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No. 496. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 8th July 1872, No. 1,346:—

With reference to paragraph 3 of my letter No. 485, dated 6th May 1872, I have the honour to forward herewith a list showing the grants sanctioned for famine relief works in the Vizagapatam District, as well as the probable expenditure therefrom during the current official year as ordered in paragraph 3 of G. O. No. 254, dated 25th April 1872.

1 List.
1 Copy of letter No. 220, dated 3rd July 1872, from Supervisor No. 1 Range, Vizagapatam.

2. Adverting to paragraph 2 of the above G. O., I beg to state that I have called the attention of the Supervisor in charge No. 1 Range, Vizagapatam, to paragraph 9 of G. O. in the Revenue Department, No. 621, dated 17th April 1872, regarding the rectification of the Tornee and Peddacotah line of road, and the enclosed is a copy of Mr. Laskey's reply to my call, which I forward for the information of Government.

Vizagapatam District.

List showing the Grants for Famine Relief Works, the Expenditure incurred in 1871-72, as well as the Probable Expenditure in 1872-73 against the Grants.

Work.	Grant.	Expenditure in 1871-72.	Probable expenditure in 1872-73.	Remarks.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Trunk Road from Chicacole southwards ...	5,000	6,513	3,487	
Do. from Ankapilly do.	5,000			
Extra grant for Trunk Road from Ankapilly to Toonee.	2,000			
Road from Nursipatam to Tullapolem ...	1,000	598	402	
Do. from do. to Polaverum	1,000	822	178	
Do. between Ramhindrapoorum and Bobbity.	1,000	734	266	
Do. between Vizianagrum and Cheepurpilly.	2,000	718	1,282	
Do. between Chodaverum and Padimadaka.	2,000	1,798	.....	This work is now in progress from Local Funds, and therefore no other money is required for it.
Do. between Vizianagrum and Bimlipatam	1,500	138	1,362	
Salt road from Kappili to Trunk Road ...	1,000	.....	.....	Not included in the Range Officer's statement.
Road from Salur to Tadivalsa at the foot of Turner's ghaut.	5,000	388	9,612	
Do. do. additional grant	5,000			
Do. from Konada to Vizianagrum ...	10,000	.....	10,000	
For Irrigation repairs in Sub-Division Talaqs.	15,000	.....	15,000	
Trench round Salt-pans at Bulacherum ...	1,000	.....	.....	Do. do.
Total ...	55,500	11,709	41,539	

Dowlaishweram,
8th July 1872.

(Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Exptg. Engineer, 1st Division.

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29th August 1872.

From Mr. J. W. LASKEY, Officer in charge of No. 1 Range, Vizagapatam, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Yellamanchilly, 2nd July 1872, No. 220.

With reference to your Memorandum No. 1,150, dated 21st June 1872, I beg leave respectfully to state that I have been, since the middle of last month, waiting to go over to Pentacotah for the purpose of having the necessary survey for another line of road taken, but the weather, since the 14th ultimo, has been keeping wet with constant showers of rain, but as it is now beginning to clear up, I shall start to-morrow and attend to this question at once.

No. 197. ORDER thereon, 29th August 1872, No. 2,066.

ACCOUNT, No. 42.

THE list submitted with the above letter by the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, is not the sort of report called for by paragraph 3 of G. O. No. 254 of 25th April. That call was for a simple statement of the relative proportions to be expended by the Public Works and Revenue Departments, respectively, out of the aggregate grants of Rs. 55,500 for the Vizagapatam District, and to be of any use should have been forwarded at once, in order that so much of that sum as was to be laid out by Public Works Agency should be transferred to credit of that Department.

2. The list in question moreover differs considerably from that supplied by the Accountant General and printed with G. O. No. 1,715 of 17th July. The two combined, however, show an actual outlay by Public Works Agents up to 31st March of Rupees 11,709, out of Rupees 26,500 advanced them by Civil Officers; and may perhaps assist the Controller to extricate the accounts from the confusion complained of in his letter No. 970 of 31st July.

3. The Supervisor in charge of No. 1 Range does not appear to have shown much alacrity in responding to the call made on him for a proper trace of the Toonee and Pentacotah road. Wet and showery weather is alleged by him as sufficient reason for delaying nearly two months to attend to a work, the first and second traces of which had been pronounced unsuitable, and the rectification of which the Government had desired might be "taken in hand at once" as it was desirable to give employment there, and to facilitate the salt trade. It might be a desirable step to supersede Mr. Laskey in charge of the range by any other competent person such as Assistant Engineer Brickwell or Supervisor T. Ramiah Naidoo who appear to be available.

(True Extract.)

H. Pitt Taylor, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Revenue Department, 8.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department.

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TO

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

1st Division,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August 1873.

J. Tyrrell, Asst.

G. O., 28th August 1873, No. 2,066.

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1st Division forwarding a list showing
the works sanctioned for relief works in
the Taluka, probable expenditure during
the month, &c.