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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
27th June 1874.

No. 255. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st June 1874, No. 1319 :—

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, Chingleput District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Red Hills, 29th April 1874, No. 38 :—

In forwarding the accompanying estimate and extract estimate for the road from Karunguly to Therucalikundrum, I have the honour, with reference to the enclosed Resolution of the Chingleput Board and to the Vice-President's minute therein alluded to, to request that you will obtain sanction for them, and for the construction of the road by the Revenue Department.

2. A sum of Rupees 5,000 is provided for this work in the current year's budget, *vide* Item No. 7 in Part I., and the balance can be met from the current year's Road Fund Reserve if not from the savings of last year.

3. As the line in question, Mr. Crole states, " is intended to serve as a sample of what a cheap cross country road should be," early sanction will oblige.

4. It will be observed that the estimate and the extract estimate are not prepared by the Department Public Works, as would be the case in ordinary course. There appears to have been a good deal of controversy between this Board and the Department Public Works on the question of cheap cross roads, and the latter department expressed its inability to prepare estimates on the data offered by the Board, and this resulted in the Vice-President himself preparing them. I recommend that the experiment be tried as the Circle Board seem anxious on the subject, and even if the result is not satisfactory the cost involved will not be heavy, and the question set at rest.

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

Enclosure No. 2.—Minute by Vice-President.

Enclosures Nos. 3 and 4.—Estimates.

The estimate for constructing a road, 12 miles and 1,045 yards long, from Karunguly to Therucalikundrum for Rupees 7,550 will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The estimate has not been prepared or countersigned by officers of the Public Works Department, and it is proposed that the construction of the road should be entrusted to " other agency " under the following circumstances :—

An estimate was prepared in the usual way for constructing the road at a cost of Rupees 32,610. The Local Fund Board considered this sum larger than it need be, and more than they could afford, and asked for an estimate for a light cross country road, costing about Rupees 600 a-mile. The range officer declared their instructions to be too indefinite. The President then prepared the estimate which is now submitted. It was passed at a well-attended Meeting of the Local

Fund Board by all present, except the range officer who considered that the line could not be made practicable at all seasons for so small a cost.

3. The Board think the Local Fund Board should be allowed to try the experiment.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1874, No. 1083.

The Government desire to be furnished with the opinion of the Board of Revenue as to the necessity for the proposed road, the position of which should also be shown on a map.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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