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No. 411. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 30th April 1866, No. 2,290 :—

No. 2,391, dated 17th August 1865.

1. I have the honor to reply to the Order of Government noted marginally.

2. With reference to the changes in the Salt Depôts proposed by Mr. Clarke, I called upon the Collector to inform me what roads should for the future be regarded as Salt roads, and whether if those roads were put into good order the requisition of Government regarding the restoration of the Salt roads might be regarded as complied with, and he informs me that the following roads should for the future be regarded as Salt roads :—

Not numbered. (1.) Road from Kattumavadi Salt Depôt to the point where the road from Aroontanghi to Ayepatam branches off.

No. 32. (2.) From Mayaveram to Cavari-patam.

No. 42. (3.) From Tiruvengaud to junction of roads Nos. 28 and 32, five miles.

No 44. (4.) From Tiruvengaud to Neidavassel five miles, and 11¼ miles of approaches* to the Salt Depôts from the main roads.

* 14.

† Paragraph 1 of letter No. 304 from Collector to Revenue Board of 16th September 1865.

For No. 1 a new line is being constructed at a cost of Rupees 5,090† under G. O. No. 514, dated 12th February 1866; Rupees 375 have been provided from Local Funds for No. 2 during 1865-66; and Rupees 200 for No. 4. Estimates for thoroughly repairing these roads will shortly be submitted. The fourteen approaches, consisting of 11¼ miles in the aggregate, are repaired annually from the allotment for repairs of Salt works by the Salt Deputy Collector, and nothing further is required for them.

‡ No. 24.

Paragraphs 8 to 16.

2. The road‡ to which Mr. Clarke specially refers in his report is that along the coast from Muttupetta to Meenbesel, a distance of 38 miles. As he states this cannot be called a road, and it would be extremely difficult to make it passable at all seasons. The country south of Rajah's Chuttrum is low and flat, and the drainage instead of being concentrated and passing to the sea by well defined channels, flows all over the country, here and there a deeper stream being formed owing to breaches in the Shrotrium tanks in the neighbourhood. In wet weather the line of road becomes a succession of quick sands, and it is dangerous to traverse it after a heavy shower of rain. Were a road formed along this line, it would have to consist of an almost continuous succession of Irish bridges, and for these bridges stone would have to be procured from Ceylon at no trifling cost. Many of the minor Salt Depôts scattered along this line have been done away with, and the road is not even entered in Mr. Morris' list of Salt roads; from the depôts which do exist, the Salt roads at once strike inland, viz., from Kattumavadi and Arasanagheri, the latter it is believed is about to be abolished. For the Tambika-

nalavankotai and Adrampatam Divisions a portion of Road No. 24 is useful, as it connects them with Muttupetta and with the roads striking inland to Manargoody and Puttukotta; the portion of the road between Muttupetta and Rajah's Chuttrum is more capable of being reformed than that south of Rajah's Chuttrum, and Rupees 4,520 is now being laid out upon it.

3. The estimates called for in paragraph 3 have been submitted and sanctioned, Estimates for the Vadapathi and Thenpathi platforms and for that at Adrampatam are enclosed. With regard to the combined gateways and Salt Cutcherries, orders have already been issued.

Rupees 1,800
,, 1,115
,, 1,690

No. 578, 17th February.

4. In the Salt Budget of 1866-67 provision is made for the Vadapathi and Adrampatam platforms under the head of New Works, and Rupees 600 is provided under the head of Repairs for Thenpathi; the Salt Deputy Collector, however, states that the first four items in the repair list may be devoted to the improvement of the Thenpathi platform, making Rupees 1,129 in all, this will cover the estimate of Rupees 1,115 for Thenpathi, and must be transferred to New Works. The Rupees 490 required for Vadapathi and Thenpathi in excess of the Budget allotment may be supplied from the Rupees 610 provided for embanking the Nasuniyaur, as provision has been made for that work under the head of Repairs during 1865-66.

No. 58, Rupees 2,500
,, 51 ,, 500
,, 400
,, 600
,, 100
,, 20
Rupees 1,120

No 62.

No. 412. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1866, No. 1,569.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 52.

This report will be communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to Proceedings No. 2,391, dated 17th August 1865, and the estimates referred to in paragraph 3 will be forwarded to that Department in continuation of G. O.* No. 723, dated 3rd March 1866.

* *Vide* G. O. Revenue Department, No. 708, dated 23rd March 1866.

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

To the Revenue Department.
,, Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 224

Deputy Engineers Office
Tanjore 30th april 1866.

From
Captain R. F Baker R. E.
Subg Engineer 6th Dn

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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For No 1 a new line is being Constructed at a cost of Rs 5090 under G. O. No 514 dated 12th February 1866 — Rupees 375 have been provided from Local Funds for No 2 during 1865/66, and Rupees 200 for No 4 — Estimates for thoroughly repairing these Roads will shortly be submitted — The 14 approaches Consisting of 11¼ Miles in the aggregate are repaired annually from the allotment for repairs of Salt Depots by the Salt Deputy Collector and nothing further is required for them —

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† Para 1 of letter No 304 from Collector to Revenue Board of 16th September 1865

* No 24 Paras 8 to 16

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3. The Estimates called for in para 3 have been submitted and Sanctioned—

Estimates for the Vadapathi and — Rs 1800
Thenpathi Platforms and for — Rs 1115
that at Adrampatam are enclosed — Rs 1690.

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and Salt Cutcherries orders have already — No 578
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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servant

W. T. Oats Captain R.E.
Supt Engineer 6th Dn.

Public Works Dept

No 1569 by

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 15th June 1866.

Read the following

From the Supg Engineer
of the 6th Division.

Dated Vizagapatam the 30th April 1866
No 2290

This report will be communicated to the Revenue Dept with reference to Proc. No 2391 of 17 August 1865, and the estimates referred to in Para 3 will be forwarded to that Dept in continuation of G.O. No 728 of 5th March 166.

* Vide G.O. Rev Dept No 708 of 23d March 166.

To
The Rev Dept with Estimate
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Dept 19th May

To The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated Vizagapatam the 30th April 1866
No 2290

Reporting relative to the Estimate for the Godavery Anicut

Referring to Proc. No 2391 of 17th August 1865

Forwarding Estimate

Submitted for the Consideration of Government

Vizagapatam 30th April 1866

Dated 1st May 1866

To
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith the Estimate for the Godavery Anicut, amounting to Rupees 2,29,000 (Two Lacs twenty nine thousand) which I have prepared in accordance with the Instructions contained in your Proc. No 2391 of 17th August 1865.

2. The Estimate is based on the Plan and Estimate submitted with my Letter No 1 of 1st January 1864, and the Plan has been slightly altered in consequence of the Instructions contained in your Proc. No 728 of 5th March 1866.

3. The Estimate has been prepared with the greatest care, and I trust that it will be found sufficiently liberal to cover all contingencies.

4. I have the honor to request that the Estimate may be submitted for the consideration of Government.

I have &c
(Signed) A. Thomas
Supg Engr
6th Division

Vizagapatam 30th April 1866

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P. W. 1866. Department.

Proc. of Govt. for May

No 1569.

Proceedings of Government of Madras

Dated 16 May 1866

Letter from the Supg. Engr. of the 6th Dn, submitting estimates and reporting on Salt works in the Tanjore Dist. communicated, &c. to the Revenue Dept.

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c. 25 May 1866. 02-11m