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No. 38. Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 3rd December 1874, No. 72 :—

In obedience to the order of Government contained in paragraph 11 of their Proceedings of the 20th October 1874, Marine Department, calling on me to state my views on Captain Taylor's recommendation that a road should be formed across the flagstaff island at Cuddalore and a bridge erected to connect it with the Custom-house, I have the honor to state that I consider the project perfectly feasible and think that if carried out the trade of the port would be facilitated.

2. I think it right, however, to point out that Captain Taylor's sketch of the locality is not quite correct. I yesterday visited the island and made a rough sketch of it noting the distances of the principal points from each other, and now I enclose a copy of it. It will be seen from this that the spot on the east of the island to which Captain Taylor proposes to take the road, and which is certainly the proper place for its terminus, is nearly opposite Messrs. Parry and Co.'s godowns, which are about a third of a mile from the Custom-house, and there are, therefore, three alternative lines for the road—

First.—To make the bridge opposite the Custom-house and then run a road along the western shore of the island and through the village of Singaratope to the desired spot ; or

Second.—To make the bridge straight opposite to the terminus selected and a short straight road across the island to it ; or

Third.—To throw a bridge across from the angle of Lawford's embankment and then carry a road to the terminus skirting the village of Gori.

3. To the first plan there is this objection that it would be a great expense making a road of nearly half a mile long in deep sand along the western side of the island, while there is this recommendation that the road would lead over the bridge direct to the Custom-house.

4. To the second plan there is the objection that the river is at its broadest just opposite Messrs. Parry and Co.'s godowns although very shallow for half its breadth and the bridge would have to be much longer unless a roadway was made half way into the river, besides which this plan, though not likely to be so expensive as the first, would cost more, in my opinion, than the third, which is the course I would recommend on the score of economy, although I am a little doubtful whether the present embankment would not require considerable widening, which would be a work of considerable expense. Still the river is narrower opposite the angle of the embankment than even opposite the Custom-house, and the bridge if made there would probably be cheaper than if made at either of the two other sites, and the line of road thence to the terminus would be almost as direct as in line No. 2 while it would not have the disadvantage of running right through the site selected for the fish-curing yard, like that line, but would skirt it.

5. Until, however, the scheme is properly examined by the Officers of the Public Works Department it will be difficult to determine which is the best line to adopt ; but, wherever the bridge is built and the road made, it may become a question whether the Custom-house should not be moved to the island terminus.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1874, No. 456.

Copy of this letter will be furnished to the Public Works Department for consideration as to the best and most economical way of connecting the terminus of the Railway at Cuddalore with the Custom-house.

(True Extract.)



Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department, with sketch.

„ Master Attendant, Madras.

„ Collector of South Arcot.

„ Revenue Department, ✓

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