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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

13th May 1878, No 2,140 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following paper —

No. 144. From Major H. W. WOOD, R E, District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Waltair, 4th May 1878, No. 244.

With reference to O G, Public Works Department, dated 17th April 1878, No 1,865 W, endorsed on O G, Financial Department, 5th April 1878, No 656, I think it right to say, in reference to the letter of the Acting President, Local Fund Board, Vizagapatam, that the chief reason of so large a sum having been left unspent at the end of the official year 1877-78 on the repairs of the roads of the district was the utter impossibility of carrying out the repairs from want of water.

2. The north-east monsoon failed entirely, and not a drop of rain has fallen except in the hilly outskirts of the district since the early days of September 1877. Under such circumstances it was not to be expected that metal and gravel could be put down on the roads, and I am somewhat surprised that Mr Goodrich should have omitted to notice these unfavorable conditions in his letter printed in the O G, Financial Department, above specified.

3 Moreover in reference to the sum of Rupees 53,790 given up from the grant for repairs of roads and for new roads the following three items were ordered for execution under apprehension of distress among the people which happily have not been realised —

	Rs
(a) Road from Vizianagram to Nathavalasa	8,000
(b) Special repairs to trunk road between Nakkapilly and Tunee	7,370
(c) Increased grant for completing the trunk road southwards to Chincacole	7,500

Total, Increased Grant . . 22,870

On the first two items (a) and (b) the expenditure has been inappreciable, and the amount remaining unspent was Rupees 14,231. The increased attention given by the Overseer in charge to the third item (c) resulted in a sum of Rupees 2,725 remaining unspent on another of his roads, viz, that between Palconda and Uppanavalasa.

4 Under these circumstances, the actual amount given up from Rupees 1,19,526, the whole allotment for roads, would not be more than about Rupees 34,000—a sufficiently large proportion perhaps, but one which would have been utterly thrown away had it been expended during the water famine from which the Vizagapatam District has suffered and is still suffering.

No. 145 ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1878, No 2,140 W.

COMMUNICATED to the Financial Department.

2. The Government consider Major Wood's explanation of the short outlay satisfactory. The Acting President of the Local Fund Board should have ascertained whether there were good reasons for the small expenditure before commenting on the subject.

(True Extract)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.
• Secretary to Govt, P.W.D.

(True Copy)

Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Viragapatam
" Financial Department.

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THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
VIZAGAPATAM.

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Short Order on Road Works. For the
year 1878. The expenditure incurred
by the District Engineer in regard to
considered as a matter of course.

District Engineer Office
No 244, Madras 4th May 1878.

From

The District Engineer.

Vizagapatam.

The Chief Engineer P.W.D.

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. Public
Works Department dated 17th April 1878
No. 1865 W in regard to P.W. Financial
Department 5th April 1878 No 656, I
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letter of the Acting President Local Land
Board, Vizagapatam, that the chief
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of carrying out the repairs from want
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2. The North East Monsoon failed
entirely, and not a drop of rain has
fallen except in the hills, on the tops of the
district, since the early days of September.

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1877. Under such circumstances it was not to be expected, that metal and gravel could be put down on the roads and I am somewhat surprised that Mr Goodrich should have omitted to notice these unfavorable conditions, in his letter printed in the C. G. Financial Department above specified.

3. Moreover in reference to the sum of Rupees 58790, given up from the grant for repairs of roads and for new roads, the following three items were ordered for execution under apprehension of distress among the people which happily have not been realized;

- (a) Road from Vizimayam to Kathavalasa Rs. 8000
 - (b) Special repairs to Trunk road between Nuthapilly and Tinnai, 4370
 - (c) Increased grant for completing the Trunk road southwards to Chicacole 7500
- Total Increased Grant Rs. 870

On the first two items (a) and (b) the expenditure has been inappreciable and the amount remaining unspent was Rs 14231/- The increased attention given by

by the Querser in charge to the third item (c) resulted in a sum of Rs 2725 remaining unspent on another of his roads viz that between Palconda and Uppanavalasa.

4 Under these circumstances, the actual amount given up from Rs 119536, the whole allotted for roads, would not be more than about Rs 34,000; a sufficiently large proportion perhaps, but one which would have been utterly thrown away had it been expended during the winter famine, from which the Vizagapatnam District has suffered and is still suffering.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant

14.11.1877 Major R. E.

District Engineer

Vizagapatnam

12.13.58

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Short outlay on road
repairs - Vizagapatam Dist.
The explanation ^{afforded by} the Dist Engr
in regard to — considered
Satisfactory.

Wm. R. G. R.