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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 21st January 1870.

No 506 Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department —

Funds of the road from Veriapatti to Yeravadi in Tinnevelly District—Transfer of Rupees 9,915 for repair of certain other roads, sanctioned } (Here enter 13th January 1870, No. 87.)

No. 507. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1870, No. 263.

LOCAL FUND, No. 51

Civil Works

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 8th DIVISION.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No 180. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th December 1869.

Read the following letters —

From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq , Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th October 1869, No 413

		RS
Reserve ...	...	13,250
Deduct—		
Road from Nanguneri to Tirukurungudi .	5,860	
Do from Tinnevelly to Strivilliputtur, *via* Sankaranainarkovil .	2,403	
Do from Palamcottah to Kalladaikurichi ...	250	
Culvert on the road from Shermadevi to Kalladaikurichi .	200	
Chain for Shermadevi boat .	12	
Completing road from Vallam to the Travancore frontier. —*Vide* Collector's letter to Board, No 367, dated 25th September 1869 ...	1,100	
		9,825
Remainder .		3,425

I HAVE the honour to forward copy of a letter from the Superintending Engineer, No 1,586, dated the 8th instant, and beg that the sum of Rupees 4,915 applied for may be sanctioned by a transfer of funds from the sum allowed for the road between Viziapati and Yeirvadi, the estimate for which I asked the Board's sanction in my letter, No 268, dated 5th July last The Reserve Funds of the district have been drawn upon as shown in the margin, and the actual balance under that head is only Rupees 3,425.

2. As Captain Prendergast shows, this sum of Rupees 4,915 is very urgently [illegible] under the impression that the item of [illegible] four works is irregular, on account of there being no appropriation of funds , and I will thank you to apply to the Board for an assignment of Rupees 4,915 being made to this department from the Reserve Funds. There was some doubt, when I last saw you as to the actual available balance of the reserve , but as this demand for Rupees 4,915 is absolutely necessary, I can, if the amount is not otherwise available, make transfers from the funds now at my disposal There is an item of Rupees 10,000 in the Budget, Part I , No 102, for the road between Viziapati and Yeirvadi, the estimate for which is not sanctioned, and work consequently not begun , and with the approval of the Board the sum of Rupees 4,915 can be taken from this item, leaving Rupees 5,085 for expenditure, when the new estimate is sanctioned by Government

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From C T. LONGLEY, Esq , Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th December 1869, No 471.

IN consequence of the great damage done to the local roads by the late gale, I purpose forwarding to the Board shortly a statement of revised allotments of the District Road Fund. In the meantime, in conjunction with the Superintending Engineer, I have the honour to request the Board will place at my disposal for the emergent repairs to local roads, so greatly needed, Rupees 5,000, a moiety of the allotment for the current year for the road from Viziapati to Yeirvadi. I have already recommended the transfer of the other half (Rupees 5,000) to the roads and bridges named in the margin in my letter, No 413, dated 20th October last.

	RS
Maintenance of road between Palamcottah and Trichendur	2,345
Repairs to bridge over Kodagan channel on road from Pottalpudur through Pudumadei .	700
Repairs to bridge on road between Casmayorpuram and Nanmgaram .	70
Maintenance of road between Kovilpatti and Ettiapuram . . .	1,600
Total ..	4,915

hitherto been a certain sum provided, as discretionary allowance, for distribution by the local authorities In this year, however, for the first time, this provision was struck out, and I presume reliance was placed by you on the general sanction given by telegram that the Rupees 5,000 was to be at your disposal, when you despatched your statement of unfinished works, for which no entries had been made in the Budget for 1869-70, dated the 9th June 1869. The four works now brought forward ought not properly to have been included in that statement, inasmuch as the works do not come under the head of "Unfinished," but under other circumstances that would have been the opportunity for making known the requirements for the current year The last of these four items is for the maintenance of the very important junction between the main southern road No 2 at Covilputti and the Cotton road No. 14 at Ettiapuram I made mention of this in my letter to you, No 191, of the 26th April 1869, and we afterwards agreed that no time could be allowed to pass without maintaining this road, over which the great trade in Cotton passes on its way to Tuticorin This same road, which was formerly Imperial, became one of the local roads last year, and hence there was no entry in the Local Budget, no estimate was made afresh also, because a maintenance allowance of Rupees 200 a mile has always been given, and in this year we only required that it should be restored. When the road is made throughout from Vypar to Sattur the importance of the branch from Covilputti to Ettiapuram may be less than it is now; but some time must elapse before funds are given to complete the road No 15, (Vypar through Sattur to Srivilliputtur) the estimate for which amounts to Rupees 1,32,000, and it being still doubtful, whether any entry in the Imperial Budget for next year will be sanctioned, so as to allow of the *commencement* only of the work The amount entered (Rupees 1,600) is rather under the mark, as there are nine miles between Covilputti and Ettiapuram, and we have provided Rupees 1,800 in the Budget for next year. The maintenance of the road between Palamcottah and Trichendur is also provided for in the next year's Budget; but the other two items for repairs o bridges are casual estimates, which do not call f[illegible] particular explanation.

Rupees 5,000, entered in the Collector's Budget for "Petty Repairs," was sanctioned by the Board; they having on the 1st of April telegraphed to me as follows:—

"Local Fund Budget not yet printed. Collector's Budget adopted, except "item 3, which has been struck out as Imperial."

3. In the printed copy of the Budget this 5,000 rupees for petty repairs was left out. I certainly presumed on the strength of the telegram that 5,000 rupees was at my disposal.

ENCLOSURE No 1.

From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Madura, 8th October 1869, No 1,586

I HAVE the honour to bring to your notice that, after all our discussions and arrangements for the expenditure of the District Road Funds for this year and next, the sanction of the Board of Revenue is still required on account of four repair-estimates, which have been put in hand, but for which there is no assignment of funds These are for—

	RS.
Maintenance of road between Palamcottah and Trichendur . .	2,545
Repairs to bridge over Codagan channel on road from Pottalputhur, through Pudumadei	700
Repairs to bridge on road between Casmajorpuram and Nannagaram	70
Maintenance of road between Kovilpatti and Ettiapuram .	1,600
Total . .	4,915

2 You will remember that early in the official year the Board sent you a telegram to the effect that the Budget for this year was approved, as prepared in your office, and in the District Budget there was an item of Rupees 5,000 for "petty repairs to roads" On the strength of this the three first estimates noted above were sanctioned by us in the usual course; there having always

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IN the first of the foregoing letters, the Acting Collector requests that a sum of Rupees 4,915 may be transferred from the allotment of Rupees 10,000, for the construction of a road from Viziapatti to Yeirvadi, which appears as Item No. 162 in the current year's Road Fund Budget, to certain repairs which have been executed by the Public Works Department, though no specific allotments were made for them.

2. In his second letter Mr. Longley requests that the other half of the allotment in question, namely, Rupees 5,000, may be placed at his disposal for the immediate repair of certain local roads much damaged by the late gale.

3. As the transfer of Rupees 9,915 solicited is from new works to repairs, the Board request that the Government will be pleased to accord their sanction to it.

4. In anticipation of the formal sanction of Government, the Board authorize Mr. Longley to expend Rupees 5,000 in the manner proposed by him in his second letter, subject to his furnishing a statement showing the distribution of the amount for their information.

5. On the receipt of the orders of Government, the Board will request the Accountant-General to deduct Rupees 5,000 from the total allotment already placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department.

6 With reference to paragraphs 2 and 3 of Mr. Longley's first letter, his attention is drawn to paragraph 9 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd December 1868, No. 8,531, in which it is stated that the allotments proposed in the Collector's Budgets on account of minor new works and repairs have been struck out, and no assignments for original wo[illegible] The telegram, dated 1st April 1869, sent from this Office, was intended to refer only to the original works and repairs, which were specified in Parts I. and II. of the Budget, as adopted by the Board and sanctioned by Government.

No. 181. ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1870, No. 87.

Local Funds, No. 4
Civil Works

THE transfer of Rupees 9,915 from "New, Works" to "Repairs" recommended by the Board of Revenue, is approved.

(True Extract)

Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

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Loss of Cloth used from Europe Dooreahs in Tinnevelly District—Iram Rupees 9,915 for repairs of carts and other particulars

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To the Supt Engr 8th Division
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To The Superintending Engr
S. W. Division

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Report Govt. Cons. 8th Jany 1870 sanctioning the Remission of Peishcush of Rs 9915- for certain Villages in the Limeravelly Estate & Collr of the Ceded Dists concerned.