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**Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st August 1866.**

No. 697. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

Sanctioning a sum of Rupees 13,000 for the road from Manaparai to Kulittalay, and an advance of Rupees 2,000 for the repair of the road from Dark's bridge to the South Gate of the Rock Fort, &c., Trichinopoly District. Here enter 27th August 1866, No. 2,224.)

No. 698. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1866, No. 2,758.
Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division for information and guidance.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 105.
Civil Works.

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th August 1866.*

No. 675. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th August 1866, No. 5,673.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1866, No. 138 :—

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,134, dated the 17th February last, I have the honor to report that the total assets under the District Road Fund for the year 1865-66, actually turned out to be Rupees 56,314-1-2; deducting, therefore, the amount of works already sanctioned, there remains a balance of Rupees 6,139-1-2. To this balance I would add Rupees 9,661, being the unexpended portion of Rupees 10,000, allotted under the Order of Government, quoted in the margin, for the road leading from

12th February 1866, No. 370.

Trichinopoly to Torriore. Captain Oakes informs me, as stated in paragraph 3 of my letter, No. 128, dated the 12th instant, that out of the said allotment of Rupees 10,000, 339 Rupees only have been spent up to 30th April 1866, and that the remainder may be appropriated for other works, as the Torriore road will be executed during 1866-67, from the provision made in the Imperial and Local Fund Budgets for the current year.

2. The total amount, therefore, available for fresh works is Rupees 15,800-1-2. I would beg to submit the following scheme on which the amount in question can be most usefully employed.

3. I deprecate the system of spending small sums on various works in different parts of the District, the expenditure thus incurred after the lapse of a few months is scarcely to be seen. I would, therefore, strongly advocate the propriety of employing our funds on one or two of the most useful and important works. With this view, I would solicit the Board's attention to the road between Manaparai and Kulittalay. The rail will shortly be opened to Errode. The shortest road for travellers from Tinnevely and Madura to Salem, Ootacamund, Madras, and *vice versa*, would be *via* Covilputti, Manaparai, and Kulittalay. Travellers have, at present, to pass through Trichinopoly which is a round-about way, or some thirty miles in excess of the proposed route.

4. The road adverted to is at present in a very imperfect state. Captain Oakes, the Superintending Engineer, has a survey of the line in his office, and he calculates the approximate cost of the project to amount to Rupees 26,500. Captain Oakes concurs with me in considering that this project will prove to be one of the most important and beneficial works in the District.

5. The line between Manaparai and Covilputti has not as yet been surveyed. More than half of it passes through the Tondimon's territories. As our funds are small, we may at present confine ourselves to carrying out the road between Manaparai and Kulittalay.

6. Should the Board approve of my proposal, I will cause a correct detailed estimate to be prepared, and ask for sanction to allot a sum of Rupees 13,000 for this work in the current year, the remainder of the work to be carried out next year.

7. As represented in paragraph 4 of my letter, as per margin, I would, should the Board permit, allot, from these funds, a sum of Rupees 720, as required by the Superintending Engineer, on account of

12th July 1866, No. 128.

petty establishments on Local Fund works executed by the Department of Public Works during 1866-67.

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8. In the Proceedings under reply, the Board and the Government have rejected certain works within the Fort of Trichinopoly, on the ground that they do not form a proper charge on the District Road Fund. With deference to the above ruling, I would beg permission to state that, at present, no Municipal funds exist, and it is doubtful whether any funds raised for Municipal purposes will be actually collected so as to be made available for works within the next six months; in the meantime most of the roads will become seriously damaged, so much so that extra expense for repairs will have to be incurred. The bazaar road from Dark's bridge to south gate of the Rock Fort is completely cut up. Immediate attention should be paid to repairing it. Much inconvenience is at present felt by the public, and complaints are constantly being made. Under these circumstances, I would earnestly solicit the Board to sanction a special grant of Rupees 2,000 for this road from the available funds under report. Should the Board, however, not be disposed to sanction this proposal, I would at least beg for their permission to advance this small sum from the available District Road Fund on the understanding that the same should be refunded from Municipal funds in due course.

The following is an abstract of the proposed works:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Amount available for fresh works... ..	15,800	1	2
Road from Manapalai to Kulittalay	13,000	0	0
Amount to cover the cost of petty establishments on account of Local Fund works executed by the Department of Public Works during 1866-67 ...	720	0	0
Special allotment to repair the road from Dark's bridge to south gate of the Rock Fort	2,000	0	0
Sundries	80	1	2
	15,800	1	2

1. The Board will recommend the projected Local Fund Road from Manapalai to Kulittalay for the sanction of Government. The Acting Collector must bear in mind that if the work is to be executed by the Department of Public Works, the provision must include ten per cent. for superintendence.

2. The Board will also recommend, for sanction, the proposed advance of Rupees 2,000 for the repair of the road from Dark's bridge to the Fort south gate, on the understanding that it is to be re-paid in due course from Municipal funds.

3. The estimated charge of Rupees 720 for petty establishments is sanctioned

No. 676.

ORDER THEREON, 27th August 1866, No. 2,224.

Local Funds, No. 17.

Civil Works.

Sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

L. A. M.
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Accountant General.

„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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