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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 249. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 2nd March 1877, No. 910-A.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th February 1877.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd February 1877, No. 72.

In acknowledging receipt of Board's Proceedings, dated 12th January 1877, I regret to observe that the Board have disallowed a very large number of relief works which I proposed for immediate execution. I have now the honor to submit a list of the works so disallowed with my remarks against some of them showing their necessity and desirability. You will observe that some of the works in question have already been sanctioned, and the amounts entered in the list submitted with my letter referred to at the head of the Proceedings under reply were merely *additional* allotments required to complete them, while others have been undertaken in anticipation of sanction in order to provide relief in places where it was emergently required, and they are either almost finished or in so advanced a stage that it would be a waste of money to abandon them. It is therefore now very inexpedient to stop such works. From my remarks against some of the roads not approved of by the Board, you will see that they have been already proposed or contemplated by the Local Fund Board of this district; but for want of funds their undertaking was left in abeyance. I agree with the Board that the future maintenance of these roads is a matter for consideration. But, as I observed above, the Local Fund Boards were prepared to maintain them sooner or later when funds become available. The question of a system of tolls on all the great trunk roads in the district is one that undoubtedly will very soon have to be taken up, and, by its introduction on the main lines of traffic, the Local Fund Board will receive such an increase to its annual income as will provide for the upkeep of the new roads now proposed. I beg to assure the Board that none of them are what have been termed "fancy roads," devised merely for the sake of local

1. Chittoor	...	...	...	Rs. 23,900
2. Palmanair	...	...	...	3,300
3. Vencatagherikota Division	...	...	...	14,000
4. Arcot	...	...	...	14,000
5. Gudattam	...	...	...	2,000
6. Wallajah	...	...	...	11,000
7. Tirtani	...	...	...	2,000
8. Chendraghiri	...	...	...	8,000
9. Kalastri	...	...	...	2,000
Total	...	...	...	80,200

convenience or to find work for the people engaged on their construction. Every one of them is road that is really required by that portion of the community that will use it, and also be generally advantageous. I therefore earnestly beg that the Board will be good enough to sanction the works now again applied for to the extent shown in the margin as will be seen from the accompanying statement.

2. As regards the minor works entered in the accompanying list, and which were also disallowed by the Board, I beg to say that most of them are either completed or in an advanced state. I have ordered the latter class of works to be stopped at once, and a statement showing the expenditure incurred thereon and on the completed minor works will be submitted to the Board for their orders.

3. Immediately on receipt of the Board's Proceedings under reference, I issued orders to the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars to prepare and submit estimates for the

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collection and storage of metals for the repair of existing roads, and in the Chendragherri Taluq and Karvetinuggur Zemindari to put the work in hand at once.

With reference to the explanation furnished in the foregoing letter and by Mr. Whiteside in conference with the Board, they withdraw their objections to the road works specified in the list enclosed, of which six have already been approved. But it must be understood that the works are not sanctioned pending the submission of estimates, a formality which it appears from separate Proceedings cannot be dispensed with, the sums entered for works in previous lists having been found in several cases insufficient.

2. Mr. Whiteside will, therefore, cause estimates to be prepared for all works in the list for which estimates have not hitherto been prepared and sanctioned, and submit to the Board those which are beyond his own competence to sanction under the rules.

3. The clearances of prickly-pear, to which the Board objected, are again included in the list, and must be disallowed. With regard to the lump allotments for works of water-supply it has already been pointed out that they are unnecessary, and the course to be followed has been indicated in Board's Proceedings, 12th January 1877. The Collector may sanction under the rules any works of water-supply which appear to him urgently required. The proposed grants for the Government garden at Chittoor and for topes (Items 19, 20 and 117) are also disallowed. Lump allotments for tools need not be specially sanctioned.

	Item No.	Amount.		Item No.	Amount.
		Rs.			Rs.
Chittoor ...	1	13,000	Arcot ...	92	7,000
	3	3,500		93	2,000
	4	4,000		95	5,000
	5	3,000			
	15	300			14,000
		23,800	Gudiattam ...	103	2,000
Palmanair ...	32	200	Wallajah ...	119	3,000
	36	1,500		122	8,000
	39	1,200			
	51	400			11,000
		3,300	Tirtani ...	129	2,000
Venecatagherikota	82	14,000	Kalastri ...	130	2,000
			Chendragiri ...	131	8,000
					80,100

4. The items specified in the margin are those which the Collector now recommends, and to which, subject to the preparation and submission of estimates, the Board's objection is now withdrawn. The Collector will be good enough to see that in future no work is started until estimate for it has been passed by proper authority. The amount is 80,100 Rupees, a work in Chittoor which the Collector can sanction being omitted.

THE Government approve of the execution of the nineteen roads detailed in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings. Item No. 1 being estimated to cost more than 10,000 Rupees, its commencement is sanctioned, subject, as in the case of the works sanctioned by the Board, to the submission of a regular estimate.

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2. It is observed that Item No. 95 in the list given by the Board should be No. 94.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Addl. Secretary to Government.

No. 250.

ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1877, No. 830.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 25-A.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, North Arcot.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Acting Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Buildings and Roads Branch.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Revenue Department ^{3^d}
Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read Proceedings of Board of
Revenue dated 26th February 1877

Read the following letter from
the Collector of North Arcot to the Acting
Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 2nd
February 1877 No 72.

In acknowledging receipt
of Board's Proceedings dated 12th January 1877, I
regret to observe that the Board have disal-
lowed a very large number of Relief Works
which I proposed for immediate Execution.
I have now the honor to submit a list of the
works so disallowed with my remarks against
some of them shewing their necessity and
desirability, you will observe that some of the
works in question have already been sanc-
tioned and the amounts entered in the list
submitted with my letter referred to at the
head of the Proceedings under reply, were
merely additional allotments required to
complete them; while others have been
undertaken

undertaken in anticipation of sanction in order to provide relief in places where it was urgently required; and they are either almost finished or in so advanced a stage that it would be a waste of money to abandon them. It is therefore now very inexpedient to stop such works. From my remarks against some of the Roads not approved of by the Board, you will see that they have been already proposed or contemplated by the Local Fund Board of this District; but for want of funds their undertaking was left in abeyance. I agree with the Board that the future maintenance of these Roads is a matter for consideration. But as I observed above, the Local Fund Boards were prepared to maintain them sooner or later where funds become available. The question of a system of tolls on all the Great Trunk Roads in the District is one that undoubtedly will very soon have to be taken up and by its introduction on the main lines of traffic, the Local Fund Board will receive such an increase to its annual income as will provide for the upkeep of the new Roads.

1. Chittoor	Rs 23,900.
2. Palamaner	3300-
3. Venkatasaghere	
- Kote Division	14000
Arcoor	14000
Gudiallum	2000
Wallajah	11000
Pirkani	2000
Chendraghiri	8000
Kalasthi	2000
Total Rs. 80200.	

Roads now proposed. I beg to assure the Board that none of them are what have been termed "fancy Roads" devised merely for the sake of local convenience or to find work for the people engaged on their construction. Every one of them is a road that is really required by that portion of the Community that will use it and also be generally advantageous. I therefore

earnestly beg that the Board will be good enough to sanction the works now again applied for to the extent shown in the margin as will be seen from the accompanying Statement.

2. As regards the minor works entered in the accompanying list and which were also disallowed by the Board, I beg to say that most of them are either completed or in an advanced state. I have ordered the latter class of works to be stopped at once, and a statement showing the expenditure incurred thereon and on the completed minor works will be submitted to the Board for their orders.

Immediately

3 Immediately in receipt of the Board's Proceedings under reference, I issued orders to the Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars to prepare and submit estimates for the collection and storage of metals for the repair of Existing Roads and in the Chendragherri Taluk and Karvetinuggur Zemindari to put the work in hand at once.

With reference to the Explanation furnished in the foregoing letter and by Mr Whiteside in conference with the Board, they withdrew their objections to the road works specified in the List Enclosed, of which Six have already been approved. But it must be understood that the works are not sanctioned pending the submission of estimates, a formality which it appears from separate proceedings cannot be dispensed with, the sums entered for works in previous lists having been found in several cases insufficient.

2 Mr Whiteside will therefore cause estimates to be prepared for all works in the list for which estimates have not hitherto been prepared and sanctioned, and submit to the Board. Those which are beyond

50 beyond his own competence to sanction under the Rules.

3 The clearances of strictly sanctioned to which the Board objected are again included in the list and must be disallowed. With regard to the lump allotments for works of water supply it has already been pointed out that they are unnecessary, and the course to be followed has been indicated in Board's Proceedings 12th January 1877. The Collector may sanction under the Rules any works of water supply which appear to him urgently required. The proposed grants for the Government Garden at Chittoor and for topes (items 19, 20, and 117) are also disallowed. Lump allotments for tools need not be specially sanctioned.

	Item No.	Amount
Chittoor	1	13000
	3	3500
	4	4000
	5	3000
	15	300
		<u>23800</u>
Palmanair	32	200
	36	1500
	39	1200
	51	400
		<u>3300</u>
Venkatagirikote	82	14000

4 The items specified in the margin are those which the Collector now recommends and to which subject to the preparation and submission of Estimates, the Board's objection

objection is now withdrawn.
The Collector will be good
enough to see that in future
no work is started until
estimate for it has been passed
by proper authority. The
amount is 80100 Rs, a work
in Chittoor which the Collector
can sanction being omitted.

Item No	Amount
Acot — 92 —	7000
93 —	2000
95 —	5000
	<u>14000</u>
Judiabham — 103 —	2000
Wallyah — 119 —	3000
122 —	8000
	<u>11000</u>
Trilami — 129 —	2000
Kalastu — 130 —	2000
Chondragiri — 131 —	8000
Total	<u>80100</u>

True Copy and Extract
(Signed) W. E. Stokes
Secretary.

To The Collector of North Arcot
True Copy
(Signed) W. E. Stokes
Secretary.

Order No. 2, March 1877 No 910 &

The Government approve
of the execution of the 19 roads detailed in Para
4 of the Board's Proceedings. Item No 1
being estimated to cost more than 10000 Rs
its commencement is sanctioned, subject as
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in the case of the works sanctioned by the Board,
to the submission of a regular estimate.
2 It is observed that Item No 95
in the list given by the Board, should be
No 94.

(True Extract)
J. H. Cantin
Addl Secretary to Government.

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Dated 2nd March 1877

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the D.R.A.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To, The D. C. South West

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G. O. 12 March 1877, No. 830

Nos. 249-250

Roads, North Arcot District
Proceedings in the New Belts
sanctioning the location
as a relief work of certain
—, communicated to the
District Engineer North
Arcot

For the Reg.