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18th March 1870.*

No. 340. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th January 1870, No. 512:—

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated 2nd August 1869, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August 1869, No. 6,323.

Read also the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Courtallam, 13th September 1869, No. 353:—

In reply to Board's Proceedings, No. 6,323, dated 23rd ultimo, I have the honour to state that the difference
 * 20 miles and 1,225 yards. between the length of the direct road*
 † 25 „ and 1,604 „ from Tinnevely to Strivycuntum and

that now proposed† is 5 miles and 279 yards, and the additional maintenance will be Rupees 520 annually.

With the first of the foregoing letters the Acting Collector submitted for sanction an alternative estimate, amounting to Rupees 54,400, (not Rupees 54,600 as stated in the letter,) for the construction of a road from Tinnevely, via Sivilliperi and Vallanad to Strivycuntum, which appears as Item No. 150 in the current year's Road Fund Budget.

2. An estimate for the same road, amounting to Rupees 44,600, was sanctioned in Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 7th April 1868, No. 933. The present estimate is for altering the direction of the line originally proposed, so as to carry it along the bunds of the intermediate tanks. The result appears to be that the length of the road will be increased by 5 miles and 279 yards, or about 25 per cent.; that the annual maintenance allowance must be raised by Rupees 520; and that Rupees 17,400 out of the total of the estimate will be spent on Imperial irrigation works, whilst, according to Government Order, 4th February 1869, No. 365, (Irrigation,) the portion of the cost to be defrayed from Imperial Funds will be only Rupees 9,800.

3. The modified estimate is made up of the following items:—

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1. Earth-work	4,005
2. Gravelling	2,844
3. Metalling	21,127
4. Turfing	666
5. Levelling	1,722
6. Bridges, etc.	4,033
7. Superintendence and sundries.	2,603
8. Irrigation Works	17,400
Total..	54,400

In submitting it for the sanction of Government, the Board respectfully request the attention of Government to their Proceedings of the 25th May 1869, No. 3,658, which were recorded without any exposition of the views of Government in Government Order, 9th June 1869, No. 1,636. The present case is an illustration of the argument submitted in those Proceedings, and the Board are strongly of

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opinion that Government, in addition to providing the excess cost from Imperial Funds, should also engage to defray the corresponding increase in maintenance allowance.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
14th February 1870.

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,

Actg. Under-Secretary to Government, R. D.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1869, No. 6,323 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd August 1869, No. 304 :—

AN estimate of Rupees 44,600 for the construction of a road from Tinnevely *via* Siviliperi and Vallanad to Strivycuntum was sanctioned in Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 7th April 1868, No. 933, and a sum of Rupees 10,376 was spent on it during last year; there is also an allotment of Rupees 10,000 sanctioned in the current year's Budget. The Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, has now sent in an alternative estimate for Rupees 54,600 for the road being carried along the bunds of the intermediate tanks, in view to benefit these irrigation works by strengthening the bunds instead of taking the direct line as per previous estimate, thereby increasing the amount of the original estimate by Rupees 9,800, to be met from Imperial Funds under the head "New Works, Agricultural."

2. I quite approve of the Superintending Engineer's plan (proposed by Mr. Puckle) for altering the line of road as tending to secure greater efficiency in irrigation works, and beg strongly to recommend that sanction may be obtained for the excess expenditure of Rupees 9,800 by the Department of Public Works from the source pointed out.

3. Copy of the Superintending Engineer's letter and its original enclosures (estimates) are herewith sent.

4. A sum of Rupees 1,40,000 has been allotted in the Public Works Budget of 1869-70 under the head "New Works, Agricultural," for the Strivycuntum Anicut Project alone, and the Superintending Engineer states, in the concluding paragraph of his letter, that the money cannot be obtained from the Budget allotment for repairs.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain H. L. PRENDERGAST, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated Pulney, 21st July 1869, No. 945.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for your approval and for sanction through the Board of Revenue,

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an alternative estimate of Rupees 54,400 for the road between Tinnevely *via* Siviliperi and Vallanad to Strivycuntum being carried along the bunds of the intermediate tanks, and for 5½ miles along the Marudur Kilakal Channel,

instead of following the direct line according to the previous estimate of Rupees 44,600 already sanctioned, and for which there is a provision of Rupees 10,000 in this year's Local Fund Budget, Item No. 25.

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2. By paragraph 2 of Government Order, No. 365, dated 4th February 1869, the difference between the cost of the line selected incorporating a distinct road with a water dyke and the estimate of the road alone in its most direct and natural course should be charged to the Irrigation Funds, the necessary cost of the road alone being debited to the Road Fund. Hence in this case the original sanction of Rupees 44,600 from the Local Funds will hold good, and the excess contemplated expenditure, Rupees 9,800, remains to be provided by the Government from Imperial Funds under Agricultural.

3. I would recommend that this sum of Rupees 9,800 be granted under the head of "New Works, Agricultural;" for, while the irrigation works will be benefitted by the strengthening of the bunds, the improvements to them to be thus effected will consist in more than ordinary repairs for preservation, and, there being so many requirements for *bona fide* repairs all over the district, the money cannot be obtained from the Budget allotment for repairs.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 24.—Estimates.

ENCLOSURE No. 25.—Specification Report.

THE Collector will report the difference between the length of the direct road and that now proposed, and between the annual maintenance allowance which would have to be assigned to them.

No. 341. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1870, No. 811.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 32.

G. O., No. 933, dated 7th April 1868, Revenue Department.

IN 1868 sanction was accorded to an estimate of Rupees 44,600 for the construction of a road from Tinnevely *via* Sivilliperi and Vallanad to Strivycuntum in the Tinnevely District.

The work forms Item No. 25 of Part II. of the Local Fund Budget of the current Official year.

2. In their Proceedings above recorded the Board of Revenue submit an alternative estimate of Rupees 54,400 for carrying the road along the banks of certain intermediate tanks instead of in a direct line as originally contemplated. By this arrangement, while the tank bunds will be strengthened, the length of the road will be increased by 5 miles and 379 yards, and the cost of its formation by Rupees 9,800. The Board request that this sum may be disbursed from Imperial Funds in pursuance of the orders contained in paragraph 6 of G. O., dated 4th February 1869, No. 365, and that, for the reasons explained in their Proceedings* of the 25th May 1869, No. 3,658,

* G. O., No. 2,051, dated 24th June 1869. the outlay of Rupees 520 required annually for the maintenance of the additional length of the road may be also met from the same source.

3. As the annual assignment of Imperial Funds for the public works of this Presidency is not likely to be sufficient to meet the requirements of strictly Imperial roads, His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no prospect of being in a

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position to appropriate any portion of the Public Works Budget grant in the manner suggested by the Board, and it will, therefore, be considered in the Revenue Department whether the cost of the whole line of road may not be properly charged to Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.

of Revenue submit an alternative estimate of Rs. 54,400 for carrying the road along the banks of certain intermediate banks instead of in a direct line as originally contemplated. By this arrangement, while the bank-bunds will be strengthened, the length of the road will be increased by 5 miles and 379 yards, and the cost of its formation, by Rs. 9,000. The Board request that this sum may be disbursed from Imperial funds in

G.O. No 2057 of 24th June 69

pursuance of the orders contained in para 6 of G.O. dated 4th Feb'y 69 No 365, and that for the reasons explained in their Progs. of the 25th May 1869 No 3658, the outlay of Rs. 520 required annually for the maintenance of the additional length of the road may be also met from the same source.

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