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No. 485. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Salt revenue in Kistna District.—Explanation of the Collector relating to its falling off in November last, communicated to Government of India by telegraph. (Here enter 15th February 1870, No. 221.)

No. 486. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1870, No. 626.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 57.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Division, who will submit an estimate of the probable cost of carrying out the repairs to the salt roads referred to by the Acting Collector of the Kistna District.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. E .C. Shunker.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

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Salt roads.—The Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Division requested to submit an estimate of the probable cost of carrying out the repairs to certain salt roads in the Kistna District.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th February 1870.

No. 145. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1870 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 3rd February 1870, No. 486.

WITH reference to the telegram, received from you on 28th January, requiring me to furnish further information as to the falling off of the Salt-revenue in November last, I have the honour to state that it is due—

First,—To the Brinjaries having come for salt this year later than usual, in consequence of the heavy rains that fell in October and November;

Second,—To an impression that has got abroad that the price of salt has been only temporarily raised, and is likely to be lowered again. The only ground for this idea seems to be that in the district of Nellore, when the new rates were introduced, the order stated that these rates will be enforced "till further orders."

2. The long and continued rains this year have somewhat delayed agricultural operations, and traders were later in resorting to the kotaurs for salt, which has affected inland-sales.

3. The salt-roads have, in some cases, been seriously injured by the heavy rains, bridges being washed away, etc. I have written to the Superintending Engineer to beg that emergent estimates might be prepared and the roads made passable, but he states that he is absolutely without funds, and that on an application to Government for money to finish the Kalingareddy bridge, they have expressed their regret that they cannot provide the necessary means.

4. When I was in the Gudiwada Talook a few days ago, I was visited by a deputation of Brinjaries, begging that the road to Pandraka Salt-station might be made passable, as, in consequence of a bridge having been washed away, they were unable to cross a certain channel. At my request, the Executive Engineer has cut off the water entering this channel, and thus enabled the pack-cattle to ford the channel; but there are other repairs emergently required on this imperial road.

5. Again at Nizampatam, the temporary palmyra bridge leading to the Salt Kotaurs has been washed away, and there are no funds to re-place it; so that traffic is much impeded, all conveyances having to be by boats.

I would strongly recommend that funds should be made available for any emergent repairs, the neglect of which may involve a serious loss of revenue.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to G. O., dated 27th January 1870, No. 149.

2. Their attention is called specially to paragraph 4.

3. The Board direct the Collector to proceed with petty repairs when emergently required, meeting the expenditure from the reserve under Petty Construction and Repair, but for the serious reduction which has lately been made in that allotment.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th February 1870.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1870, No. 221.

Separate Revenue, No. 8.
Salt.

RESOLVED that the contents of the foregoing letter be communicated to the Government of India by telegraph, with reference to their Financial Secretary's telegram, dated 25th January 1870.

2. The Acting Collector's remarks upon the salt-roads of the district will receive further consideration in the Public Works Department.

TELEGRAM.

To Financial Secretary.

"YOUR telegrams of 25th ultimo and 11th instant received. Falling off of salt-sales in Kistna District chiefly ascribed to the arrival of inland traders having been delayed by the rains. Salt-revenue for January is Rupees 12,32,759, or twice Rupees 6,16,379½. A full report on consumption will follow in reply to your Under-Secretary's letter of the 19th ultimo."

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Copy sent.

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