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Local Funds—Roads.

No. 187. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th December 1874, No. 3610 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 21st September 1874, No. 86 :—

I have the honor to submit, herewith, for the sanction of the Revenue Board and Government, two estimates as per margin, together with a copy of Resolution No. 8 of the Cuddalore Local Fund Board passed thereon at their meeting held on the 31st ultimo.

Estimate for completing the surface of the road from Merkanum to Pondicherry, amounting to Rupees 18,200.

Estimate for constructing a bridge across the Chinna Calapet Oday, amounting to Rupees 4,840.

2. It will be observed from the aforesaid resolution that the Local Fund Board are of opinion that the Merkanum Road should be put into thorough order out of Salt Funds, the original estimate of Rupees 49,000 having been worked out; but that if Government decline to defray the cost of the present estimates, amounting to Rupees 23,040, out of Provincial or Salt Funds, their permission for placing a toll on the road should be applied for.

3. I have myself little doubt that if salt manufacture was given up at Merkanum, no traffic would pass over this road, and as Merkanum will probably before very long be either given up as a salt-manufacturing station or else connected with the railway system by a branch line, I am doubtful whether any great expenditure of money on this road either from Provincial or Salt Funds is advisable solely in the interests of the French Settlement of Pondicherry. I certainly do not think the road can be fairly looked on as a district road to be constructed from Local Funds, and as I am opposed to tolling the road if any other means of providing the funds required for completing it can be found, I recommend that in the absence of any intention on the part of Government to connect Merkanum with Tindevanum by rail, the cost of the estimates now forwarded be provided from Salt Funds.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2—Estimates.

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Enclosure No. 5.—Data of Rates.

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Submitted for the orders of Government.

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3. The expenditure up to the close of 1873-74 was Rupees 45,831, and the Board understand that up to September last, Rupees 707 have been spent in the current year, though no allotment has been made for the road. Hence the work estimated to cost Rupees 49,000 must have been done for about Rupees 47,000. Nevertheless it seems to require explanation why the bridge now said to be indispensable was not included in the original estimate, and why it is found necessary immediately after the road is made "to lay on an additional thickness of gravel, as what is on it now is insufficient." Specification Report.

4. However, the fact remains that to make the road on which some Rupees 47,000 has been spent a good road, it is necessary to spend Rupees 23,040 more.

5. The Local Fund Board suggest that the money should be provided from Salt Funds, and consider that if it is paid for from the Local Fund, they should be allowed to place a toll-gate on it. They urge that the road is of no use to the people of the district, and is only wanted by traders from Salem, who take their empty carts from Pondicherry to Merkanum for return loads of salt and then help to wear out the Local Fund road *via* Tindevanum and Trinomalay to the Salem frontier. The President remarks that Merkanum will probably before long be either given up as a salt-manufacturing station or connected with the railway by a branch line.

6. The Board observe that the prospect either that Merkanum will cease to be a great salt station, or that it will be connected with the railway by a branch line, is very distant indeed, and for the reasons summarized in G.O., dated 10th January 1867, No. 80, Public Works Department, paragraph 1, they think the line should be completed. The road is part of the old coast road and cannot be called a salt road in any sense which would justify the assignment to it of funds provided for Salt, Petty Construction, and Repair. Up to date, Government seem to have spent Rupees 26,471 on the road. The Board think they might engage to provide half of the sum now required or Rupees 11,520, and require the Local Fund Board to provide the rest. The sum which will then have been spent on the road out of the Local Fund will then be only Rupees 8,052* *plus* Rupees 11,520 or 28 per cent. of total cost (taking it at Rupees 47,000), and this is not more than the use of the road as a district road warrants.

7. The Board think it would be undesirable to place a toll gate on the road.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1875, No. 138.

The estimate, amounting to Rupees 23,040, is sanctioned, and a grant of Rupees 14,400 will be assigned as a special addition to the Provincial grant to the Cuddalore Circle for the year 1875-76. The Local Board must arrange for the provision of the balance of the estimate.

	Rs.
Work	11,520
Establishment	2,880
Total ...	14,400

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
&c., &c.
Dated January, 20th.
Read
G.O., 26th January 1875, No. 138.
JANUARY.
Nos. 187-188.

Cuddalore Circle.—An estimate, amounting to Rupees 23,040, for completing the road from Merkanum to Pondicherry, sanctioned; and a grant of Rupees 14,400 assigned from Provincial Funds for the purpose.

No. 3,610.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th December 1874.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

To the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department, with seven enclosures.

,, the President of the Local Fund Boards, South Arcot District.

,, the District Engineer, South Arcot.

,, the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. W. H. French.

Financial Department.

No. 11

From the Board of Revenue.

Dated 14th Dec 1874. No. 3610.

FOR ORDERS.

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Board's proceedings

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PROCEEDINGS, 14TH DECEMBER 1874, No. 3,610.

Despatched 15/12/75

Received 17/12/75 Encl.

DECEMBER.

No. 3,610.

Road—from Merkanum to Pondicherry.—Letter from President of South Arcot Local Fund Boards, forwarding estimates for completing surface of — and to construct a bridge on it at a total cost of Rupees 23,010, and recommending that, in the absence of any intention to connect Merkanum with Tindivanum by rail, the amount may be provided from Salt Funds, submitted for orders of Government, with Revenue Board's opinion that Government may provide one-half, viz., Rupees 11,520 of the sum now required, and require the Local Fund Board to provide the rest. The placing of a toll-gate on the road considered undesirable.

No. 1871

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J.S.
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Work = Rs 11520
Establishment 2850
Rs 14400

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G. O. 26 Jany. 1875, No. 138

Nos. 187-8.

Cuddalore Circle - Estimate for Rs. 23,040 for completing the road from Chetkanum to Pondicherry Sanctd to a grant of Rs. 14,400 assigned for Provl funds for the purpose