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No. 248. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th August 1871, No. 3,454 .—

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When the Railway is opened there will be a station at Satur, and an immense impetus will then be given to the sale of salt at Vypar; the necessity for a road connecting these places is therefore urgent, and I am in communication with the Superintending Engineer on the subject; as all roads are now transferred to Local Funds, an allotment will be made for this line in the Local Funds Budget for this year. The few miles that were made prior to 1868 are in fair order, and a sum of 1,830 Rupees has been entered in the Salt Works Budget for the improvement of this section this year.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 16th September 1871.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to their Proceedings in the Revenue Department, dated 2nd October 1865, No. 2,379.

No. 249. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1871, No. 2,352.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 16. ORDERED to be recorded

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. deC. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government

Exd. E. C. Shunker

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Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department

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" to the Collector of Tinnevelly.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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