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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th April 1862.

No. 297. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 12th April 1862, No. 744 :—

Passing orders on the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department on the subject of the means of improving the cultivation of Cotton in the Kistna District and facilitating its export by the establishment of good roads with the Ports on the Sea Coast and the improvement of the Ports. (Vide Public Works Proceedings, 12th April 1862, Nos. 220, 221.)

No. 298. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1862, No. 868.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for communication to the Collector of the Kistna District, with reference to his letter 4th March 1862, No. 178.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Revenue.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Communicating Report from the Collector of Kistna District, on the subject of Road and Ports in connection with Cotton cultivation. } (Here enter 4th March 1862, No. 478.)

ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1862, No. 744.

1. The foregoing Proceedings refer for the issue of orders in the Public Works Department, a Memorandum submitted by the Collector of the Kistna District on the means of improving the cultivation of Cotton in that District, and facilitating its export. These consist in improved arrangements for cleaning, packing, and transporting the Cotton, to be undertaken by the merchants themselves without the intervention of Government; and secondly, in the establishment of good road, or other communications with the ports on the sea coast, and the improvement of these ports; which latter calls for direct Government action. Mr. Thornhill's Memorandum of recommendation is in accordance with the views of the Governor General in Council, as expressed in his Resolution in the Home Department, dated 28th February 1861, communicated to this Government in Mr. Secretary Grey's letter of the same date, No. 438.

2. The chief Cotton growing Táluqs of the Kistna District are the Palnád and Krosúr Táluqs, around which the river Kistna flows. The other Cotton growing Táluqs are Junacondah, Rajapet and Guntoor. The existing communications with the coast whether by canal, or land, are not such as they should be. Amravutty is the highest point on the Kistna to which Cotton could be carried with any advantage: this is in the Krosúr Táluq. From Amravutty to Bezwada, the river is said to be navigable for about six months; thence to the port of Masulipatam, the Masulipatam Canal is available; it is also possible for boats to reach the port of Cocanada by Canal, viâ the Colair lake, for about six or seven months in the year, while the Canal from Bezwada to Ellore is rapidly approaching completion.

3. Thus it appears that the land communications are objects for more immediate concern; inasmuch as there are practically none with the coast.

4. Mr. Thornhill submits a list of roads which he thinks might be advantageously improved, so as to make them fairly passable in the dry season, adding that they lead either to the Kistna, or to some point on the Trunk Roads (Nos. 6 and 7) which traverse the District north and south. They are the six following:—

I. From Peduqural, a town on Trunk Road No. 7 in the Palnád, to Amravutty on the Kistna.

II. From Peduqural, viâ Sattanapalli, to the town of Guntoor.

III. From Vinakonda, viâ Narsarowpet, to Guntoor.

IV. Part of Trunk Road No. 6 from Guntoor to Bezwada.

V. From the town of Guntoor to the port of Nizampatam.

VI. From Turnergode, a town in Palnád, to Dichapalli, viâ Goorjal.

5. The first is said to be a mere track, but along which large quantities of Cotton pass *en route* to Amravutty. Mr. Thornhill adds that the line has been already examined, and his recommendation is to make such improvements to it as may be readily effected. The second is described as a route considerably frequented in the dry weather; and if improved in its worst parts, it would, it is said, facilitate the traffic to the port of Nizampatam, viâ Guntoor, and to Bezwada on the Kistna. The third, which is a part of the high road from Kurnool to the coast, passes, it seems in its whole length through a Cotton producing country: the worst parts of it are recommended to be improved, as, the soil being black, it would take a long time to construct a good road. The fourth is described to be very bad in several parts, and is proposed to be put in good repair, connecting as it does Guntoor with Bezwada, whence access to the ports of Masulipatam and Cocanada is available by water. An estimate of 3,270 Rupees for this road however, viz., from Guntoor to Seetanagram (on the southern bank of the Kistna), has been sanctioned in Proceedings of Government 26th March 1862, No. 580, and permission has even been granted for commencing the work during the current year, in the event of the District Engineer being able to

provide funds for the purpose from his general allotment. The fifth has been partially made, and some of the worst streams have been bridged. It is said to be an important line, which should be made good throughout, irrespectively even of considerations in connection with the Cotton trade. The last line proposed connects, it is explained, three principal towns in the Palnâd with each other, and with Trunk Road No. 7.

6. As to the ports of the Kistna District, of which there are four, Mr. Thornhill apparently recommends the improvement of only one, viâ Nizampatam. The two chief ports are Masulipatam and Nizampatam, and the two subordinate ones are Ippurpollem and Motupalli, the latter two being of inferior importance do not call for any notice. The approach to Masulipatam is provided for both by Canal and the high road from Hyderabad which runs parallel with it, and although this road is said to be far from good, it is bridged and has a maintenance allowance of 150 Rupees a mile per annum. Nizampatam, which will hereafter be connected with Bezwada by a Canal, has a bad road to Guntoor partially bridged, the improvement and completion of which is comprised in Item No. V of the list of roads enumerated above in paragraph 4. The Port itself is said to be a favorite port with the Native shipping: the back-water is described to be deep and extensive, and the anchorage good, and not too distant from the shore, while the Bay is much sheltered on the north and east. But as the water on the Bar is said to be shallow, Mr. Thornhill is of opinion that the Port should be examined and reported upon by a competent person; and he suggests that Captain Maiden, the Master Attendant at Masulipatam, might be selected to undertake the duty as a preliminary measure.

7. The Government resolve to communicate these Proceedings to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, in view to the necessary steps being taken to put in order the road communications of the Kistna District, and to carry out generally the views of the Collector as embodied in paragraphs 4 and 5 of these Proceedings; for which purpose, he will immediately call upon the District Engineer to prepare and submit plans and estimates for approval and sanction. In respect to Trunk Roads Nos. 6 and 7, it is necessary to observe in this place, that in their Proceedings 8th October 1861, No. 1,858, Government sanctioned an estimate of 2,720 Rupees for repairs to No. 6 for 4¼ miles from Bezwada to Ellore, and another of 1,360 Rupees for repairs in continuation to Casarapalli; and that in Proceedings 20th February 1862, No. 275, they called for a survey and estimate of a proposed new line for the same road from Inkole to Guntoor, and expressed their readiness to grant 5,000 Rupees from the Reserve Fund of 1862-63, for repairs to Trunk Road No. 7, from Nacrikul towards Pondigul, and receiving an application for the same from the Deputy Chief Engineer, after the commencement of that year. And, as already noticed, an estimate of 3,270 Rupees has been sanctioned in Proceedings of 26th March for that part of Trunk Road No. 6, which is between Guntoor and the southern bank of the Kistna river.

8. The Government further view with favor the Collector's proposal to examine and report upon the condition of the Port of Nizampatam, and they approve his suggestion to employ Captain Maiden, the Master Attendant at Masulipatam, in this preliminary duty. This will be arranged in the Marine Department. Captain Maiden should be instructed to conduct his examination in communication with the District Engineer, and the Collector; and the Government will be prepared to receive and consider such reasonable proposals, as the result of the examination may suggest for the improvement of the Port.

(True Extract.)

E. B. Powley Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

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

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