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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
12th August 1871.

No. 16. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 6th July 1871, No. 54 (Financial):—

I have to inform you that Messrs. Coutts and Co. have been advanced the sum of £24,000 on account of the Madras Civil Fund, and I forward their receipt in duplicate, dated 28th June 1871, specifying that the said amount is repayable 12 months after date, at the exchange of 1*s.* 11*d.* the Sicca Rupee.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1871, No. 321.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Despatch, together with the receipt, be furnished to the Accountant-General, who will recover the advance made by the Home Government to Messrs. Coutts and Co.

2. A copy of the Despatch will also be furnished to the Managers of the Civil Fund.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Acting Accountant-General, with receipt.
„ Managers of the Civil Fund.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of India
FINANCIAL.
To
THE ACTING ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.
Dated August, 12th.
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G. O., 12th August 1871, No. 321.
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Nos. 16-17.
Forwarding Despatch from Home Government stating that £24,000 have been advanced to Messrs. Coutts and Co. on account of the Civil Fund for recovery of the amount advanced.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 15th July 1871.

No. 245. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1871, No. 2,588:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 29th May 1871, No. 160.

I HAVE the honour to report on the progress made in 1870-71 in improving the salt communications in this district.

2. Subjoined is an abstract showing the expenditure on salt communications in this district.

				RS.	A.	P.
1.	Repairing the road No.	3	from Adrampatam to Sengippati...	3,355	11	11
2.	Do. do. ,,	8	from Tanjore to Pattucottai ...	3,199	8	8
3.	Do. do. ,,	18	from Mannargudi to Vedarniem...	1,631	3	9
4.	Do. do. ,,	32	from Mayaveram to Caveripatam...	379	7	2
5.	Do. do. ,,	44	from Teruvalangaud to Neidavassel...	199	14	0
6.	Do. do. ,,	48	from Combaconum to Caveripatam...	1,296	6	3
7.	Do. do. ,,	60	from Arandanghi to Kattumavadi	479	10	6
8.	Opening canal between Negapatam to Vedarniem			338	2	9
9.	Conservancy of canal between do. do. for 1870-71			4,940	9	8
	Approaches.					
	Repairing approaches to the Depôt at Neidavassel ...			500	0	0
	Do. do. at Tranquebar ...			249	14	1
	Do. do. at Vedarniem ...			149	4	2
	Do. do. at Thambikanallavancottai			186	13	10
	Do. do. at Adrampatam ...			350	0	0
	Do. do. at Kattumavadi ...			97	4	7
	Do. do. at Arasanagari ...			200	0	0
			Total...	17,553	15	4

3. From this statement it will be seen that all the roads and the canal have been maintained during the past year.

4. The road from Kattumavadi to Arandanghi (No. 60) remains in the same incomplete state as in the year preceding. The estimate for its completion was sanctioned in the Proceedings of Government, dated 10th November 1870, No. 1,743, but no funds have yet been provided. The Superintending Engineer, whose attention was called to the subject, states that, as all roads will now be provided for either from Local or Provincial Funds, it is probable that an allotment will be made in 1871-72 for this road.

5. Mr. Ricketts has brought to notice the indifferent state of the coast road from Adrampatam to Arasanagari, and Captain Oakes, to whom the matter was reported, observed that, owing to the frequent falls of rain during the months of January, February, and March, all the roads in the district suffered, including that under remark, for the maintenance allowances were exhausted, when it became necessary to section the roads a second and even a third time to render them smooth and passable during the dry weather.

6. The state of the canal between Vedarniem and Negapatam was also complained of, but Captain Oakes informs me that he has lately examined the same and reported upon it to Government; and from an extract of his letter, it would appear that these complaints are due to the unsuitability of the boats which are made use of, and not to the alleged interruptions. In my judgment, however, the canal cannot be considered to be thoroughly completed till a uniform depth of 4 or perhaps 5 feet has been attained.

SUBMITTED to Government for information with reference to paragraph 53 of their Order of the 2nd October 1865, No. 2,379.

2. It is observed that funds have not yet been provided for improving the road from Kattumavadi to Arandangi (No. 60), for completion of which an estimate was sanctioned* by Government in November last.

*Government Order, 10th November 1870, No. 1,743, Revenue Department.

3. The coast road from Adrampatam to Arasanagari also appears to have suffered much from excessive rain in the early months of the year, and to require immediate repairs. The repair allotment in the Budget is Rupees 50 a mile and the amount may be re-considered when the revised Budgets are prepared.

4. The deepening of the Vedarniem and Negapatam canal is considered by the Collector to be essential to its completion.

5. All the above works are of considerable importance; provision must be made for them as soon as possible.

6. It appears from the Budget circulated in Government Order, 7th June 1871, No. 216, that salt roads are in future to be made and maintained from Local Funds. This being the case the Board submit that the grant-in-aid from Provincial Funds should, in addition to the ordinary share of the circle, contain a special provision for the probable cost of salt roads, which involve interests that are more imperial than local.

No. 246. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1871, No. 1,863.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 12.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division and to the Financial Department with reference to paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
,, Financial Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Rec. 7th Jan 1871. A-24

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

S.O. No 313.

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

6TH DIVISION.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 15th.

Recd. 17th Encl.

G. O., 15th July 1871, No. 1,863.

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Nos. 245-246

Salt Roads.—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on Collector's report on the progress made in the improvement of salt roads in the Tanjore District during 1870-71, communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division and to the Financial Department.

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Financial
No. 54.

India Office.
London, 6th July 1871.

My Lord,

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I have the honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servant

His Excellency
The Right Honble
The Governor in Council
Fort St. George.

No. 7

Financial
6 July 1871

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Letter to Fort St. George
No 574.

Intimating that
Messrs Coutts & Co have been
advanced the sum of £24,000
on account of the Madras
Civil Fund and forwarding
their receipt in duplicate.

Will an Order.

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via Bombay 4th do.

Cottacamund - 12 August 1871. No 321.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing Despatch, together with the receipt, be furnished to the Accountant General, who will recover the advance made by the Home Government to Messrs Coutts and Co.

2. A copy of the Despatch will also be furnished to the Managers of the Civil Fund.

Cr. 22d August 1871. No 56-57.

Advices

To the Accountant General, with rec.pt. } dup. 16/8
" Managers of the Civil Fund. } Dup. receipt forwarded to A.G. 22/8

Govt. of {1871} Madras

Financial

To

The Accountant General.

Dated Augt. 12
Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 12 Augt. 1871. No. 871

Nos. 16. 17.

Forwarding Desp. from Home Govt. stating that £24,000 have been advanced to Messrs Coutts & Co on account of the Civil Fund. for recovery of the amount advanced.