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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th March 1867.

No. 70. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Communicating to Postmaster General Superintending Engineer's letter on the very bad state of the road which connects the Errode and Caroor Railway Stations, and referring, for consideration, in the Revenue Department Colonel Walker's recommendation to increase the allowance made in the Local Fund Budget for 1867-68 for the said road. } (Here enter 25th February 1867, No. 561.)

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 4th March 1867, No. 537.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Board of Revenue will consider whether a further amount of Local Funds can be made available for the repair of the road in question.

2. It appears however to Government that the repair and maintenance of a road which has for the present become the great post line for the Southern Districts, is not properly chargeable on the District Road Fund alone, and that Imperial Funds should also be employed for the purpose. All that is necessary is to make it fairly easy for traffic till the Railway junction is completed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.

Ext. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 25th February 1867.

Read the following paper :—

No. 488. From the Postmaster General, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 6th February 1867, No. 5,525.

1. I have the honor to request the attention of Government to the very bad state of the road which connects the Errode and Caroor Railway Stations.

2. The mails passing between the four southern districts on the one hand, and the rest of the Presidency on the other, are carried over this piece of road by a contract mail cart, and, although (as the trains on the two Railways are now timed), a very moderate rate of speed brings the mails in good time for the train they should go by, yet the condition of the road is so very bad that even this rate is not always attained, and the consequence is the detention of these important mails for twenty-four hours at Caroor, or ten hours at Errode (as the case may be).

3. It takes a traveller, with posted bullocks, from seventeen to twenty hours to pass over these twenty-four miles.

Referred to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division for early report, as to the measures which he would propose for placing the road in proper order.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

7th February 1867.

No. 489. From the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cochin, 12th February 1867, No. 224.

The Postmaster General's letter with the endorsement.

1. The road inquired after in your endorsement on the Postmaster General's letter No. 5,525 of 6th February, is a district road having an annual maintenance allotment of only Rupees 740. It could not accordingly be maintained even in a fit state for local slow traffic, much less for the quicker traffic which the late extension of the Southern of India Railway has thrown upon it.

2. In reply to inquiries of the Collector, I some time ago suggested that the allowance of Rupees 740 should be increased to Rupees 2,035 from the District Road Cess for the current official year, which has accordingly been sanctioned in G. O. No. 283 of 29th January, and the increased allowance is being made the most of. But no provision has been made for next official year that I am aware of, and it is desirable that an allowance of, say, Rupees 110 a mile, be made available from 1st April next.

No. 490. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1867, No. 561.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 74.

1. The Superintending Engineer's letter above read will be communicated to the Postmaster General.

2. The provision made in the Local Fund Budget of the year 1867-68 for the Caroor and Errode road being Rupees 740, Colonel Walker's recommendation to increase this allowance will be considered in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Revenue Department.
" Postmaster General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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1/. Communicating the Ho. General Instructions & letters on the very bad state of the roads which connect the Arundell Carron Railway & Harbour & requiring for same such sum as may be necessary for Col. Walker's recommendations amongst the allowances made in the Local Funds for 1867-68 for the said roads.

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The Ho. will consider this a further and pressing demand upon the resources of the Road in question.

It appears however that the repair of the main line of the Road which [illegible] is not properly chargeable to the Local Funds should be [illegible] for the purpose.

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