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I have the honour to submit copy of a letter from the District Engineer, No. 4397, dated 10th January 1873, with the Local Fund Board's resolution (No. II.) thereon, and I request the Board of Revenue to sanction the following alterations in the budget allotments of the current year and of 1873-74.

2. The Local Fund Board of the Madura Circle wish to stop work at once on the road now under construction, between Shevagunga and Ramnad, for which an allotment of 10,000 Rupees is made under Item No. 3 of the current year's budget, and to transfer the sum of Rupees 5,000 remaining unspent out of that allotment to a new line of road to be commenced at once between Shevagunga and Mana-Madura, a town on the road from Madura to Ramnad. Shevagunga will thus be connected with Ramnad by a road a few miles longer than the direct line, but the expense will be about Rupees 5,000, instead of about Rupees 76,400, the amount of the estimate sanctioned for making the direct line in G.O., dated 26th June 1871, No. 131, Public Works Department. The Local Fund Board originally accepted the direct line as a matter settled before they came into existence, but there can be no doubt that it is a mistake to spend 76,000 Rupees on this road, while we are making another road parallel to it at great expense. The small piece already made will be kept up, and the road may be completed at some future period. The District Engineer promises to submit an estimate at an early date for constructing the road from Shevagunga to Mana-Madura at a cost of Rupees 17,000, and I request that this sum may be transferred from the allotment for the direct line between Shevagunga and Ramnad.

3. If this be sanctioned the following alterations should be made in the budget allotments for 1873-74. Item No. 3, the road from Shevagunga to Ramnad, and Item No. 9, the road from Shevagunga to Mana-Madura, should be struck out of the budget, and it is proposed to transfer their allotments, amounting to Rupees 17,000, to Item No. 2, the road from Tiruppavanam to Ramnad. It is most important that this road should be completed as soon as possible, and there can be no question as to the propriety of the transfer if the money can be spent. The District Engineer assures the Board that it can be spent, and that the road can be finished next official year.

Enclosure No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, dated Tiruppavanam, 10th January 1873, No. 4397.

I have the honour to bring the following points forward, for the consideration of the Board of the Madura Circle, with a view of their issuing such orders as they may deem necessary in this matter.

2. In the Local Fund Budget for the current year a sum of Rupees 10,000 is allotted as per Item 3, Part I., as the first instalment of the estimate of Rupees 76,400 for the formation of a road between Ramnad and Shevagunga.

3. This estimate was prepared by order previous to my taking charge of the 8th Division, and it did not occur to me at the time to question the propriety of the formation of the road in question. I cannot but think, however, that the construction of this road, even if not a waste of money, is at the present moment quite premature, inasmuch as there are more urgent services demanding early execution from the Local Funds of the Madura Circle.

4. If, instead of making an entirely new road between Shevagunga and Ramnad on a line which runs for the greater part of its length almost parallel with the road from Madura to Ramnad, we make use of the latter road for both purposes by joining Shevagunga with Mana-Madura, we find that the length of the first route is forty-five miles against forty-eight miles in the latter. But it must be borne in mind that this is but one aspect of the case, inasmuch as Mana-Madura, being an important village, it is intended to connect it with Shevagunga.—See Item 9, Part I., of the Local Fund Budget of 1873-74. It will thus be seen that, by making the direct road between Shevagunga and Ramnad, we have, as a permanency, the allotment for a maintenance of forty-five miles of extra road.

5. Moreover, as the direct road under reference runs for the greater part of its length through black cotton and *allar* soil, it is most difficult to form a good road through it, and still more so to maintain the same, except at an outlay which is incommensurate with the actual value of the road as a line of traffic.

6. There is yet another point, and that is that, at the rate at which the allotments are now made, it will take at *least* between seven and eight years to complete the road, and for the whole of this time a maintenance allotment will be necessary for keeping up the made portions of a road which leads in the interim to the clods of earth and general stickiness of surface which represents in this country a road under formation.

7. Under these circumstances, I do not propose spending more than Rupees 5,000 this year upon the road in question, *i.e.*, for completing, irrespective of masonry works, the eight miles on which the road is now under progress, viz., as far as the village of Marootengoody. There will thus be a saving of Rupees 5,000 on the allotment for the current year on this item.

8. There can be no doubt of the great importance of connecting Madura with Ramnad by means of a good cart-road, and as it is now proposed that Shevagunga should be joined with Ramnad by the same route, the importance of this road is still further evident. I would urge, therefore, the completion of the Ramnad Road at as early a date as possible, and for this purpose I would transfer the sum of Rupees 10,000 allotted on Item 3 to Item 2 of Part I. of the Local Fund Budget of 1873-74, and not only this, but I would likewise transfer, for the reasons which follow, the sum of Rupees 7,000 of Item 9 of Part I. to Item 2 already mentioned. We should thus be able to complete the road beteen Madura and Ramnad in 1873-74, and I apprehend, with Assistant Engineer Mr. Hawksworth in charge of the Zemindari Sub-Division, that there will be little difficulty in efficiently expending the whole sum of Rupees 37,000 thus allotted for that year on the Ramnad Road.

9. As regards the road between Shevagunga and Mana-Madura, the Item 9 of Part I. above alluded to, I feel satisfied, from my inspection of the worst portions of this route, that the sum of Rupees 5,000 is ample to make as good a road as is required. This sum is now available as explained in paragraph 7, and if the Board will authorize my setting this work in hand at once, I will guarantee its being completed during the current official year. A survey of the line has been made, and the estimate is under revision, and it will be submitted at as early a date as possible. As, however, the road will follow, for a great part of its length, the old road, there can be no objection to the work being set in hand at once, *i.e.*, before the formal sanction of the estimate in question.

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6. Deducting Rupees 4,241 from Rupees 7,000, the allotment in the Budget, there remains Rupees 2,759, which is now transferred to the head "Reserve." The Accountant-General is accordingly requested to deduct the last-mentioned amount from the total allotment already placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1873, No. 1444.

The work is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department, with three enclosures.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.,

Dated October, 8th.

Read.

G. O., 8th October 1873, No. 1445.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 52—53.

Madura Circle.—The improvement of the road from Shevagungah to Mana-Madura, at an estimated cost of Rupees 9,202, sanctioned.

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No. 1,900.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd September 1873.

Read the following letters:—

From W. McQUHAE, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Shembaganore, 24th May 1873, No. 48.

I HAVE the honour to submit copy of a Resolution of the Local Fund Board, Madura Circle, No. 5, dated 17th May 1873, approving an estimate for Rupees 9,202 for improving the road from Shevagungah to Manamadura and to request the sanction of Government for the same. Rupees 4,961 of the sum has been spent during the past year, and the remainder, Rupees 4,241, is required to complete the work. This sum can be met from Rupees 7,000, Item No. 8, Part I. of the Local Fund Budget for 1873-74.

2. The necessity for this work is explained in paragraph 2 of my letter to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th January 1873, No. 5.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Extract from Proceedings of Local Fund Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Survey Plan.

From the same Officer, dated Periakulam, 16th June 1873, No. 63.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 870, of the 27th May, I have the honour to state that an estimate for making the road between Shevagungah and Manamadura, at a cost of Rupees 9,202, has already been submitted on the 24th May. Regarding the execution of the work before the estimate was sanctioned I beg to submit copy of a letter from the District Engineer, dated 10th June, No. 926, stating that "several causes interfered with the preparation of a fair copy of the estimate." Colonel Roberts seems to think that he executed this work without sanction in accordance with the wishes of the Local Fund Board; but there is nothing in the Proceedings to warrant this idea, and the expenditure of money without sanction has caused several conflicts between Colonel Roberts and the Local Fund Boards. The Board were told in January that the estimate was under revision and would be submitted at an early date.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura District, dated 10th June 1873, No. 926.

IN reference to your letter, No. 104, dated the 5th instant, requesting me to let you know why the road between Shevagungah and Manamadura was commenced last year before the estimate was sanctioned I have the honour to state as follows.

2. I may bring to your recollection that in their Proceedings, No. 2, dated 16th January 1873, the Local Fund Board, Madura Circle, resolved to recommend the transfer of the sum of Rupees 5,000 from Item No. 3 of the Budget of 1872-73 to the road above mentioned, for the

construction of which an item had been entered in the Budget of 1873-74; and, as the interval between the date of those Proceedings and the receipt of a reply from the Revenue Board would have rendered it impracticable to have carried out the work in 1872-73, as desired by the Board, it was considered that, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the Revenue Board would not object to the Local Fund Boards' wishes being acted upon in anticipation of their (the Revenue Board's) approval.

3. That this was the general view of the Local Fund Board is clear from the fact that when, in my letter to you, under date 15th March 1873, No. 5,354, I duly notified that the work was under construction the Local Fund Board appeared to look on that fact as a matter of course.

4. I would also remind you that on other occasions the Local Fund Board have animadverted seriously on the fact of this department not having acted at once upon their resolutions in regard to the transfer of funds without waiting for the Revenue Board's sanction for the same.

5. As regards the estimate, not a momatyful of earth was put on the road until the estimate had been prepared and carefully revised by me on the spot. Several causes interfered with the preparation of the fair copy of this estimate, and it was eventually submitted for the sanction of the Board with my letter, No. 321, dated 25th April 1873.

6. I can assure you that I am always most scrupulous to act up in every way to the orders of Government on the subject of Local Fund works, and I trust, therefore, that you will kindly explain to the Revenue Board that, in the action of this department in the matter under notice, I considered that, in carrying out the work in the vigorous manner in which it was executed, I should have their full concurrence and support. You are well aware of the many obstacles there are to the speedy execution of Local Fund works, and that the Local Fund Board are ever eager to see the allotments better worked up to than they frequently are. Under these circumstances, when work has, by exceptionally good arrangements, been vigorously carried out, and a sanctioned road has been placed at the disposal of the public one year earlier than it otherwise would have been, it is, I confess, disheartening to find that this unusually prompt action on the part of this department is cavilled at on the plea that the forms of the Local Fund Rules have not been acted upon up to the letter. I do trust, however, that after this explanation the Revenue Board will quite understand that there was no kind of idea of ignoring in any way their controlling authority in the matter in question, and I trust that they will be pleased, therefore, to sanction the work passed by the Local Fund Board.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
President.

THE estimate, amounting to Rupees 9,202, for improving the road from Shevagungah to Manamadura (length 10 miles, 4 furlongs, and 24 yards), is submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. The component parts of the estimate are as follow:—

	RS.
1. Earth-work	5,265
2. Levelling	456
3. Masonry works	3,258
4. Raising Thuttamadoos and Mundaries	210
5. Superintendence and sundries	452
	9,641
Deduct amount to be defrayed by the Durmasanum for certain works	439
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3. The necessity for the work is explained in paragraph 2 of the President's letter, dated 18th January 1873, No. 5, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 27th May 1873, No. 870, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

4. The work appears as Item No. 8 in Part I. of the current year's Budget of the Madura Circle with an allotment of Rupees 7,000.

5. It is observed that of Rupees 9,202, the amount of the estimate, Rupees 4,961 were spent on the work in 1872-73 and that the remainder, Rupees 4,241, is now required to complete it. The Board have, in the Proceedings quoted above, commented upon the course adopted in finishing a portion of the work without the requisite sanction. In his second letter recorded above the President submits copy of a letter from the District Engineer explaining the circumstances under which the work was proceeded with. Colonel Roberts states that he commenced and pushed on the work believing that this course would be approved by the Local Fund Board and that the estimate was not submitted for some time owing to delay in copying. Expenditure without sanction has been frequently incurred in Madura, and the Board will only express a hope that after recent orders on the subject this will not occur in future.

6. Deducting Rupees 4,241 from Rupees 7,000, the allotment in the Budget, there remains Rupees 2,759, which is now transferred to the head "Reserve." The Accountant-General is accordingly requested to deduct the last-mentioned amount from the total allotment already placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department,
with three original enclosures and Board's Proceedings,
dated 27th May 1873, No. 870.

,, the President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura District.
,, the District Engineer, Madura.
,, the Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 22ND SEPTEMBER 1873, No. 1,900

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Received 1st October 73.

SEPTEMBER.

No. 1,900.

Road—from Shevagungah to Manamadura.—Estimate, amounting to Rupees 9,202, for improving —, submitted to Government for sanction. Rupees 2,759, not required out of Budget allotment for road for current year, transferred to "Reserve," and Accountant-General requested to deduct the amount from allotment already placed at disposal of Public Works Department.

The Work is sanctioned

J. H.

To Secretary to Govt. 9 Oct. 1873. No. 1844

The Board of Rev. Pub. Dept. 15th & 2nd Sept. 1873 No. 1900 Read & Sanctioned

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To,
The Board of Revenue.
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Dated 8th Octr.
Recd.
Encl.

G.O. 8th Octr. 1873. No. 1464.

Nos. 52 & 53.

Madura circle - The improvement of the road from Shevagungah to Ingnamadura, at an estimated cost of Rupees 9202, sanctioned.