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No. 39. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Sanctioning proposals submitted by the Board of Revenue for utilizing the grants in the current year's Local Fund Budget for certain communications in the Wynaad. } (Here enter 28th January 1867, No. 259.)

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1867, No. 337.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 5.
Civil Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 541. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1867, No. 293.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 5th January 1867, No. 3:—

1. A sum of Rupees 5,000 was provided in the Original and Supplemental District Road Budgets of 1866-67, for opening the communication through the south of Wynaad between the great lines running from the Tambracherry Ghaut to Sultan's Battery, and from the Karkur Ghaut by Gudalur and Tippekadu to Wynaad.

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I had several communications with the Superintending Engineer regarding the expenditure of this money, but the Department of Public Works then had, and still have, ample occupation on other works, and have been unable to expend any portion of the money.

2. The Planters of South and South-East Wynaad have opened (more or less) a publicly useful piece of road from a point on the great line from Tambracherry by Kalpetta to Sultan's Battery near the Chalipoya bridge now erecting, eastwards to the Tenuta estate; thence a bridle-path on gradients suitable to cart traffic has been traced to the Cherambadi District; and thence a similar trace has been nearly completed to the Devala district, whence a road has been opened to the great line from the Karkur Ghaut to Mysore.

3. I inspected the country and greater part of the trace last month, and I am convinced that, with some alteration of the present trace, to avoid a detour about Tenuta, this will be the most generally useful line of communication to take up in that portion of the talook, and I consequently propose to change the present nomenclature of District Road No. 27, and enter it as "Chalipoya, *via* Mupynad to the "Karkur Ghaut road," and have the money at present allotted expended on the line thus indicated.

4. As already said, the planters have done much from their private funds, and Mr. Minchin, who has been active in pushing on the work already accomplished, has now undertaken, at my instance, to execute work as described in the enclosed Memorandum. I have submitted Mr. Minchin's letter to Captain Kennedy, now in charge of Wynaad, who approves of the propositions, and considers the rates very reasonable.

The work will be subject to the inspection and approval of Department of Public Works, and I consequently request sanction to make over, at once, to Mr. Minchin for expenditure, as described, the Rupees 5,000 provided in the Budget. As the working season is short, I solicit early orders, and am confident that, if early sanction is accorded, this useful work will be done before the monsoon.

Memorandum.

I. Rupees 2,000.—To make embankments, clear roadway to fifteen feet, cut check-drains on the upper slopes, &c., on road from Charlapoya new bridge to Maypady.

Estimate.

Rupees 280.—Seven small bridges six-foot span, nine-foot roadway. Beams and planks sawing, carriage of timber and erection, say (Rupees 40) forty Rupees each bridge.

,, 100.—One bridge fifteen-foot span, nine-foot roadway, piles, beams, and planks, sawing, carriage, and erection, say Rupees 100.

,, 430.—Tracing and forming roadway twelve feet wide from Charlapoya new bridge, by side of river to end of Caroline Coffee Estate, raising embankments through paddy fields, raising and repairing bridges, distance about half a mile.

,, 150.—Tracing and cutting out check-drain above roadway, eighteen inches wide at top eighteen inches deep; distance about one and a half mile; say, at Rupees 100 per mile.

,, 740.—Raising embankment in paddy fields where necessary, improving approaches to bridges and culverts; for twelve-foot roadway, repairing road and clearing drains; say, Rupees 135 per mile; distance about four miles.

,, 300.—Superintendence of work, three months, Rupees 100 per month.

,, 2,500

II. Rupees 2,500.—Opening earthwork and embankments generally to fifteen feet from the Gudalur road, working westwards, cutting check-drains, &c., and bridging the streams from Gudalur road westward.

Estimate.

Rupees 450.—Fifteen stone-culverts, dry rubble, known as "Neilgherry sub-drains" on road from Gudalur junction to Davala, say, Rupees 30 each.

,, 375.—To trace and cut check-drain above roadway from Gudalur junction to Davala; distance three miles and three-quarters; say, Rupees 100 per mile.

,, 175.—Repairing and widening roadway where necessary, to a width of fifteen feet from Gudalur junction to Davala, 3¾ miles, at Rupees 50 per mile.

,, 900.—Tracing and opening to width of ten feet a new line of road, at a gradient not exceeding one in eighteen from Davala to the Nellayalum river, say three miles of new road, at Rupees 300 per mile.

,, 100.—Raising embankment through paddy field by Nellayalum river, 400 cubic yards at 4 Annas per yard.

,, 500.—Sawing, carriage, and erection of a timber bridge over the Nellayalum river; piles, beams, and planks, three spans one 35 feet, two 12 feet, nine-foot roadway.

Rs. 2,500

,, 500.—III. Tracing and cutting out a bridle-path three feet wide, at proper gradient from Maypady towards Coongoothkatta, say five miles, at Rupees 100 per mile.

Rs. 5,000 Grand Total.

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,
Collector.

1. Recommended for the early sanction of Government.

2. The Collector will state whether the funds in question have been already placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department, and need to be re-transferred.

3. The Board do not see why the Department of Public Works should not make over the funds direct to Mr. Minchin, if Government sanction the proposed arrangement precisely as is done in the case of any contract work.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th January 1867.

No. 542. ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1867, No. 259.

Local Funds, No. 10.
Civil Works.

Sanctioned as recommended.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

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

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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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