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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th November 1870.*

No. 342. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1870, No. 6,327:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Guvalchervoo, 24th September 1870, No. 169.

ADVERTING to paragraph 7 of the Proceedings of the Board, dated 9th instant, No. 5,670, I have the honour to draw the Board's attention to Government Order, Revenue Department, dated 29th October

* Communicated in Board's Proceedings, 1869, No. 2,884,* from which they will observe that both themselves and the No. 8,852, dated 1st December 1869.

Government accepted the reasons I gave for my inability to furnish the information regarding the mileage of imperial roads, required in Government Order, dated 11th November 1868, No. 2,831, and the Government called for that information direct from the Superintending Engineer.

2. Adverting to the Board's observations in paragraph 5, I beg to explain that I have been under the impression that these reports were intended to convey information regarding imperial works only, and, setting aside the subject of communications for the reasons given above, there was, as stated in paragraph 4 of my Report, literally little or nothing of any particular importance to report upon; the only two noticeable incidents I mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 6.

3. A glance at the figures will show this: Rupees 22,168 were spent on Civil Buildings, New Works, and of this, I noticed the only large item Rupees 11,240. The remainder was spread over a number of the new Talook Cutcheries in comparatively small sums. Only Rupees 23,924 was spent on agricultural repairs; and this sum was, of course, distributed in small amounts over a number of unimportant works. The only other at all considerable sum was Rupees 33,510 for the repairs of the trunk roads.

4. Thus, with respect to imperial expenditure, I trust the Board will perceive that my report was not more meagre than the actual circumstances justified. No one would have been more glad than myself if the actual circumstances had not been such as to have justified a meagre report on expenditure on imperial works.

5. I regret that, from what, judging by the Board's observations, I must presume to have been a misapprehension on my part of the purpose of the report, I should have omitted to have furnished particulars of the expenditure on local works. It is true that even here also there would have been little of particular importance to report upon, because the condition of our District Road Fund is, as the Board are aware, such that we cannot deal in large items of expenditure, and the bulk of the annual assets is cut up and distributed in moderate maintenance allowances for a large number of lines of road. Such information regarding these as could have been given, it would have been an easy task for me to give, seeing that I had personally inspected, during the year, almost every mile of road, good, bad, and indifferent, throughout the district, and that there is no subject to which, for the past two years, I have devoted such unremitting attention, and in which I have felt more genuine interest than the improvement of the communications.

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6. I cannot but believe that the Board are aware of this, and that it would be a subject of regret to them should their observations give the Government ground to believe that there had been even a shadow of substantive shortcoming on my part in connection with so important a duty.

7. In quitting Cuddapah, as I am about to do, I can truly say that I shall regret the severance of my interest in its roads more than any thing else. People in the district would call them my particular hobby.

THE information with regard to the mileage of imperial roads should be obtained from the Superintending Engineer.

2. The report in question has no reference to expenditure from Local Funds.

No. 343.

ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1870, No. 2,776.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 25.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

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Dated November 15th.

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G. O., 15th November 1870. No. 2776

NOVEMBER.

No. 312-313

Imperial roads.—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue informing the Collector of Cuddapah that information regarding the mileage, etc., of imperial roads should be obtained from the Superintending Engineer, communicated to the officer concerned.

1870. Sept.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.
No. 4434

PROCEEDINGS, 26TH OCTOBER 1870, No 6,327.

Received 4th November 1870. Encl.

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No. 6,327.

Imperial roads.—Collector of Cuddapah informed that information regarding mileage, &c., of, required to be furnished with Public Works report, should be obtained from Superintending Engineer.

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