M.R.O. 1—77,006—8-6-37.

(1) Number of pages 6

(2) Date of repair 28 31 [illegible]

(3) Initials of the Referencer

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1490	Press / Mis.
43-44	
Dated 1. 6.	1865.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

23.11.44

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
1st June 1865.

No. 43. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Passing orders on Proceedings of the Board regarding the maintenance of the Salt roads of this Presidency. } (Here enter 26th May 1865, No. 1,109.)

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1865, No. 1,490.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 7.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineers.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th May 1865.

No. 446. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th May 1865, No. 2,360.

Read the following letters:—

From	Ganjam,	dated	24th December 1864,	No. 281.
,,	Vizagapatam,	,,	19th March ,,	,, 122.
,,	Godavery District,	,,	31st ,, ,,	,, 78.
,,	Kistna District,	,,	15th September ,,	,, 200.
,,	Nellore,	,,	9th January 1865,	,, 5.
,,	Madras,	,,	6th July 1864,	,, 305.
,,	South Arcot,	,,	24th August ,,	,, 158.
,,	Tanjore,	,,	3rd ,, ,,	,, 260.
,,	Madura,	,,	15th ,, ,,	,, 218.
,,	Tinnevelly,	,,	9th June ,,	,, 221.
,,	South Canara,	,,	10th February 1865,	,, 19.
,,	Malabar,	,,	27th June 1864,	,, 149.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letters, being the replies to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, dated 1st February 1864, be submitted to Government for information, with reference to the Order of Government, dated 21st January 1864, No. 126.

2. It will be observed that in Ganjam it is still proposed to leave all roads under the charge of the Department Public Works, whether short branch roads to salt pans or others. In all the other East Coast Districts, with the exception of the Madras and Tinnevelly Districts, both the Collector and Superintending Engineer agree in considering it advisable to leave all short branch salt roads, when completed, under the charge of the Salt Deputy Collectors who will provide for their being kept in repair, though the charge on that account will be an Imperial one, and debitable against the Department Public Works Budget.

3. In the Madras District there is only one line of the description referred to. This line connects the salt pans at Chunambat with those of Mercanum. The former pans have been excluded from the charge of the Salt Deputy Collector of Madras, and transferred to the South Arcot District; it remains, therefore, for Mr. Reade to determine, in consultation with the Superintending Engineer, whether it is advisable to leave this road under the charge of the Department Public Works, or to transfer it to the care of his Deputy Collector.

4. In Tinnevelly, the late Collector differed from the Superintending Engineer as to the construction to be placed upon the Government Order, but it will be observed that Mr. Clarke's recent tour in the Southern Districts has materially affected the question of branch salt roads. If the reductions which he has recommended in the number of places of manufacture and sale be adopted, a large number of the existing and proposed salt roads will be unnecessary. It is, therefore, advisable that the several Collectors of South Arcot, Tanjore, Madura, and Tinnevelly, should submit a revised report on the subject, as soon as the orders of Government have been passed on Mr. Clarke's proposals. This course has already been directed in the cases of South Arcot and Madura.

5. The Board have under consideration the propriety of making some reduction in the very large number of places of manufacture and sale at present in existence in the Nellore District, and have requested the Collector to submit a report on the subject. *Mr. Dykes will, therefore, be good enough to submit a revised list of salt roads with reference to any reductions which may eventually be decided upon.*

6. The Board share the objections made by the Collector of Vizagapatam to any joint responsibility between the two Departments, and they request that orders may be issued in the Department Public Works, making it clearly understood that when once a salt road is handed over, properly and completely constructed, and in good order, to the Salt Department, the Public Works Department will have

nothing whatever to do with the disposal of the maintenance allowance, and that this allowance will be expended solely under the orders of the Deputy Collector in charge of Salt.

No. 447. ORDER THEREON, 26th May 1865, No. 1,109.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government observe that most of the Collectors' replies, submitted by the Board with the above Proceedings, have been already disposed of by Government as submitted separately, and that further information has been called for in several of the remaining cases.

2. The Government consider that the employment of the available maintenance funds for short salt roads may be with advantage left to the Deputy Collector, Salt Department, in every case in which the Collector and Superintending Engineer are agreed as to the expediency of this arrangement.

3. The Collector will be responsible for seeing that his Deputy properly discharges the duty entrusted to him, and the Superintending Engineer will bring to the Collector's notice any case in which he sees cause to think that money has been disadvantageously employed, and any suggestions that may occur to him for improvement of the local system.

4. The account of expenditure will be kept according to the established rules in the Department Public Works.

5. Beyond this, the Government see no necessity for the Department Public Works to interfere in the matter after charge of a road has once been transferred; and in fact more direct interference would in great measure neutralize the intention of the arrangement, viz., to relieve the Department Public Works, and to leave the work to the authority on the spot who is most immediately interested in the condition of the roads, and can most speedily, effectively, and economically arrange for the execution of trifling repairs.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Civil Works

No. 1490.

Communicated to the Supdg Engineer for information and guidance.

Fort St. George
The June 1865

W. S.
W. Matthews

Dept. 2 to June.

List

P. W. 1865 Dept.
Proc. of Govt. for June
No. 1898

Proc. of the Madras Govt. in the Rev. Dept.

Dt. 26
Rec. 30 } May 1865

No. 1109.

Passing orders on Proc. of the Board regarding the maintenance of the Salt Roads of this Presidency.

with an order.
No. 1490. The June 1865

No. 43. 44