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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th February 1862.

No. 539. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 20th February 1862, No. 275 :—

Passing orders on Board's Proceedings, respecting certain roads in Kistna District. (Vide Public Works Proceedings, 20th February 1862, Nos. 345, 346.)

No. 540. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1862, No. 431.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings dated 29th November 1861, No. 6,633 and 10th February 1862, No. 938.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1862, No. 938.

Read the following Memorandum from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chepauk, 5th February 1862, No. 19 :—

1 Original letter No. 177, dated 31st December 1861.

The foregoing letter from the District Engineer Kistna, No. 177, dated 31st December 1861, is forwarded to the Board of Revenue for information, with reference to their Proceedings, No. 6,633, dated 29th November 1861.

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1. Ordered that copy of the District Engineer's letter, received with the above Memorandum, be submitted to Government, in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th November 1861, No. 6,633, on the Collector's report on Public Works in 1860-61, and that copy be also communicated to the Collector.

2. The Board trust that means will be provided for effecting repairs which are evidently so sorely needed.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

From Major J. C. ANDERSON, District Engineer Kistna District, to Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. RUNDALL, Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Bezwada, 31st December 1861, No. 177.

SIR,

No. 8,400, dated 16th instant.

1. Referring to the Chief Engineer's Proceedings as per margin, furnishing me with a copy of the Collector of Kistna's report on the progress of Public Works during the past year, and requesting me to make any remarks that may seem necessary, particularly in regard to the statement of the Collector in paragraph 7 of his report, that "a certain sum had been expended on Trunk Roads, Nos. 6 and 7 in the Guntoor portion, which are nevertheless wretchedly bad," I have the honor to inform you, that the statement in question is quite just. The Trunk Roads in this District, excepting for the small portion that has been repaired and maintained on an annual allowance, are in an extremely bad condition, and it would be very surprising if they were otherwise, considering the very small sum that has been expended on them of late years.

2. Of the two Trunk Roads in this District, Nos. 6 and 7, extending respectively from Inkole to Ellore and from Kopperapaud to Pondigul, and measuring 99 and 63 miles in length, only 30 miles of No. 7 Trunk Road have been properly repaired and maintained. On the remaining 132 miles of road, only 12,451 Rupees have been expended during the last five years, or Rupees 18 per mile per annum.

3. For the above-mentioned roads the following estimates have been submitted to Government :—

	Rs.
Trunk Road No. 6 from Inkole to Guntoor 40 miles	1,32,800
Trunk Road No. 6 from Guntoor to Bezwada 20 miles	29,440*
Trunk Road from Bezwada to Ellore 39 miles.....	1,06,800
Trunk Road No. 7 total† for 63 miles.....	88,708
Bridges for completing Trunk road No. 7.....	42,424

* Of which 3,022 Rupees has been expended.

† Of which 47,946 Rupees has been expended.

4. It was intended that the portion of No. 6 Trunk Road from Inkole to Guntoor should be superseded by the High Level Canal which is to run in the same direction, but the latter work has been postponed, and in the meantime, the road has fallen into complete ruin, and excepting in that it is bridged, it does not now deserve to be called a road at all. The soil through which it passes is mostly black cotton, and repairs to be of any value, would have to be on a large and expensive scale. As there is no prospect of the High Level Canal being completed for many years,

if the improvement of this line of communication is considered of much importance, I believe (with my predecessor Captain Chambers, who pointed it out to me,) that the direction might be changed with advantage to the westward, thus:—To follow Trunk Road No. 7, as far as Adunky, strike off from thence to Chilkalúrpaud in a new line, and improve the District road from the latter place to Guntoor, good material would be found at a shorter distance than is procurable in the existing line, and the portion from Chilkalúrpaud to Guntoor would also form a portion of the road from Guntoor to Venaconda and thence to Cuddapah and Kurnool, on which there is already considerable traffic.

5. As regards Trunk Road No. 7, I entered 5,000 Rupees in my Budget Statement for next year, for continuing the repairs from Nacrikul towards Pondigul.

6. Trunk Road No. 6 from Guntoor to Bezwada is much in want of repair, an estimate for partial repairs amounting to Rupees 3,486 has lately been prepared, and will be submitted if the allotment for next year will admit of this sum being expended.

	Rs.
Estimate	1,360
Do.	2,720
	4,080

See P. M. G. No. 1,858, dated 8th October 1861.

7. Trunk Road No. 6 from Bezwada to Ellore is under partial repair for the first 10 miles, and the remainder will be superseded for the most part during the rains by the new canal, and any considerable expenditure upon it is not urgently called for.

(A true copy.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1862, No. 275.

1. The District Engineer Kistna, will be called upon through the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, for a Survey and Estimate of the proposed new line of road from Inkole to Guntoor as described in paragraph 4 of his letter, and he will be requested to state what portion of it can be carried into effect next year if funds be forthcoming.

2. As respects No. 7 Road the Government observe that the sum of Rupees 5,000 provided for expenditure thereon in the Budget for 1862-63 is marked A, and it will consequently not be available unless additional funds are sanctioned by the Government of India. The Government will, however, be prepared to grant Rupees 5,000 for the work in question, from the Reserve fund of 1862-63, on receiving an application for the same from the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, after the commencement of that year.

(True Extract.)

W. H. Ponsley, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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