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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	552	Press / ~~Mis.~~
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No. 576. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th February 1868, No. 1,028 :—

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1. I have consulted with the Superintending Engineer as to the best works to be taken up so as to afford profitable labor for the poorer classes in case of hard times, the result of scarcity and high prices. I beg to forward copy of a letter* from Colonel Winscom on the subject. I have already stated in a former letter that I anticipate the greatest scarcity will prevail in the Western Talooks and to the south of the district. Colonel Winscom thinks it a desirable policy to offer labor more in the Eastern Talooks where food is procurable at a more moderate price, and so induce the people to leave in numbers those portions of the country where prices are highest. The Survapalli scheme on this principle will offer the inducement of profitable labor to a large number; but I think we are also bound to offer labor to the people near their own homes. The road from the Dornal road to Udayagiri is now in progress, and coolies I hear are flocking to it for employment. I trust an early sanction will be accorded by Government to the plan and estimates for the Dornal road which I have recommended to be taken up as an Imperial line, and also to the plan and estimates of the Nellore and Somaisweram road, and the road from Vencatachellam's Choultry to Survapalli.

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No. 577. From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 14th January 1868, No. 116.

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is more likely to be the case in the delta where the crops are flourishing, than in the upper talooks where its production has failed.

2. The Dornal and Somaisweram roads will give labor to a large extent.

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9. Extension of the Northern Canal from Dugarazupatam to Krishnapatam.

2. The works now selected for the relief of the able-bodied poor are those marginally described.

3. The first work being an Imperial one, the Board request that orders may be issued in the Department of Public Works for some expenditure on it during the current year.

4. The second work, which is already provided in the current year's Road Fund Budget, with an allotment of 5,000 Rupees, is stated to be in fair progress.

5. Regarding the Dornal road (third item), the Board will shortly address Government, with reference to their endorsement, dated 7th October 1867, on a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, submitting plans and estimates for the completion of the work.

6. The estimate for the Nellore and Somaisweram road, (Item No. 4,) amounting to Rupees 68,500, has been submitted to Government. The work is provided in the Supplemental Budget as Item No. 3, with an allotment of Rupees 10,000.

7. An estimate, (Item No. 5,) amounting to Rupees 1,900, for the road from Vencatachellam's Choultry to Survapalli, has been sanctioned by the Board, and the funds for it have been transferred from another work in the Budget.

8. The Board request that the necessary plan and estimate for the road from Chennur to Venkatagherry, (Item No. 6,) which has not yet been entered in the Budget, may be submitted at an early date, also for the road between Kaligiry and Udayagiri (Item No. 7). This work is entered in the Supplemental Budget* with an allotment of Rupees 2,500. These works may, however, be proceeded with in anticipation of the submission of the estimates under authority conveyed in paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, dated 22nd January 1868, No. 185.

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9. As regards the Calingavady bridge, the Board request that the necessary orders may be passed in the Department of Public Works, as it is an Imperial work.

10. With respect to the extension of the Northern Canal, (Item No. 9,) the Board beg to refer Government to their Proceedings, dated 27th January 1868, No. 644, from which it will be observed that they have already recommended

some expenditure on the work from the current year's available balance of the Canal Fund.

No. 578. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1868, No. 552.

Local Funds, No. 26.
Civil Works.

1. Communicated to the Department Public Works.

2. The selection seems suitable. The Government desire that the estimates and plans for the roads to be constructed in the Venkatagherry Zemindary may be submitted, and the works undertaken as soon as possible, as the Zemindar would have just cause of complaint if further delay were to occur in applying to his estate the benefit of the Road Cess.

3. Orders have already been passed on the subjects of paragraphs 6 to 10 of the Board's Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 943.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th February 1868.

Read the following letter from J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th January 1868, No. 27:—

1. I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, Second Division, dated 31st December 1867, No. 110, and submit, for the sanction of the Board of Revenue and Government, the plans and estimates for the Nellore and Someswaram road. For this work, entered No. 3 in the Supplemental Local Fund Budget for 1867-68, Rupees 5,000 were provided to be spent by the Public Works Department, and Rupees 5,000 by the Revenue Department. Colonel Winscom states that only the former sum can be laid out within the year, and I quite agree with him that it is not desirable that two departments should be engaged upon the work of the same road.

2. With my letter, dated 22nd October 1867, No. 1,143, I have forwarded to the Board Colonel Winscom's proposal, for the allowance of an extra establishment, to enable the Department of Public Works to undertake the execution of all the works to be charged to the District Road Fund.

3. The Nellore and Someswaram, is calculated to be a most useful road opening up a new line of communication with the Cuddapah district and the Railway; but it is very important that the officials of that district should work in co-operation with us and carry on the road which we bring to their frontier. I trust the present plans and estimate may receive an early sanction that the work may be commenced at once. The want of rain has been severely felt in the Western talooks, and it is very desirable to provide in time remunerative labour for the poorer classes.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. V. WINSCOM, R. E., Superintending Engineer, Second Division, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 31st December 1867, No. 110.

1. I have the honour to forward, for your countersignature and transmission of the Board of Revenue and Government for sanction, plans and estimates, as per margin, for the construction of a District road from Nellore to to Someswaram. The length of the line is 46 miles and 736 yards, and the amount of the estimated cost Rupees 68,500, being on an average nearly Rupees 1,473 per mile.

1 Survey (to be returned.)
27 Plans.
2 Detailed Estimates.
2 Abstract Estimates.
1 Specification Report.

2. The line has been carefully laid out under my directions by Mr. Supervisor Plummer, and was cleared, and made to a certain extent traversable for bandies by the Revenue Department under the Collector Mr. Dykes.

3. It is a very important line leading from Nellore to the Cuddapah district through the Someswaram Ghauts. It is desirable that it should be continued from Someswaram to Cuddapah by the Public Works Department in that district, and I trust that Government will arrange this in order that a satisfactory thoroughfare be established. In the Nellore district it will open out a valuable tract of land, (as may be seen by the map,) in which there are at present no roads beyond the common bandy-tracks. Should the Irrigation Company's scheme for utilizing the water of the Pennair by the means of channel from Someswaram ever be carried out, the line will become of still more importance than at present.

4. Rupees 10,000* have been sanctioned, in the Budget for the current year, of which Rupees 5,000 can be expended by this department during this year. I request the permission of Government, should they approve of the general design, to proceed at once with the work. I have directed materials to be prepared in anticipation, and, as regards the Rupees 5,000 allotted to the Revenue Department, I beg to refer you to your letter, dated 26th September 1867, No. 885, and my reply† in which I agreed with you that it would be expedient that the entire work should be executed by this department, provided

* Rupees 5,000 by P. W. Dept.
,, 5,000 by Rev. Dept.

† No. 80, dated 16th October 1867.

an extra establishment be allowed for the purpose, but this latter amount cannot be expended during this year.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. A. C. BOSWELL,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 33.—Plans and estimates.

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1. The estimate, amounting to Rupees 68,500, will be submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. The entire work will be intrusted to the Department of Public Works, and the attention of the Collector of Cuddapah will be drawn to the subject of the early continuation of the road to Cuddapah.

3. Instructions will shortly reach the Collector as to the extra establishment.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Rev. Dept.,
with plans and estimates.
" ~~Copy~~ To the Acting Collector of Nellore.
" to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 1,028.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. A. C. BOSWELL,
Acting Collector.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 7th February 1868.

No. 943.

Submitting to Government estimate, amounting to Rupees 68,500, for construction of road from Nellore to Someswaram in Nellore District and drawing Collectors attention to the subject of the early continuation of the road to Cuddapah.

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3. Dornal road.
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6. Road from Chennur to Vencatagiry.
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8. Road from Kaligiry to Udayagiry.
9. Extension of the Northern Canal from Dugarazupatam to Kistnapatam.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Nellore.
,, to W. Robinson, Esq., C.S.I.,
Additional Member of the Board of Revenue, on special duty.
,, to the Superintending Engineer, Second Division.

Exd. J. Wright.

Dated 11th February 1868.

Submitting for orders letter from Acting Collector of Nellore regarding best works to be undertaken for the relief of the able bodied poor.

No. 1,028.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No. 498

Dated 13th February 1868.

Revenue Department

Revd. 532.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt. under date the 28th Feby 1868.

Read the following Rep: of the Bd of Revenue.

Submitting Estimate amounting to Rs. 68,500, for construction of road from Nellore to Someswaram in Nellore district, and drawing Collr's attention to the subject of the early continuation of the road to Eddapah.

Submitting letter from Actg Collr of Nellore regarding best works to be undertaken for the relief of the able bodied poor.

Rec'd 14th Feb: 1868 No 943/ Encl Rs. 509 dated 24 Feb 1867

Rec'd 11th Feb: 1868 No 1028/

Communicate to the Secretary Public Works.

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