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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd February 1873.*

No. 2. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1873, No. 98 :—

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 16th December 1872, No. 409 :—

THE Assistant Engineer in charge of the Tindevanum Range estimates the damage caused by the recent heavy rains and floods in his division at Rs. 17,000

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Do. to road to Mercanum Salt road, Causeway, and Lattice bridge.	5,000	Nos. I. and III. Ranges, but in the
Do. road by Kilianoor to Pondicherry	2,000	former the District Engineer has advised
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Do. road from Gingee to Chaitput.	500	for the repair of the road from Cuddalore towards Madras <i>via</i> Pondicherry in
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Total...	17,000	

so that it is clear there will be a very heavy drain upon Local Funds.

2. Under these circumstances, I think it right to point out, with reference to the second item in the list of works noted above, that the traffic over the 20 miles of road which connect Mercanum with Tindevanum is almost entirely confined to salt, and, in the interests of the Government monopoly, to recommend the grant applied for, for the re-construction of the road being made from Imperial funds. Captain Graham reports on this work as follows :—

“Paragraph 5. The road to Mercanum is breached in very many places. The heaviest breaches are at each end of the timber lattice bridge in the 20th mile (2 bays of 100 feet built in 1857). The up-stream end of the pier of this bridge has sunk about 12 inches causing the superstructure on one side to subside, and to swag from a straight line to that extent. The back of the east abutment and wing walls can be seen from the ground line to the top. This will be a troublesome work to repair. The river is now full of water. Nothing can be told now of the state of the salt roads at Mercanum and the causeway across the backwater at Tembakum; these roads are still under water.”

To meet the emergencies of the salt trade, I have ordered the work to be proceeded with at once.

3. The balance at the credit of the Road Fund Reserve for the current year to date amounts to Rupees 2,700 only, so that, independently of the item under notice, transfers to a large amount will have to be made, from the allotments for 1873-74, to meet the present emergency. In regard to this a separate report in the Local Fund Department will be submitted after the next meeting of the Circle Board which is fixed for the 20th instant.

SUBMITTED to Government with a request that aid may be given, if possible from Provincial Funds, for the repair of the road referred to in paragraph 2.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
3rd February 1873.*

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1873, No. 156.

The Government sanction a special grant of Rupees 5,000 from Provincial Funds for the repair of the Mercanum and Tindevanum Road in consideration of its importance to the State Revenues and of the exceptionally heavy demands on the Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Sanctioning a special grant of Rupees 5,000 from Provincial Funds for the repair of the Merkanum and Tindevanum Road, South Arcot District.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 2-3.

G. O., 3rd February 1873, No. 156.

Dated February, 3rd.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c., &c.

FINANCIAL.

Copy of 1873

No. 98.

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SUBMITTED to Government with a request that aid may be given if possible from Provincial Funds for the repair of the road referred to in paragraph 2.
(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. E. Sullivan

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
,, the Acting Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

**Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.**

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PROCEEDINGS, 24TH JANUARY 1873, No. 98.

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Received 30th January 1873

JANUARY.

No. 98.

Salt road—from Merkanum to Tindivanam in South Arcot District, damaged by recent rains and floods.—Application of Collector for grant of Rupees 5,000 from Imperial Funds for repair of—submitted to Government for favourable consideration.

With an order

3rd February 1873 No. 156.

*Major. Another affecting Grant
Rs. 5000 from Provincial Funds
for the repair of the Tindivanam
Salt road. Merkanum Road is in a
very bad state. The water
is so high that it is impossible
to get any work done on the
road. The Government should
grant Rs. 5000 from Provincial
Funds for the repair of the
road.*

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To the Board of Revenue. 11/1
Under No. 98. With an order
dated 30th Jan 73.*

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G. O. 3^d Feb^y , 1873, No. 156.

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Sanctioning a special grant
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