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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1064 — Press / Mis.

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Dated 16 — 5. 1862.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th May 1862.

No. 268. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 8th May 1862, No. 993:—

Sanctioning the grant of Rupees 9,000 from the Reserve Fund of the current year for repairing the road from Tindevanum to Mercanum, together with the branches, and communicating letter from Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, regarding the state of the salt pan roads in South Arcot. } (Vide Public Works Proceedings, 8th May 1862, Nos. 206, 207.)

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1862, No. 1,064.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 11th February 1862, No. 262.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

Southern Circle

Cuddalore 22nd March 62

No 194

From The District Engineer
of South Arcot

To The Deputy Chief Engineer
Southern Circle

Sir

With reference to your Proceedings No 10.700 of the 19th February, I have the honor to state that I reported on the roads leading to the salt pans in my letters of the 27th January 1862 No 164 and 15th February No 173 since the letters were written, I have inspected the roads leading to the Goondalum, Koodicaud and Teaga-volly pans; and am of opinion that their state, had nothing to do with the falling off in the sale of salt in November. The roads are very short, one of them is bridged and

gravelled

gravelled, and the others passing over sandy soil for the most part, could not have been in as bad a state as the unmetalled miles of some of the principal roads.

The Mercarem road, as I have before stated requires to be gravelled, and will always be in bad order in the Monsoon until it is gravelled. A new road is now being made (from the Local Fund) to connect the Fraserbly pass with the Chellumbrum road, and also with the Salem road, and I have ordered Estimates to be made for improving the roads to the other pass, and for bridging the backwaters, that have to be crossed in getting to the Koodecaud and Fraserbly salt pans. These backwaters are however only impassable for a few days in the Monsoon when many

rivers and nullahs on the high roads, are also impassable.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) E. A. Ford. Captain
District Engineer & Surveyor

(True Copy)

F. W. Ramsay Lieut. Colonel
Dy Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

No 12128.

Submitted for the information of Government with reference to their Proceedings No 215, dated 14th February 1862.

2 Government will observe that the District Engineer reports that the roads leading to the Goondalum, Koodicoud and Seagavelly pans; are very short, one bridged and gravelled and the other passing on sandy soil, and that they had nothing to do with the falling off in the sale of salt in November 1860.

3 The letters referred to by the District Engineer were submitted to Government with endorsements, Nos 10861 and 10811 dated 8th and 21st February 1862 respectively.

/Signed/ W. Birdwood Capt
Dy Chief Engrs Office S.C. Depy Chf Engr S.C.
Chepauk 29th March 1862

To Lieutt Colonel W. H. Horsley Secy to Govt P.W.D. Fort St George

/True Copy/ J. H. Ravenshaw
Depy Secy to Govt P.W.D.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letters:—

From the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle:—

Reports that the District Engineer of South Arcot did bring to notice the state of the road between Mercanum and Tindevanum, and applies for a grant of Rupees 9,000 for its repair and that of the branch roads. } (Here enter 19th March 1862, No. 11,652.)

From the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

Submits letter from the District Engineer, South Arcot, regarding the state of the Salt Pan roads. } (Here enter 29th March 1862, No. 12,128.)

ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1862, No. 993.

1. From the first paper, the Government learn with reference to paragraph 1 of their Proceedings of the 19th February 1862, No. 262, that the District Engineer of South Arcot did in 1859 and 1860, bring to notice the bad condition of the Salt road leading from Tindevanum to Mercanum, and that the worst portions of it could be put in order for 5,000 Rupees. The proposal to expend 9,000 Rupees from the Reserve Fund of 1862-63 in effecting this object and repairing the branch roads, which was submitted for sanction in the Deputy Chief Engineer's Endorsement of the 21st February 1862, No. 10,811, is repeated in his present Endorsement. In their Proceedings of the 31st March 1862, No. 627, the Government expressed their willingness to consider the expediency of making such a grant after the commencement of the official year, on due cause being shown for the course proposed; but they must remark that had the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, brought the subject prominently to notice at an earlier date, it is probable that means would have been forthcoming from the Reserve Fund of the past year for this work, instead of it having had to wait until the opening of the present year. As it is very important that the Salt roads should be put in good order, the Government are willing to assign the money now applied for, and they accordingly sanction the grant of Rupees 9,000 from the Reserve Fund of the current year for putting in order the road from Tindevanum to Mercanum and repairing the branch lines.

2. The second paper and its enclosure will be communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to paragraph 3 of Proceedings in that Department, dated 11th February 1862, No. 262, and in continuation of the Order in the Public Works Department, dated 31st March 1862, No. 627.

(True Extract.)

W. Wordsley, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.
" Revenue Department. *with 2 Encls*
" Chief Engineer.
" Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

11th July/62 Nos 200-201-

31 March/62 — 627.

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Proceedings of the
Madras Govt in the
P. W. Dept

Dated 8th May 1862.
Received 10th "

E-2 Nº 993

Sanctioning the grant
of Rs 9000 from the Revenue
Fund of the Current year
for repairing the road
from Vindavanum to Mer-
canum together with the
branches and communi-
cating letter from Dr Supt
Engrs &c. regarding the
state of the Salt pans
roads in S. Arcot —
Nº 1064 14 May
With an order —

Nº 268 & 269.

Nº 1064.

Ordered to be com-
municated to the Board
of Revenue with reference
to para 3 of the Proceedings
of Govt dt 11 February 62 etc

Nº 992 —

13/5/62

Fort St George
14th May 1862

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