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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Memo:-

From the Public Works Department, dated 13th July
1881, No. 1646.

No. 1909.

Transferred to the Financial
Department, in continuation of docket
No. 1730, dated 5th July 1881.

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20th July 1881.

Sd/- J. Webster
Offg Secy to Govt.

Order thereon 23rd July 1881, No. 1347.

Copy of the Board of Revenue
Proceedings No. 1057, dated 14th June 1881,
will be furnished to the Public Works
Department.

2. There appears to have been un-
necessary delay in the Board's office
in disposing of the reference.

(True Extract)

J. Davis

Ag Under Secretary

To the Public Works Department
with Copy of Board's Pro No. 1057.

1881.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE

LOCAL FUND BOARDS,

Madura District.

Printed July 18th.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 14TH JUNE 1881, No. 1,057.

Gudalur Ghât Road—in Madura District.—
Referring to President, Local Fund Boards, for
report endorsement of Government, Public
Works Department, inquiring whether the
Local Board will undertake the repair of the —
if funds be provided by Public Works Depart-
ment.

[14th June 1881, No. 1,057.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th June 1881.

No. 1,057.

Read—the following:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Musiri, 8th March 1881, No. 1,594-T.C.

As directed in G.O., No. 424 W., of 17th February 1881, I have the honor to forward, herewith, the statement prepared by Conductor Littlewood showing the present condition of the portion of the Gúdálúr Ghât in British territory.

2. The only repairs required that are not of the simplest character appear to be the reconstruction of about 56 yards of revetment, and those at the bridge of 18 feet span in the 47th mile. The rest is ordinary cooly work, clearing the road where it has been blocked by boulders and land-slips, and repairs of the road surface. The total length of ghâts road in British territory appears to be about 4 miles.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement showing condition of Gúdálúr Ghât.

No. 644.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department in continuation of G.O., No. 424 W., dated 17th February 1881.

CHEPAUK,
12th March 1881.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Major, R.E.,
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th March 1881, Miscellaneous No. 2,488.
From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th February 1881, No. 65.

WITH reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd February 1881, No. 175, I have the honor to state that, although the portion of the Gúdálúr Ghât road therein referred to was finished some years ago, it has since been allowed to fall into disrepair, having never been handed over to the Local Fund Board, and that it should therefore be put in repair before it is handed over to the Local Fund Board.

2. I dare say that a large sum may be required to restore this portion to its original condition.

Resolution.—Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings quoted.
(True Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

MISCELLANEOUS No. 752.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department, with reference to that Department docket, dated 12th instant, No. 644, herewith returned.

18th March 1881. (Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

No. 799-W.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, who will direct Conductor Littlewood to prepare an estimate for putting the Gúdálúr Ghât into thorough repair.

23rd March 1881. (Initialled) J. P.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Third Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Kodaikanal, 6th May 1881, No. 166-T.C.

As directed in G.O., No. 799 W., of 23rd March 1881, I have the honor to submit an estimate for putting that portion of the Gúdalúr Ghât in British territory into thorough repair.

- 1 Estimate with detail and specification.
- 1 Abstract.

2. The Gúdalúr Ghât takes its name from the village of Gúdalúr in the Cumbum valley, Madura District, and that village is about 5 miles distant from the foot of the ghât. The ghât is, I am told, about 18 miles long, owing to the numerous windings among the hills, and it leads to the town of Peermade or Pirmard in the Travancore country.

3. Only the first 4 miles of the ghât on the Madura side are in British territory, and it is these 4 miles that have been left without repair for some two years, and have consequently fallen into a very ruinous state. In several places the road is actually dangerous owing to landslips and the fall of revetments, but everywhere it is badly cut up, partly by wear and tear and partly by the action of surface drainage.

4. The estimate for putting the piece of ghât in thorough order amounts to Rs. 6,820, and was prepared, under my instructions, by the Madura Sub-division Officer, Supervisor Serjeant McAlister, as Supervisor Littlewood, who was lately in that neighbourhood making a survey and levels of the Cumbum-Gúdalúr road, had returned to his ordinary duties in the Trichinopoly District.

5. The repairs consist of restoring portions of the road that have slipped, rebuilding revetments and parapet walls that have fallen, clearing vents of tunnels, many of which are completely choked, filling in ruts or gullies which are in many places 2 feet deep, and reforming and retalling the road surface. The ruts are to be filled in with the only gravel procurable, which is a kind of disintegrated rock, and the metal to be broken stone. There is no good gravel within many miles, and the best stone available is a kind of gneiss.

6. I have had a revised abstract estimate prepared in my office and attached to the estimate, in which I have lumped together a number of petty items, so as to reduce the total number as much as possible for account purposes.

7. As the department is but feebly represented* in Madura at present, I would strongly recommend that funds for this work be handed over to the Local Fund Board if, as I believe to be the case, they are willing to undertake it

- * 1 Supervisor Serjeant McAlister.
- 1 Overseer Subroyal u Naidu.

with their own establishment, which is said to be working well at present, especially in the Dindigul Circle.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Detailed Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Abstract ~~Detailed~~ Estimate.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.—Specification.

No. 1,242.

Public Works Department Endorsement No. 644, dated 12th March 1881.
Revenue Department, No. 752, dated 18th March 1881 (to be returned).

(By Order.)

CHEPAUK,
18th May 1881.

(Signed) C. C. RAWSON, Captain, R.E.,
Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 1,363.

TRANSFERRED to the Financial Department.

OOTACAMUND,
20th May 1881.

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

No. 921.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for report.

OOTACAMUND,
25th May 1881.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

Resolution—

REFERRED to the President, Local Fund Boards, Madura, who will report the decision of the Local Board upon the offer made by Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the President of the Local Fund Boards, Madura District.

Copy to the Chief Secretary to Government, Financial Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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