With reference to the G. Os., as per margin, I have the honor to report to Government that I have had an estimate prepared for the line from Dindigul to Caroor as far as the Coimbatore boundary, which amounts to Rupees 2,17,900 for the 20½ miles, leaving about 33 miles in the Coimbatore District. This does not include a bridge over the Kodavanaur, 340 feet in width, near the Toddicoomboo.

2. The whole history of the preference of this very expensive line over the much shorter and cheaper one, viâ Eriode, was laid before Government in Captain Prendergast's letter, printed in G. O., 1st September 1866, No. 2,777, which may shortly be stated, that the one line passed through a very fertile valley, (crossing several large streams,) and through several important places, while the other line was kept to the higher ground but with very little local traffic. The longer line is 20½ miles in Madura, and 33 in Coimbatore, while viâ Eriode it is 34 in Madura, and 11 miles in Coimbatore.

3. I have now to ask Government to allow me to take this out of the List of Unanswered References, as, if ordered, I can send in the estimate, but I can do so with no hope of sanction at a cost of Rupees 2,17,900 for only two-fifths of the length; and it is now decided, I believe, to make the rail from Caroor to Dindigul, and not from Trichinopoly. The proposed line of rail is nearly midway between the two lines of roads.

4. At the Collector's request, I am now inspecting the Eriode line, and think that, with an expenditure of Rupees 500 a mile over 31 miles out of the 34, a very fair road can be made, three miles out of Dindigul being in good order. Funds are available now out of the Local Fund Budget by the transfer of sums proposed for other lines, and we only require the sanction of the Board for the transfer. The road is very fair nearly all the way, and only requires side drains, a little levelling, gravel in one or two places, the slopes down to the nullahs to be made easy, and the avoidance here and there of the avenue which has become a large sandy nullah. The whole distance is over a good sound red soil which will not require metal with the present light traffic. Of course, I do not propose to make culverts, bridges, &c., and it will be hardly required with every prospect of a rail parallel to it in the next two years.

No. 648. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1868, No. 2,782.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 76.

1. As it is probable that the extension of the Great Southern of India Railway towards the south will be carried from Caroor to Dindigul in the direction of the more western of the two roads between those places, the Government concur with the Superintending Engineer in thinking that it would be very inexpedient to lay out the large sum that

it would be necessary to spend to make the line by Chinna Darapooram and Aravacoorchi. His Excellency in Council considers that it will be sufficient if the shorter and cheaper line by Eriode be put in order at a moderate expenditure from Local Funds, and Colonel Wilkieson will accordingly submit an estimate for its improvement.

2. Permission is granted for the omission of the orders alluded to in paragraph 3 from the Superintending Engineer's future lists of Unanswered References.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers, 7th and 8th Divisions.
,, Revenue Department.

Lxd. F. R. Bantleman.

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