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No. 246. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 29th August 1871, No. 127 :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th August 1871, No. 3,510.

From the Collector of Salem, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th July 1871, No. 2,155.

I HAVE the honour to reply to Board's Proceedings, No. 1,576, dated 15th April 1871, calling upon certain Collectors to report on the working of the system of up-keep of Local Fund roads by the Revenue Department.

2. In this district the system has worked remarkably well, and the results are satisfactory so far as good and passable roads are concerned. I see no difficulty in maintaining Local Fund roads through the agency of the Revenue Officers, who, in my opinion, are quite competent to superintend works of this kind, which require no professional skill in their execution. The description of work that is executed consists merely of ordinary repairs to roads; all new works, as well as masonry works of all kinds, are entrusted to the professional department.

3. All the Local Fund roads in this district are in very good order, and so long as the European officers and Tahsildars do their duty, it is not possible for roads to get into such a deplorable condition as those of the Kurnool District, as described by Mr Chase. If a proper system is established, and each divisional officer sees that his Tahsildars inspect the roads in their respective talooks, and send in monthly reports of their condition, I believe that the results will be far more satisfactory than they would otherwise be, if the works were under the Public Works Department, who have already in this more work than it is possible for the Range Officers properly to supervise. The work would certainly not be cheaper, and if the Revenue Department is able to execute the work as well and cheaper than the Department Public Works, there seems no necessity for transferring this work of repair to the professional department. I would recommend that the existing arrangement be allowed to remain as it is for the present. If it is necessary under the working of the Local Fund Act to make a change, the subject will be again brought to the Board's notice.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 21st March 1871, No. 501, Revenue Department.

COMMUNICATED to the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. deC. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.,
for *Secy. to Govt., R.D.*

No. 247. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1871, No. 2,351.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 15.
Civil Works.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division

Exd. E. C Shunker.

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(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Salem.

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Asst Secy

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

To The Public Works Secretary

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