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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th August 1867.*

No. 420. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Communicating Proceedings of the Board of Revenue giving cover to the report of the local Revenue authorities on the progress made in the improvement of Salt roads in the Ganjam District during the past official year. (Here enter 13th August 1867, No. 1,878.)

No. 421. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1867, No. 2,520.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 54.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.

2. The Government cannot trace any provision in the Public Works Budget of the current official year for the construction of the road* referred to in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings.

* From Omeravelli Salt Pans to Calingapatam.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) * J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ Revenue Department.

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13th August 1867.*

No. 258. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd August 1867, No. 4,951.

Read the following letter from the Salt Deputy Collector of Ganjam, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated Itchapore, 13th June 1867, No. 79:—

1. With reference to the Board's Standing Circular, No. 85, dated 16th November 1865, I have the honor to submit the annual report on the progress made in improving the salt roads in this district.

2. The present approaches to the Ganjam, Itchapore, Nowpada, and Omeravelly salt pans are all in good order, and the usual repairs will be executed during the current year.

3. Since the Itchapore pans have been opened, a road has been proposed to be made from it through the swamp via Chikati, Surangi, and Pedda Kimedy, but no final orders have been issued on the subject, and as I think that the whole work will cost more than sixty-thousand Rupees, and I believe that funds cannot be allotted for some time to come, I, therefore, recommend for the present to make a portion of the road from the salt platforms across the swamp, and connect it to the town of Itchapore, which lies at a distance of three and a half miles. As you have personally seen how muddy that portion of the swamp was, even in hot weather, when you went to inspect the salt works, I believe that it is not necessary for me to state any further reasons shewing the urgency of the work. During the monsoon and cold weather, the whole of the swamp, from one end to the other, will be under two and three feet of water, and a great number of merchants, consequently, do not go to the pans. I suppose this work will cost below ten or fifteen thousands of Rupees.

4. From Nowpada to Ragunadapoor to a distance of five miles, a road was made some years ago, connecting it with the Purla Kimedy road, but a portion of it was not metalled, but sandy, and I solicit that you will write about it to the Superintending Engineer, and have it metalled. I shall include this work in the Salt Budget Estimate also for 1868-69. As it will not cost more than Rupees 500, I believe that the Superintending Engineer will get it done.

5. The present trunk road runs along the Nowpada salt pans and Pata Teckally, and the port of Bapanapadu lies only at a distance of two miles to the east to these two places, but there is no proper road to it, and it is impracticable for the carts to go to the port except in the dry season; I, therefore, recommend a branch road to be made to connect it with the trunk road, by which means it will encourage the merchants who go to the port, and from thence to our salt pans for a return load of salt, and it will also be convenient for conveying salt from Nowpada to Bapanapadu for exportation, making the charges cheaper. During the last year about three lacs of Rupees worth of grain was exported at the port, and there is every prospect of its rising still higher.

6. From the port of Calingapatam to the Omeravelli pans there is no proper road, and you have personally seen it. The laden carts which go to the port will have to go to the pans by a circuitous route. I would, therefore, strongly recommend this work to be executed at an early date. I have mentioned the importance of it in my last report, and included it in the Budget Estimate, but which has not been sanctioned. Some of the roads are not wide enough for the carts to pass each

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other, and as all these works cannot be sanctioned at once, I shall bring the state of each road under your notice at a future date.

No. 1,802.

1. Submitted for the information of the Board, with the remark that nothing has yet been done with reference to the suggestions made in the previous year's report.

2. The Salt revenue for the present Fusly was, up to the end of May last, Rupees 14,02,190.

CHETTERPORE,
22nd June 1867.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Collector.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

1. Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board observe that the salt roads referred to are all important; but as no provision has been made for them in the current year's Budget, nor estimates received for sanction, they cannot all be undertaken at once, unless the Department of Public Works could provide funds for the purpose. They, however, consider that the road from Nowpada to Rangunadapoor should be taken on hand at once.

3. For the road from Omeravelli pans to Calingapatam provision has been made in Public Works Budget, and the estimate for it was submitted for the sanction of Government, with the Board's Proceedings, dated 26th July 1867, No. 4,807.

No. 259. ORDER THEREON, 13th August 1867, No. 1,878.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.

Salt.

1. Communicated to the Department Public Works. With reference to paragraph 3, it is observed that the estimates in question were sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,824, dated 7th August 1867, Revenue Department.

2. The Board must endeavour to provide the small sum required for the Nowpada and Rangunadapoor road in the revised Salt Works Budget Estimate if it is to be done this year.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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