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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th February 1877. No. 448.*

No. 255. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 30th January 1877, No. 406 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th January 1877, Miscellaneous No. 707.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 5th January 1877, No. 20, communicating to the Board of Revenue G.O., Public Works Department, on letter from District Engineer applying for funds for the salt road from Koppolu to Biramgunta.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Nellore.

2. The Board observe that the completion of the work from relief funds by the officers engaged on the canal extension was sanctioned in G.O., 29th November 1876, No. 1,856, Revenue Department.

G.O., 29th November 1876, No. 1,856, Revenue Department, should have been communicated to the Public Works Department. The order of the latter Department, dated 20th December 1876, No. 3,499, was apparently passed without the knowledge that the work had been ordered to be carried out as a relief work. The Revenue Department Government Order of November will now be communicated to the Public Works Department in view to the Public Works order above quoted being reconsidered.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

No. 256.

ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1877, No. 448.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 17.

SEEING that the road is to be carried out as a relief work and not from Provincial Funds, as was understood when

the orders in this Department, No. 3,499, dated 20th December 1876, were issued, the sum of Rupees 2,000 assigned for the work during the current year from Provincial Funds will be replaced at the disposal of Government and credited to the Provincial Reserve.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nellore.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Financial do.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th November 1876.*

No. 579. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th November 1876, No. 2,967:—

Read the following letter from C. E. PLUNKETT, Esq., Deputy Collector, in charge of the Salt Department, to F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 6th November 1876, No. 172:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of your endorsement, dated 7th ultimo, No. 2,789, to copy of G. O., Revenue Department, of 26th September 1876, No. 1,344, communicated with Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 8,420, dated 3rd ultimo,

*No. 553, dated 3rd November 1876.

I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter* received from the Ongole Range

Officer, Mr. Sub-Engineer, Ottmann, regarding the work on the Koppolu and Biramgunta Road and the postponement of the grant of the funds required to complete it.

2. The work on this road was begun originally in 1864-65; a small outlay was incurred on it in that year and in the three following years or up to 1867-68, in making tunnels and embanking one or two bad bits. Then there was a break, and no more work was done for four years, or up to 1871-72. With the following year (1872-73) work was started a second time, and with frequent stoppages from want of funds it has been dragging its slow length along year by year since, for five years now, and still it is proposed in the orders quoted at the beginning of this letter to again postpone its completion to yet another year. The whole length is not quite five-and-a-quarter miles, and, considering that it is now thirteen years since the first bit of work was undertaken on it by the Public Works Department, we have not been making more than three furlongs of road per year, and, if even these three furlongs were fully completed and laid out year by year fit for traffic, it might be thought some good had been effected, but no; after so many years and so much expenditure a fourth of the road is still not open to traffic, and when I went to Biramgunta six weeks ago I passed by the line wistfully longing for its completion and the time when I could get my bandies from Koppolu to Biramgunta freely without having the wheels sinking into black cotton mud of more or less depth, aided by several men to push the bandies on.

3. With all deference to the Range Officer's opinion in the last paragraph of his accompanying letter that "the work if postponed will not suffer," I cannot help thinking that it must do so, if not from a professional point of view by deterioration, at all events financially it must. These frequent postponements and prolongment of ago is yet not made use of, and so is thrown about by almost every gang of dealers, who come to the depôt for salt; the stones are taken by them for fire-places, and thus all over the Biramgunta plain for several hundred yards on either side of the line of road stones gathered originally as road jelly will be found scattered. This must be so much material wasted or lost, and I think it will be admitted by every one that it will be true economy to complete the work, and that any postponement is much to be deprecated.

P.S.—I do not mean by what I have written above to reflect upon the conduct of the work by the Officers of the Public Works Department. They are, I believe, quite as anxious as myself to have the road completed, but, if constantly interrupted

in their progress by the want of assignment of the necessary funds, it is obvious they cannot prevent the delay that I have described, or the consequent loss and enhancement of cost that must, I think, be the inevitable result.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From S. W. H. OTTMANN, Esq., Sub-Engineer, in charge of Northern Range, to
C. E. PLUNKETT, Esq., Deputy Collector, in charge of Salt, Nellore, dated
Santanutalapaud, 3rd November 1876, No. 553.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter above recorded with its enclosure (herewith returned). I have received instructions from the District Engineer to stop the road work under notice, completing only such work in hand that will suffer from stoppage. It will certainly be desirable to finish the work as it has been in hand so many years already. The earth work is done; the metal and gravel put on; and rain awaited to water and roll the surface. For the masonry works the material is ready, and only three months to be done, and the most unfavorable season, the line should certainly have been completed ere this. As there is so little to be done, it is a pity indeed to postpone completion.

2. The line as you know runs through the borders of a swamp, soil very bad and unstable, and I have had great difficulty in making the embankment hold together. Already its upkeep has told on the estimate, so that, if completed, the line can be placed under maintenance and present difficulty and changes obviated.

3. The work if postponed will not suffer, as I shall take care to provide for unfinished items and somewhat for upkeep till next year.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. E. PLUNKETT,
Deputy Collector.

No. 3,210.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings, Nos. 2,245 and 8,420, of 1st September and 2nd October 1876. No further comment is necessary, but the Acting Collector requests that the Board will be good enough to move Government to order the completion of this long-delayed road as a relief work in connection with the East Coast Canal. The work could be easily supervised by the officers to be engaged on the extension of the canal as the works are in close proximity.

NELLORE,
18th November 1876.

To the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) F. R. H. SHARP,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., Revenue Department, dated 26th September 1876, No. 1,344, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector's proposal be accepted and this line of communication completed from relief funds.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 580.

ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1876, No. 1,856.

Miscellaneous.

THE Collector's proposal is a good one, and will accordingly be carried out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Nellore.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th January 1877 Miscellaneous No. 707.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department dated 5th January 1877 No. 20, communicating to the Board of Revenue G. O. Public Works Department mention letter from District Engineer applying for funds for the Salk road from Hoppole to Birumguntah.

Communicated to the Collector Nellore.

2. The Board observe that the completion of the work from relief funds by the officers engaged on the Canal Extension was sanctioned in G. O. 29th November 1876 No. 1856 R. D.

Order thereon 30th January 1877, No. 406

G. O. 29th November 1876, No. 1856 R. D. should have been communicated to the

Public Works Department. The order
of the latter Department dated 20th
December 1876, N^o 3499 was apparently
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the work had been ordered to be carried
out as a relief work. The Revenue
Department G. O. of November will
now be communicated to the Public
Works Department in view to the
Public Works order above quoted
being reconsidered.

(True Extract.)

J. H. Lawrence

Secretary to Govt.

To,
The Public Works Department
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Revenue Department

Dated 30th January 1877.

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date 29th November 1876, reg^d.
the construction of Road between
Birumguntah and Koppolu in
Nellore District.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th January 1877.

No. 889. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th
January 1877, Miscellaneous No. 707:—

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated
5th January 1877, No. 20.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue G.O., Public Works
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COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Nellore.

2. The Board observe that the completion of the work from relief funds by the
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(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

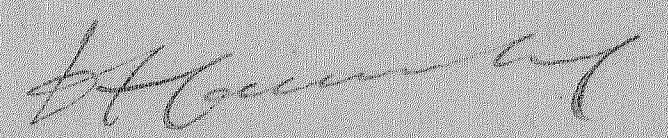
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ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1877, No. 406.

Miscellaneous.

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quoted being re-considered.

(True Extract.)


Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 7 Feb/77

Read the following:—

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Seeing that the
road is to be carried
out as a Relief work
and not from Pro-
vincial Funds as
was understood
when the orders in this
Department No. 5497
of 20th December 1876
were issued, the sum
of Rs. 2000 assigned for
the work during the
current year from Pro-
vincial Funds will
be replaced at the

Disposal of Government
and credited to the
Provincial Revenue.

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D. C. Kellor & Co.
By W. H. Account.
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To *Mr. B. S. Bellare*

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G. O. *7-10-77* 1877, No. *118*

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