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17TH AUGUST 1891, No. 762, REVENUE.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 10th August 1891, No. 509 :—

MR. CLOGSTOUN.

Read—the following letter from W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Middakandigai, 19th July 1891, No. 72-Camp :—

I have the honour to ask a reconsideration of the road from Kopedu to Ragigunta. In one communication Mr. Watson states, which I think is no exaggeration, that a proper road would cost Rs. 10,000 per mile. The sum already sanctioned by the District Board is some Rs. 7,000 nearly. It is quite impossible to do any good with such a sum, and the District Board cannot afford more. Further, I find that the Local Fund Engineer estimated on the supposition that there was no compensation to be paid for land. As to the portion between Kopedu and Middakandigai, Mr. Watson now tells me that if it goes through the Kárvetnagar zemindari there will be heavy compensation for valuable land, and it is not possible for us to make the alternative route through Chingleput. Further, I find that the route here, on the same misapprehension, takes us through shrotriém lands when compensation is again claimed. In your demi-official of the 10th you suggested that the said road should be taken over the tank bund. No doubt the shrotriém dars would like this, but it is not the way to spend District Board money. The Aré villagers too claim compensation. Now the Dewan can give us waste land free, but for patta land we should have to try. This too the District Board would never think of doing, and it would be the merest waste of its funds to appropriate money intended for relief to purchasing land. I do not think that we should spend a farthing more on this road and on this estimate. As Mr. Watson says, the road would cost per mile more than the sum allowed for the whole length if done properly. The jungle parts between this and Ragigunta—some 11 miles—are *very* heavy country, and it would be ruinous to make a road through it, nor could we ever maintain such a road if made.

2. What I would propose is that Mr. Watson be permitted to employ labour between Middakandigai and Anjur on tank works, and that the proposed road be stopped so far as the District Board allotment is concerned. If you will sanction its construction from Provincial funds, there is no objection. I make this proposal for another reason. The Taluk Board, Ranipet, has spent its whole balance and reserve, and in addition to that the Rs. 3,000 which the District Board granted in aid. There

is urgent call for additional funds for improving drinking water for men and cattle, and, if this grant of District Board money for the Kopedu-Ragigunta road is set free, it might be transferred—or so much of it as is left—in *toto* to the Ranipet Taluk Board, which is in urgent need of funds.

3. My proposals therefore are (1) that the Kopedu-Ragigunta road be given up as a District Board relief work, and that the funds allotted by the District Board for it be transferred for improvement of water-supply; (2) that you should either sanction the making of this road from Provincial funds or allow Mr. Watson to employ all labour in the valley on earth-work to the irrigation works. I request the favour of an early reply, copy being also sent direct to Mr. Watson.

Read—also the following letter from W. J. H. LE FANU, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Kuppam, 7th August 1891, Ref. on Bd. No. 1903:—

With reference to paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings, No. 457, dated 27th July 1891, I have the honour to refer the Commissioner to paragraph 2 of my letter No. 72-Camp, dated 20th July, and to my endorsement on Mr. Buckley's fortnightly narrative printed in the Proceedings under reference, and to state that I did not propose to abandon the Kopedu-Ragigunta road, but to abandon it as a District Board work. If the Commissioner sanctions the construction of the work from Provincial funds, there is no objection.

Resolution—dated 10th August 1891, No. 509.

The Board regrets to find that the road from Kopedu to Katur, the estimate for which, amounting to Rs. 11,740 or about Rs. 500 a mile, was stated by the Collector in his letter of the 16th June to be "ready" (*vide* Government Order, dated 16th June 1891, No. 542, Revenue), cannot, according to the Engineer, be carried out for less than Rs. 10,000 a mile, a charge which, moreover, does not include compensation for land. This enormous charge clearly makes the construction of this particular road an impossibility. It is necessary, however, that work should be found in this tract for the distressed, and it is particularly desirable also, in the interests of administration in the zemindari, that a road should, if possible, be made through it. In the list of relief works for the current year finally submitted by the Collector on the 2nd instant, there is another road through the tract, that, namely, from Nagalapuram to Kálahasti, 30 miles, the estimated cost of which, at Rs. 400 a mile, amounts to Rs. 12,000. If the estimate for this road is at all reliable, and the Board considers that the Local Fund Engineer who is presumably responsible for it should be required to visit the spot and report on the point if he has not done so already, work should be at once commenced on it, and the road from Kopedu should be abandoned.

2. If the Collector, who has been encamped in the valley for weeks and who knows the country, is of opinion that the estimate submitted for the Nagalapuram-Kálahasti road is worthless and that the road cannot be constructed save at an absolutely prohibitive cost, the Commissioner has no option but to request the Collector to commence in anticipation of sanction repairs to the irrigation works of the zemindari to such extent as he may consider absolutely necessary for the relief of distress.

3. The Board is quite prepared to recommend a grant from Provincial funds to cover expenditure incurred by Local Boards in the relief of distress in excess of the funds at their disposal.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASA AYYAR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of North Arcot.

„ Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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ORDER—dated 17th August 1891, No. 762, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded pending further report.

(True Extract.)

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Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.

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Exd. S. J. Pereira.

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Board's Proceedings requesting the Collector
of North Arcot to furnish certain information
regarding the Nagalapuram-Kalahasti road in
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