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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

7th December 1880, No. 2,828 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Military Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 39. Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 17th November 1880.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September 1880, No. 1,374.

Read the following letters:—

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4. Since that letter was written this road has been completed by the Travancore Government up to our frontier at the head of the Gúdalúr Ghât; and the fact to which I wish now to draw the Board's attention is that the Madras Government has not contributed its quota up to date, as it was understood to have undertaken to do. The Gúdalúr Ghât has been completed, but the portion of the road in the plain between Gúdalúr and the foot of the ghât has not been done; and as it is traversed by two or three streams with deep beds this gap is a very serious break in the great line of communication. It is about five miles long.

5. I have searched my records without success for the earlier papers on the subject of this road, and am therefore unable to say how or when the understanding between the two Governments as to its formation was arrived at.

6. The Gúdalúr Ghât was constructed partly for the purpose of conveying machinery and materials to the works proposed for carrying out the project for diverting the water of the Periyár into this district now unhappily abandoned, and

partly as a continuation of the line of communication from the East to the West Coast. Until the Public Works Department was removed from this district in the early part of this year the road was treated as an Imperial or Provincial work; but now no arrangements have been made as to how the work already done is to be maintained, and how that which is uncompleted is to be carried out.

7. In their Proceedings, No. 5,809, dated the 22nd October 1861, the Board of Revenue recorded their opinion that the work of a new ghât from Cumbum to Gûdalûr-Tavalam was scarcely one of which the expense should be borne by the Local Fund, and the expression of this opinion was repeated in their Proceedings No. 6,037, dated 4th November 1861. The Government endorsed this view by carrying out the portion of the work which has been done at the expense of the general revenues. Whether it is intended now to throw on the Local Fund the burden of finishing the work, and of maintaining what is in existence, are questions for Government to decide.

8. I would suggest that Government should contribute funds to finish the part between Gûdalûr and the foot of the ghât. In G.O., dated 14th May 1872, No. 1,525, an estimate of Rs. 23,230 is mentioned as the probable cost of this undertaking. If this sum was handed over to the Dindigul Circle Board I think that they would be very willing to undertake the construction of the road. I see that Rs. 20,000 has been provided in the Provincial Budget for the new ghât up the Palni Hills. There is little likelihood of this being expended as there is no Public Works Department Officer in this district to superintend its expenditure, and I would suggest that the sum be transferred to the Gûdalûr Ghât road if the Government think that the understanding said to have been arrived at with the Travancore Government should be carried out.

9. I may add that the only other item of original works provided for Madura in the Provincial Service Budget Estimate is Rs. 4,000 for a Chuttrum at the head of Gûdalûr Ghât. Whether it is intended to proceed with this work I do not know; but if not the money might be made available for the road.

From the same Officer, dated Madura, 14th September 1880, No. 309.

In continuation of my letter, No. 303, dated 6th September 1880, I have the honor to submit for the orders of the Board copy of letter from the Honorary Secretary, Peermade Planters' Association of the 7th idem, complaining of the state of the road between Cumbum and the Travancore frontier.

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SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government.

2. The Board do not find in their office the record of any definite agreement between this Government and the Travancore Circle regarding the completion of the work as part of a grand line of communication between the East and West Coasts. The work appears to have been begun at the instance of a former Collector with a view to facilitating commercial intercourse with Travancore, but Mr. Stokes is quite correct in stating that the Board have held on more than one occasion that the work was of an imperial rather than of a local character, and at the time the matter was in

contemplation the Chief Engineer concurred with the Board in thinking that the cost of the work ought not to fall on Local Funds—Board's Proceedings, dated 4th November 1861, No. 6,037.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1880, No. 2,828 W.

THE Government are of opinion that the completion of the road from Cumbum to the foot of the Gûdalûr Ghât is a work that should be carried out without further delay, its cost being met from Provincial Funds.

2. The future maintenance of the road will devolve upon Local Funds.

3. The work will be undertaken by the Public Works Department, and the Chief Engineer will arrange for the immediate deputation of a competent Assistant Engineer or Upper Subordinate to prepare, under the orders of the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, a proper estimate for the completion of the road in question as a first class road, bridged throughout, and open for traffic in all weathers.

4. The Government desire that the estimate may be submitted in time for the work to be commenced in 1881-82, in the budget for which year a sum of Rs. 20,000 will be provisionally entered on account thereof.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Revenue Department.

- " Financial do.
- " Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
- " Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
- " Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
— MILITARY WORKS.

Govt. of (1880) Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Dated December, 7th.

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G. O., 7th December 1880, No. 2,523 W.

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Road from Cumbum to the foot of the Gudalur Ghat.—The completion of the — to be carried out, without further delay, by the Public Works Department, its cost being met from Provincial Funds and its future maintenance from Local Funds.

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No. 1,374.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd September 1880.

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Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Madura.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Gudalur Ghat — in Madura District — Submitting for favorable consideration of Government letter from Collector regarding construction of the —

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Dated September 23rd
SEPTEMBER.
No. 1,374.
PROCEEDINGS, 23RD SEPT. 1880, No. 1,374.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.
1880.

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following:—

Endorsement of the Revenue Department, dated 17th November 1880; on Pro. of the Board of Revenue, No. 1374, dated 23rd Sept 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

It appears to be admitted that this Government are pledged to complete the Madras Travancore line by the execution of the road from Gudalur to the foot of the Gudalur ghat, and the only question is as to the best means of carrying out that pledge.

2. The collector suggests

in para 8 of his letter
No 303 of 6th September
1880, that Rs 20,000 were
allotted to the Railway.
What shall be devoted
to this work, but as a
fact no such allotment
has been made.

3. It is not very clear
by whom or when the
estimate of Rs 23,280
referred to in L. C. No 1325
of 14th May 1872 was made,
and no papers giving
the information are
on record in this office.

4. The estimate appears
to have been exclusive
of masonry works
and in any case having
been made more than

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eight years ago it will
now need revision; the
length being only five
miles and the country
not difficult the sum
named will probably
not be largely exceeded.
5. It is questionable
whether Government
will accede to the
Collector's proposal
to hand over the amount
of the above approxi-
mate estimate to
the Local Lands Roads
leaving them to complete
the work at their leisure
and the undersigned
would recommend that
the entire work should
be undertaken by the

Department, a competent subordinate being employed in the first instance to make a complete estimate under the orders of the Supt Engineer 30 miles.

6. No funds can be provided during the current year, but an entry of Rs 20,000 might be made in the budget for 1881-82 by the commencement of which year the estimate should be ready for submission.

named provisionally for entry

FOR ORDERS.

App. to the Govt.
for order

1880/81

W. H. Lambey Esq. M.A.

Secretary to Government

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 7th Dec/80
Read the following:—

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S. E. 3^d Circle

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Ex. P. W. A. 7
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Dr. S. Ford.
I think there is
no doubt from the
foregoing that we
are pledged to
complete the
communication
of the Smith
papers in the
most careful &
thorough manner
possible.

FOR ORDERS.

No. 6032

From *Boncos*

Dated *23/12/1880*

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