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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th July 1865.

No. 133. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Communicating letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, reporting that it is both difficult and costly to turn the Virasuliar, but that he has desired the preparation of an estimate for constructing groynes and planting mangrove, &c., to protect the Salt works, and affording certain information respecting the Salt roads, &c., in Madura.

(Here enter 3rd July 1865, No. 1,848.)

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1865, No. 1,565.

Separate Revenue, No. 8.
Salt.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,848.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd July 1865.

No. 30. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 23rd June 1865, No. 409 :—

SIR,

1. In reply to G. O. No. 1,431, 27th May, I have the honor to report that it will be both difficult and costly to turn the Virasuliar as mentioned in paragraph 11, Government Proceedings, Revenue Department, 16th May,* but I have desired the preparation of an estimate for constructing groynes and planting mangrove, &c., to protect the Salt works.

* No. 1,024.

2. Estimate for road to Vyravanadapatam has been laid before Government, and Order No. 855, 28th March, passed thereon.

3. The road from Madura to Ramnad is also included in that Order, that from Ramnad to Atankaray passes over sand with light grass, any but a good road would only increase the difficulty to traffic.

4. The road mentioned in paragraph 17, also postponed in G. O. above quoted. The estimate for the channel was sent to the Collector on the 5th April 1864.

5. The swamps mentioned in paragraphs 19 to 22 are very shallow and wide-spreading, receiving a considerable quantity of drainage; unless we can arrange for maintaining a supply of fresh water from the Goondar, the ordinary quantity that lies in it will be very speedily evaporated.

6. I will examine the project as soon as opportunity offers; and submit an estimate for the Goondar bridge.

7. I take this opportunity of pointing out that I have seen the Deputy Collector travel over the worst part of the road to Ramnad at the rate of four miles an hour with posted bullocks. I see nothing to show that these roads are worse now than they were in Messrs. Blackburn and Parker's days. Mr. Clarke does not assert that they were in any degree made; unless black cotton soil is metalled it is, and always must have been, difficult to travel over in wet weather.

8. It is very natural that merchants should complain if they compare the Salt roads of Madura with those of other Districts; because in the latter they have been provided with at least one line by which to get into the neighbourhood of the Salt works, and have only short distances to traverse of the unmade road to the platforms.

9. They cannot get near the coast in Madura because, instead of having one good line and numerous branches, the policy of the authorities has been to divide their funds and try to make four main lines.

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 3rd July 1865, No. 1,848.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 3.

Communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department, No. 1,024, dated 16th May 1865.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
,, Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Rec.d 16th May/65 & 1774

Pro. of the Board of Rev. 28 July/65 Cons. 208
Pub. W. & P. 8 Aug/65
Cons. 2191

No. 135 & 154.

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Pro. of Con.t for July
No. 1798

Pro. of the Madras Govt. P. W. & Dept.

Rec.d 3rd & 5th July/65
No. 1548

Communicating letter from the Sup.t of Lug.s 8th Div.n reporting that it is both difficult & costly to turn the Vindasuliar, but that he has desired the preparation of an Estimate for constructing groynes & planting mangroves to protect the Salt works, and affording certain information respecting the Salt Roads &c. in Measure.

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