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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st January 1864.

No. 243. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th October 1863, No. 6,348:—

Read the following replies to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, dated 11th February 1863, No. 813.

No.	1,606,	From Ganjam,	dated 7th	in Cons. 16th March 1863,	No. 41.
,,	1,830	,, Vizagapatam,	dated 18th	do. 26th do.	,, 113.
,,	1,611	,, Godavery District,	do. 11th	do. 16th do.	,, 47.
,,	4,062	,, Kistna	do. do. 24th	do. 29th June 1863,	,, 137.
,,	5,590	,, Nellore,	dated 24th	do. 28th August do.	,, 271.
,,	1,077	,, Madras,	do. 19th	do. 21st February do.	,, 62.
,,	2,021	,, do.	do. 1st	do. 8th April do.	,, 111.
,,	1,244	,, South Arcot,	do. 26th February	do. 2nd March do.	,, 54.
,,	1,253	,, Tanjore,	do. 25th do.	do. 2nd do. do.	,, 73.
,,	2,108	,, Madura,	do. 31st March,	do. 8th April do.	,, 64.
,,	1,959	,, Tinnevelly,	do. 26th do.	do. 1st do. do.	,, 126.
,,	1,659	,, South Canara	do. 11th	do. 19th March do.	,, 32.
,,	1,076	,, Malabar	do. 17th	do. 21st February do.	,, 27.
,,	2,844	,, Acting Superintending Engineer,	dated 9th March,	in Cons. 11th May 1863, No. 122.	

1. Resolved that the above recorded letters be submitted for the orders of the Governor in Council.

2. These letters are in reply to a Circular Order from the Board, calling upon the Collectors of Coast Districts to report upon the state of the branch roads leading to the Salt Pans, and to state their opinion as to the expediency of transferring the charge of these roads from the Department Public Works to the Deputy Collectors in charge of the Salt Department.

3. The Board regret to bring to the notice of Government that the roads in question, with scarcely an exception, are described to be in a very unsatisfactory condition. The Collector of Ganjam is averse to these roads being transferred to the superintendence of the Deputy Collector, as the District Engineer is of opinion that the change will not be beneficial. The Collectors of all the other Districts concerned, and the late District Engineer of Tanjore, who it seems is the only other Officer belonging to the Department Public Works who has been consulted, are decidedly in favor of placing these short lines of communication under the charge of the Deputy Collectors as soon as the roads have been properly constructed.

4. The Board have already brought to the notice of Government that all the works connected with the Salt Department are important, in a fiscal point of view, and a separate Budget for such works has been sanctioned. The execution of repairs to the Salt Platforms and of petty repair to the buildings has also been entrusted to the Deputy Collectors. The Board have therefore no hesitation in recommending that the same Officers should undertake the maintenance and repair of the short branch Salt roads.

G. O. 10th September 1863, No. 1,675.

5. The Collectors of all Salt Districts are requested to be specially careful in the preparation of the Budget before referred to, and to include in it the estimated cost of construction of all Salt roads already sanctioned, as well as a maintenance allowance for those roads which are now in existence.

6. The Collectors of those Districts where many such roads have yet to be made, should at once have the necessary estimates prepared, in order that the requisite sanction may be obtained; and the Collectors of those Districts for which estimates have been approved, but have not yet been sanctioned, should take an early opportunity of again bringing such cases to the notice of the Board, in view to their being speedily disposed of.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st January 1864.

No. 244. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1864, No. 126.

1. The papers submitted by the Board show that the same rule cannot be applied to all Districts.

2. In Ganjam, the Collector and Engineer agree that the short branch lines from the Salt stations to the adjacent main lines of road can be efficiently maintained by the Public Works Department. Wherever this is the case duties of an engineering character will be left to the professional Department.

3. The Collectors however are generally in favor of the transfer of these short lines to their charge, on the ground that the Officers of the Salt Department are most interested in the proper maintenance of these, are best acquainted with their actual condition, and have peculiar advantages in the command of labor, &c., while *pro tanto* the transfer would be a relief to the Public Works Department.

4. There is much weight in these arguments, but except in two instances the Collectors do not appear to have consulted the District Engineers.

5. The Government consider that the best course is for the Collector of each District to confer with the Superintending Engineer of the Division, and submit through the Board of Revenue a list of the roads which in their mutual opinion had better be entrusted to the Salt Department with a Memorandum of the maintenance allowance necessary for each.

6. The replies of the Collectors to the Board's Circular will be communicated to the Department Public Works, whose attention will be drawn to the statement of the Collector of Tinnevelly that several of the roads are so narrow that two carts cannot pass each other.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Department Public Works with a file of replies of the Collectors.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Dept.

No. 126.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 21st January 1864.

Read the following Bro: of the Board of Revenue

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(Received 6th October 1863 No 6348/-

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Pro: of Govt for January
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Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dy 21st January 1861.

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Pub Wks Dept dy 3 Feby 1864
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Pro: Bd of Revr dy 19 August 64
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Pro: Bd dy 1 March 65 No 690

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Pro: No. 147-150
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