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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th January 1864.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 372. Read the following letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department, Public Works, dated Mylore, 17th December 1863, No. 1,532:—

SIR,

1. I have been favored by the Collector with a copy of his letter to the Secretary to Revenue Board, in reply to G. O. No. 3,206, 3d ultimo. I observe that while agreeing with me in general, he has protested against my action in the case of six roads.

2. My complaint was, however, principally in regard to these very roads, they are unmetalled, and badly drained, the amounts allowed for them are more than are required for simple repair, and are utterly insufficient to keep them in good order, maintenance is an impossibility.

3. The second, third and fourth, are under Mr. Bywater in addition to other work, except in perfectly dry weather he has great difficulty in merely traversing them from the nature of the soil and the roads; it is impossible that he can see whether any and what work has been done since his last visit; money is disbursed, but no body can check it, and the whole system is most unsatisfactory.

4. In the dry weather, the roads are easily traversed, in the wet they are impassable, and the maintenance allowance cannot make them passable.

5. With a discretionary allowance at our disposal the local Officers can sanction such amounts as may be necessary on these or any other lines for some specific work, for which an Estimate must be prepared; thus affording a real standard wherewith to compare the work executed.

6. I have not the slightest objection to employing the whole fund on one of these roads if Mr. Levinge prefers them to either of the two lines which I have mentioned. My only object was to finish one or two roads at a time, and both the others have been begun before, we cannot work on only one line for we cannot collect sufficient labour.

7. My objection to the present system is, that we are trying to do too much; roads all over the country all going, on at once, not making, but patching here and there, necessarily under the supervision of petty Maistries, since our funds will not allow more, who are occasionally inspected by a Supervisor, who, to see all, must travel 360 miles, besides considerable distances back as he cannot, generally speaking, go from one to other.

8. I much regret to find Mr. Levinge now protesting, as when I first mentioned the matter to him it was principally because of the difficulty of inspecting these roads in the Zemindary, he fully acknowledged the justice of my complaint and thought the remedy judicious.

9. The short lines near Madura and Dindigul which he agrees to give up are easily looked after. I beg therefore that the Government will be pleased to pass my plan in full or to leave the roads as they now are in the latter case I respectfully submit for the consideration of Government the propriety of transferring the charge of those in the two Zemindaries, with Mr. Bywater who is in charge of them, to the Collector.

No. 373. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th January 1864.

Read the following letter from V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Madura, 15th December 1863, No. 292.

SIR,

1. As directed in the Order* of Government No. 3,206, dated the 3rd November, I have the honor to submit with reference to Captain Moberly's proposals, that I agree with him that it is advisable that the maintenance allowance of some of the unmade roads of the District should be given up to be formed into a discretionary allowance to be expended on the sanction of the local authorities.

* Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 7th December 1863.

2. The road from the Coimbatore boundary by Pulny to Tirumangalam, alluded to by Captain Moberly in paragraph 13 of his letter to the Secretary to the Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 17th October 1863, No. 923, is an important line, and I fully agree to an Estimate being made to put it in thorough repair. I do not think the direct road to Tondi is of such importance as many other roads in the District, and I protest altogether against the allowances for the roads in the margin† being withdrawn from those roads to make either the Tondy or first mentioned road.

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† Meldur via Tirpattur towards Tanjore as far as Poodocottah boundary...	1,500	
Tondy via Devacottah and Tirpattur, Cottampatty to Dindigul...	6,800	A Salt road.
Ramnad to Madura	5,100	do.
Sayelgoodi to Madura	4,650	do.
Oosilamputti to Tirumangalam	1,000	
Pereyakolam via Poomburai to Pulny.	787	

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th January 1864.

Submitted to Government with reference to their Orders in the Public Works Department
quoted by the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 374. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1864, No. 183.

1. The Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, in his letter of 17th October 1863, No. 923, submitted for the consideration of Government the following propositions in connection with the improvement of certain important lines of communication in the District of Madura. The Budget allotments for the maintenance of the roads in that District amount in the aggregate to Rupees 62,132, of which sum Captain Moberly proposed to

Trunk Road to Madras ...	12,000
Road from Madura to Aumanaick- noor ...	4,200
Do. from Madura to Tondy ...	6,700
Do. to Taticorin ...	2,300
Total ...	25,100

3rd November 1863, No. 3,306.

Melur towards Tanjore as far as Poodocottah boundary ...	1,500
Tondi to Dindigul ...	6,300
Ramnad to Madura ...	5,100
Sayelgoodi to do. ...	4,650
Oosilamputti to Tirumangalam ...	1,000
Percyakolam to Pulni ...	787
Total ...	19,337

set apart Rupees 25,100 for the four roads named in the margin, and Rupees 10,000 as a discretionary grant, the balance (Rupees 27,032) being made available for the proper construction of one or more lines in each year. The Government was inclined to view this arrangement with favor, but before passing final orders it had resolved on obtaining the views of the Collector which it is now put in possession of together with a letter from Captain Moberly containing his opinion thereon. Mr. Levinge does not urge any objection to the system which the Superintending Engineer proposes to initiate, but he protests against withholding the existing maintenance grants for the six roads noted in the margin. Captain Moberly, on the other hand, states that the allowances for these lines are quite inadequate for maintaining them, and that he therefore considered it advisable to suggest the allowances being withheld in order thereby to contribute to the formation of a discretionary grant to be expended at the discretion of the local authorities. The Government does not

consider Captain Moberly's suggestion well calculated to remedy the evils complained of. The six roads referred to by the Collector are considered important, and three of them are Salt lines. It is advisable, therefore, that the allowances for their maintenance should be continued, and that the Superintending Engineer should, in communication with the Collector, consider what increase of the existing grants is necessary to ensure the lines being maintained in a tolerably efficient condition until they shall in their turn be taken in hand and properly constructed.

2. Under this view of the case the Governor in Council directs that the allowances* for the ten roads enumerated above be continued, and those for the remaining lines be abandoned, by which arrangement there will be a saving of Rupees 17,635. Of this sum Rupees 10,000 will be held at the disposal of the local authorities as a discretionary grant, and the balance of Rupees 7,635 will be available for new works. These alterations will be attended to in the Budget of 1864-65.

3. The Government has in a separate Order negatived the proposal of the Superintending Engineer to expend a sum of Rupees 93,000 on the line from Madura, to Tondy in addition to a sum of Rupees 33,316 already sanctioned for the same work, and in doing so it was guided by the opinions of the Collector. It is important, however, to determine the main lines to which precedence should be given, and the Estimates called for in Proceedings No. 97, dated 11th January 1864, should be in the first instance submitted for one or two such lines, and adequate grants will be made for their prosecution.

4. The Government sees no reason to adopt the course suggested by Captain Moberly in paragraph 9 of his letter dated 17th December 1863, No. 1,532, in regard to the transfer of the charge of certain lines to the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant General.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 5th January 1864.

Read the following.

From V. H. Levinge Esq.
Collector of Madura.
To W. Hudleston Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Vide Board's Order
dated 7th Decr 1863.

As directed in the Order of Government No. 3,706 dated the 3rd November, I have the honor to submit with reference to Captain Moberly's proposals that I agree with him that it is advisable that the maintenance allowance of some of the unmade roads of the District should be given up to be formed into a discretionary allowance to be expended on the sanction of the local authorities.

2. The road from the Guimbatour boundary by Pulni to Tirumangalam alluded to by Captain Moberly in Para 8 of his letter to the Secretary to the Government C. P. W. dated Madura 17th October 1863 No. 923 is an important line and I fully agree to an Estimate being made to put it in thorough repair.

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Mature,
15th December 1863

Shew & Co.
Messrs W. H. Sevinge
Collector

Submitted to Government with re-
ference to their order in the Public Works De-
partment passed by the Collector.

Shew & Co. & Estate

Induction
Secretary

To Colonel G. A. Cox R. E.

Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

W. H. Sevinge

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From,

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Sir,

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In the dry weather, the roads are easily
traversed.

of 27 Nov 1864
to the President & General Grant
at Washington D.C.
and the members of the Executive
Council.

Del'd 5th 3rd January 1864.
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Submitting a
letter from the Collector
of Madras stating that
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should be joined into
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to be expended on the
improvement of the local
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J. H. Mosby Captain R.R.
Superintending Engineer & Genl.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 18th June 1864
Read the following
papers from the Supy Engrs 8th Div

Informes that he has been favored
by the Collector of Madras with a copy of
his letter to the Secy to the Bd of Rev.
in reply to G.O. of the 3rd Nov/63 on
the subjects of the roads in his Dt and
offers a few remarks on the same for
the information of Government.

M.E. of 17th December 1863 No.

Pro. of the Board of Revenue
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Madras stating that it is advisable that
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unmade roads of the District should
be formed into a discretionary allowance
to be expended on the sanction of the local
authorities.

M.E. of 5th January 1864 No.

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October 1863, No 923, submitted
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P.W.D.

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& properly constructed.

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directs that the allowances for
the 10 roads enumerated above
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of the remaining to be
abandoned. The saving
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thereby disposed of as
detailed in the Order.

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