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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 206. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th August 1869, No. 6,091 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 29th July 1869, No. 232.

The Municipal Commissioners of Masulipatam have received charge from the Executive Engineer of all the roads and avenues within Municipal limits, with the exception of the road from Masulipatam to Hyderabad which passes through the Municipality, but which, with reference to Government Order, Public Department, dated 20th August 1867, No. 1,024, must be regarded as an Imperial line in its whole length, and should, therefore, be kept up by the Department of Public Works with grants from Imperial Funds.

2. A portion of this road, however, from Chinnapuram basin to Robertson's pettah has, I find, been hitherto maintained by a grant from Local Funds, which has been stopped this year.

3. Part of this road is in very bad order, and on account of the large amount of traffic passing over it, the repairs ought to be undertaken without delay.

4. In reply to my application to the Executive Engineer, he wrote in a letter, dated 12th July 1869, No. 261, as follows:—

"I know it is in very bad order.

"The amount sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer out of the Budget "allotment of Rupees 28,440 for the repairs of the road from Masulipatam to the "Hyderabad frontier, *via* Bezoarah, for this range is but Rupees 2,330, which for "the length of nineteen miles from the fort to Pamurru is rather under Rupees 123 "per mile.

"For the first four-and-a-half miles, *viz.*, from the fort to Colonel Anderson's "bridge, where there is by far the greatest traffic, I have allowed Rupees 900, or at "the rate of Rupees 200 per mile, and for the remaining fourteen-and-a-half miles "I have allowed Rupees 1,430, being rather under the rate of Rupees 99 per mile.

"As far as the sum of Rupees 300 for the mile-and-a-half of road from Robert- "son's pettah to Colonel Anderson's bridge goes, I shall put the road in order to "that extent without delay.

"It is hardly necessary to observe that such an allotment is wholly inadequate, "if not altogether useless, for a road under such heavy traffic; and if it is not "increased for the future, no trace of earth-works will be left after a few years; they "are now fast disappearing, being blown and washed away in many places."

5. On receiving this letter, I addressed the Superintending Engineer requesting him to take steps, if possible, to have the annual allotment increased. I beg to forward a copy of his reply, dated 21st July 1869, No. 98. He states that he is unable to sanction any transfer of funds, but will be glad if empowered to estimate for the proper construction of the road which has never been properly made. He estimates that the cost would be from Rupees 1,000 to Rupees 4,500 per mile. As this road is one of great importance, I beg that the Board will recommend Government to sanction an estimate and allot funds for its construction at as early a date

as possible. The portion that runs through the heart of the town of Masulipatam should be first undertaken, as the allotment from Local Funds has been withdrawn this year.

Enclosure No. 1.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, dated Bezoarah, 21st July 1869, No. 98.

In reply to your No. 194, 15th July, I have the honour to call your attention to Department Public Works Code, Chapter V., paragraphs 66, 67, and 72. From the first you will observe that an annual grant is to be allotted on the "completion" of a road. I do not know who was so bold as to declare the line to Masulipatam completed.

2. Paragraph 67 lays down a rule for calculating the repairs; but as there is nothing except an earth-bank to repair, it is difficult to fulfil the order.

3. Paragraph 72 forbids the expenditure of other funds on a road provided with maintenance allowance. There are no discretionary funds now at all, so that I could not divert other money if I had authority.

4. I do not know why any distinction has been made in dividing the road between the fort and Anderson's bridge. It is all included in the grant from Imperial Funds, and should be maintained from the allowance.

5. I have no control over it as Mr. McAlpine seems to think. Rupees 6,300 were sanctioned in Government Order, No. 2,280 of 11th December 1861, for the road from Bezoarah to Masulipatam, and has been, as usual, divided between the 6th and 7th Ranges.

6. Rupees 22,140 were sanctioned in Government Order, Nos. 2,994 and 2,790 of 20th September 1867 and 1st September 1868, respectively, for the road from Bezoarah to Hyderabad, a metalled line, and I have no power to transfer from one to the other.

7. I cannot but regret the condition of the road which is extremely bad, and shall be glad to be empowered to estimate for its proper construction. I believe, carried along the channel bank, it would not be very costly, perhaps from Rupees 4,000 to Rupees 4,500 per mile.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board concur with the Collector in considering that the road referred to by him should be re-made, and an adequate maintenance allowance assigned to it as soon as possible.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

Fort St. George,
16*th September* 1869.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 207. Order thereon, 11th October 1869, No. 3,277.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 27.

The Government approve of an estimate being prepared for the formation of the road referred to in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue above recorded, but as many works of equal importance,

which are incomplete, are held in abeyance for want of money, His Excellency in Council sees no hope of being able to provide funds for the road.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Public Works Department
No 3277

Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 11th October 79.
Read the following.

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(N.R. Nos 6091 & 16th Aug 79)

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To
The Secretary to
Board of Revenue
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Superintending Engineer
2nd Division

Dated

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G. O. 11th October 1869 No. 3277

Nos. 206-207

Read the proceedings noted in the
letter from the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue dated 4th
September 1869 No. 1 of 1869
Ordered.