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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th September 1864.

No. 282. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Approving of the Trunk road No. 5 from Bowany to the Malabar frontier being treated as an Imperial line, and authorize the necessary maintenance grant being provided for it. } (Here enter 8th September 1864, No. 2,593.)

No. 283. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1864, No. 1,721.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,593.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 8th September 1864.

No. 146. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund 27th August 1864, No. 162 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the accompanying letter from Colonel Walker, Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to your address, I beg to submit the following remarks.

2. I am decidedly in favor of reinstating Trunk Road No. 5, in this District, as an Imperial line. It will be quite time enough to think of transferring it to the list of Local Roads when the amount of our Local Funds bears some proportion to the actual wants of the District. The road is an important one as connecting the Railway feeders, and thereby tending to develope the resources of the country.

3. With reference to the imposition of tolls on the bridges adverted to, I shall address you separately, as I have not at hand the statistics called for in pursuance of Colonel Walker's suggestion.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E, Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 8th August 1864, No. 83 :—

SIR,

1. I submit the accompanying Estimate of Rupees 1,403 for works intended to protect the Town of Bhowany from future floods of the Cavery and Bhowany rivers, through the Collector, in order to elicit his views as to the propriety of reinstating Trunk road No. 5 from Bhowany to the Malabar frontier near Palghaut, on the list of Imperial roads. In the absence of other funds I have directed the emergent outlay of Rupees 146, energetically incurred by the Bhowany Tahsildar and Range Officer on the late occasion of the meeting of the waters of the Cavery and Bhowany in the market place of the last named town, to be met from the Income Tax allotment of Rupees 55 a mile for that road, which unites the five bridges over those streams. But that allotment, in itself insufficient, will not be available next year, and the road for general traffic and as a Railway feeder is of sufficient importance to claim the usual maintenance allowance of Rupees 110 a mile granted to all Imperial lines. District funds are utterly inadequate to meet the deficiency ; and it was a mistake ever to put this portion of Trunk road No. 5 in the District list, while the adjoining portions of it in Salem and Malabar are on the Imperial list.

2. If permission be given to rectify this mistake in the Imperial Budget List of 1865-66, the work estimated for may be deferred till May 1866 and carried out from the increased maintenance grant. It is not likely that another similar flood will occur in the interval ; but the experience of late monsoons is showing us that we must expect the floods of rivers that take their rise in the Coffee-growing Districts, to be greater and more sudden than in former years. The denudation of the hill country is causing precisely the same effect as that produced in Europe by the artificial drainage of the land, consequent on an improved system of agriculture.

3. I take this opportunity of bringing forward a proposal which I have already laid before the Collector, and with regard to which Mr. Grant will probably be ready with the statistics of which he was good enough to undertake the collection. I mean the establishment of Toll Bars on the bridges over the Cavery and Bhowany at Bhowany, and over the Bhowany at Satyamungalum. More legitimate means of raising funds for the roads on which these fine bridges occur could not be devised, and as the difficulty of raising sufficient road repair funds is very great, and increasing as roads improve and traffic extends, I think no time should be lost in availing ourselves of them.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1864, No. 2,598.

* Item No. 27 of Local Fund Budget for 1864-65.

1. Under the circumstances represented, the Government approve of Trunk Road* No. 5, from Bowany to the Malabar frontier, being treated as an Imperial line, and they authorize the

necessary maintenance grant being provided for it in future Budgets at Rupees 110 a mile. Under this sanction, the approval of Government to the Estimate submitted by Colonel Walker is unnecessary.

2. The further report promised by the Collector in paragraph 3 will be awaited.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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J. Shaw Stewart Major R.E.
Deputy Secretary to Government

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
„ Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Accountant General.
„ Revenue Dept.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Fort St. George
20th Septr. 1864.

Read 3 Letters from the Govt. Dated 8th & Recd 12th Septr. 1864 Nos 2598 Dispatched 21st Septr.

Nº. 2598.

From the Collector of Coimbatore
Dated 6th Septr. 1864 Nº. 2707.

Approving of the
Grant of Road Nos. from
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Nº. 1721. 20 Septr.
William Arden

Nº. 2822 & 2823.

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Govt. Nº. 2422.

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Dated 8th Septr.
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