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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th August 1865.

No. 108. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on the Progress Report of Public Works in the Kurnool District in 1864-65. (Here enter 3rd August 1865, No. 2,218.)

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1865, No. 1,829.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Ed. T. O'Connor.

No. 62. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th July 1865, No. 4,158.

Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 24th June 1865, No. 91:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report on the progress of public works in this District in the official year 1864-65.

2. The grant for the District was so small, that but little could be effected on new works, although the outlay was chiefly confined to the construction of the Nandiganama ghát road, and that from Nundial to the Cuddapah frontier.

3. I regret to say that this last is still far from complete, and a gap of about twenty miles remains unmetalled, and impassable in wet weather. Although the Railway is now open to Cuddapah, the direct road is not, therefore, yet available for traffic except in the dry season, and I anticipate the opening of the rail-road to Gooty, from whence there is an excellent road to Kurnool, before the completion of the direct line of road from Cuddapah by Nundial.

4. The Deputy Collector's Cutcherry has been completed at Piapily, and several Police stations throughout the District. I regret to say, however, that no funds were available for a far more urgently required work, the construction of a new Táluq Cutcherry at Koilkoontla, and I should be glad if the amounts spent on Police stations and huts, could in this District be devoted to the completion of two or three of the Táluq Cutcherries, the state of which is really discreditable to a civilized Government.

5. The allotment for repairs, at least to works of irrigation, is equally inadequate. Major Flint, the Officer in charge of Kurnool Range, is of opinion that the tanks in that range are almost all in need of extensive repairs, and that unless a far more liberal allowance than has hitherto been allotted for this object in Kurnool be granted, the revenue under these tanks will ere long be seriously endangered.

6. The chief outlay in the District has been in repairs of communications. I am glad to report that the roads in the Kurnool Range are in excellent order, and show that under the supervision of an energetic Officer like Major Flint, the maintenance allowance is sufficient for the purpose. I cannot say the same of the roads in the Nundial Range, the high road between Kurnool and Nundial, after leaving the Kurnool Range, being in worse order than I ever remember it. The most inferior metal is alone used along this line for repairs, while excellent material should be available at little, if any greater cost, and I can only attribute the difference in the state of this line of road from those in the Kurnool Range, to less efficient supervision.

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1. Ordered that the foregoing report be submitted for the information and consideration of Government.

2. The Collector's remarks in paragraphs 5 and 6, regarding the bad condition of the tanks in the Kurnool Range, and of the road from Nundial to Kurnool in the Nundial Range, deserve attention.

(A True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, *Acting Secretary.*

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

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, 3rd August 1865, No. 2,218.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 8.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter, the Government observe that on the 30th April last, Rupees 18,089 remained unexpended from the sanctioned estimate (Rupees 60,000) for the road from Nundial to Chagalmurry on the Cuddapah frontier. Of this sum there is now at Captain Moberly's disposal Rupees 11,289, and every effort should be made by him to have completed, at an early date, the metalling of the 20 miles of road, which the Collector states to be unfit for traffic during the rainy season.

Item No. 97. Part II. of Budget, Rupees 11,289.

3. The current year's Budget allotment for the repairs to irrigation works in the Kurnool District, noticed in paragraph 5, is Rupees 20,068, or Rupees 5,000 and Rupees 10,000 respectively in excess of the actual outlay under that head during the past and the preceding official years. These funds the Superintending Engineer will be requested to distribute among the Ranges, in such manner as will ensure the whole amount being laid out, and to the best advantage.

4. Captain Moberly will submit a full explanation of the cause of an inferior description of metal having been used in the repair of the portion of road between Kurnool and Nundial, alluded to in paragraph 6, and report the name of the Officer or subordinate by whom the work has been performed. His attention will also be requested to the Collector's remarks regarding the inefficient supervision of the Nundial Range.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
" Revenue Board.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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