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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th August 1864.*

No. 225. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Awaiting Mr. T. Clarke's report on certain works for the } (Here enter 5th August 1864, No. 1,404.)
better transport of Salt at Negapatam, Tanjore District.

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1864, No. 2,292.
Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division:
(True Extract.)

(Signed). J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th August 1864.*

No. 93. Read the following letter from Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Major J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E., Deputy Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 23rd July 1864, No. 838:—

SIR,

1 Abstract Estimate.
No. 838, dated 5th July 1864.

1. In continuation of my letter as per margin, and with reference to Government Order No. 2,001, dated 11th July 1864, I have the honor to enclose an Estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,000, for extending the Salt Platform or Vadi No. III at Negapatam, southwards towards the Railway. This sum is entered in the Supplemental Budget of 1864-65, and though the intention was that the platform should reach the siding of the Railway to admit of facilities of transport, the amount available for this purpose is not sufficient, and the extension, if carried out on this Estimate, will still be 40 yards distant from the Railway.

2. I would, however, beg to bring to the notice of Government that this Estimate only provides for a portion of the work designed at this platform for the better transport of Salt, and that if another scheme now brought to my notice by Mr. Cadell, the Collector, is followed out for storing Salt near the Railway, the necessity for carrying out this Estimate does not arise.

3. In the Budget of Salt Works for 1864-65, drawn up by the Collector, a further sum of Rupees 3,000 was entered for a bridge across the Kodamooty river to facilitate the transport of Salt from the Pans to the Vadi, but it was struck out in the Government Office.

4. In the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,982, dated 16th May 1864, copy of which was forwarded to me by the Collector, Mr. Cadell's proposals for improving the Negapatam works were considered judicious, and Estimates were required for the above bridge across the Kodamooty river, a bank from the Railway to the bridge across to the Salt Pans, and for a tunnel across the channel which intersects the Pans, in addition to the one now enclosed, the aggregate amount of which Estimates was reckoned at Rupees 7,710, though this sum appears to me to be below the probable cost.

5. Mr. Cadell, in a conversation which I held with him a few days ago, informed me, further, that Mr. T. Clarke, Member of the Revenue Board, who is now on his tour in this District, proposes to establish a Salt Vadi on the south side of the Railway, in place of the present one, and which will be connected with the Railway, Salt Pans, and a large Vadi now in use a mile to the south, by means of a raised embankment or road. If these works which will involve considerable expenditure, are carried out, I see no necessity to extend the present platform at a cost of 2,000 Rupees.

6. As regards paragraph 3 of the above Government Order, the only explanation that Mr. Roberts can offer as regards the delay in submitting this Estimate, is contained in letters lately received, in which he states that if a simple Estimate for extending the earth-work of the Platform (which is all that I more than once called for) was only required, he could furnish it in a very short time; but that he was consulting with the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department as regards a project for improving the communications in connection with the Salt Platform.

Referred to the Revenue Department with copy of Proceedings of Government in this Department, dated 11th July 1864, No. 2,001, and of Proceedings of Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1864, No. 2,982.

CAREPAUK,
29th July 1864.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 94.

ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1864, No. 1,404.

Separate Revenue, No. 70.

Salt

The Government will await Mr. T. Clarke's report on the works stated in paragraph 5 to be contemplated by that gentleman.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
" the Board of Revenue.
" T. Clarke, Esq.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

