

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2848

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574-575

Dated 29 — 11 — 1867.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th November 1867.*

No. 574. Read the following letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Camp at Ootacamund, 13th November 1867, No. 379:—

* G. O. No. 1,792, dated 20th July 1866.
Do. „ 1,076, „ 13th May 1867.
Do. „ 1,114, „ 17th „ „
Do. „ 1,663, „ 3rd June „

1. With reference to the Government Orders* marginally quoted, I have the honor to inform you that no definite arrangement has been made regarding the future expenditure on the Denkinacotta and Auchitty road.

2. After an exploration of the country in question, and after much consultation with the Collector and Deputy Conservator of the district, I recommended that 16,000 Rupees should be allotted from Forest funds for roads in this district, viz., 6,000 Rupees for the road from Denkinacotta to Auchitty, and Rupees 10,000 for two roads near Pennagara. This expenditure was sanctioned by Government in the Orders marginally quoted. The two latter roads (the nature and object of which are fully explained in my letter No. 2,311, recorded in G. O. No. 1,114, of 17th May 1867,) are progressing rapidly and cheaply, as they are being constructed simply as forest roads. The former road, however, was commenced in a most expensive style (as reported in my letter No. 2,289, recorded in G. O. No. 1,076, of the 13th of May 1867), and the Deputy Conservator now reports that out of the sanctioned amount of Rupees 6,000, 5,800 Rupees has been expended up to date, and the road has only been opened out as far as Coondacotta, about eight or nine miles from Denkinacotta. This end of the road is the one of least importance to our department, and if the road stops here, it is of no use to us whatever. It will not be possible for our department to complete this road in the same expensive style it has been commenced, nor does it appear fair to have taxed us with the whole amount of our grant for only this portion of the road, unless the expenditure for the remaining portions can be met from Imperial or Local Funds. The road in question is one of great importance to the State and the public, and will bring a large extent of country into easy communication with Bangalore and the Railway, and as it is of very great importance to our department that the road should be opened out as far as Auchitty without delay, I trust that the subject may receive the early consideration of Government. If a grant for the current year can be made from Imperial and Local Funds, our department might pay 4,000 more next year, and the work might be proceeded with. We shall then have given 20,000 Rupees towards roads in this part of the Salem District.

No. 575. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1867, No. 2,848.

Forests, No. 12.

1. The Government observe that the Superintending Engineer in his letter of 29th May 1867, printed in G. O. dated

3rd June 1867, No. 1,663, Public Works Department, states that the Denkinacotta and Auchitty road was being made in the ordinary style of a district road.

2. The Board of Revenue will arrange for the provision, from the District Road Fund, of such sum as may be necessary to render it available for ordinary

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that the Supt of Engineers
in his letter of 29 May 67
referred in G.O. of 3 June by No.
1003rd states that the Sinkin-
cotte & Luckitz road was
being constructed under in the
ordinary style of a dirt road.
The B. of W. will arrange
for the B. Road fund of such
sums as may be necessary
to render it available for
ordinary traffic. In addition
to the sum of \$2,4000 & be
can be taken from by the State
dept. in 1868/69. An immediate
grant to prevent the stoppage of the
works seems desirable if it

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If funds are available
to Office of the Supt of Engineers
144 1/2 miles from Sinkin-
cotte & Luckitz
29c Nov 1867

Recd 20 July 1866 N^o 364-369
12 May 1867 - 187-8
17 June 1868 - 263-4
11 June 1868 - 148-9

Recd 1867
No 3103
From The offg Conservator of
Forests

To
The Secretary to Govt
P. O.
Fort Saint George

Dated 13th November 1867
Received 15th Nov 1867
No 379

Enclosures None

Subject.

Brings to the notice of
Government that no definite
arrangement has been made
about the future expenditure
on the Denhamcottah and
Angeltty Road.

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