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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th November 1865.*

No. 217. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Communicating a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, urging the advisability of a cart tax in Tinnevely District, and forwarding a sketch of Tuticorin and the neighbouring Salt Pans, with certain suggestions as respects the Carapad and Coolasagarapatam lines.

(Here enter 10th November 1865, No. 3,371.)

No. 218. ORDER THEREON, 15th November 1865, No. 2,778.

Separate Revenue, No. 10.

Salt.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,371.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th November 1865.*

No. 184. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 30th October 1865, No. 1,470:—

1. Referring to G. O. No. 2,991, 10th instant, I have the honor to observe that I have used my utmost endeavours to turn to the best account the funds granted for roads in this Division, and

1 Sketch.

believe that much improvement has lately been effected.

2. There is much yet to be done, but till further funds are supplied I can do little. I would urge upon Government the advisability of a cart tax, which would press lightly on the people, and enable us to do much good.

3. I have not found that cart hire is higher generally in Tinnevely than it is elsewhere, but in Tuticorin "the price of every thing is higher," see paragraph 83, and I doubt not but that the charge to Mr. Clarke was higher, as it is to me when I travel by the same line.

4. The so-called coast road is carried along the back of the beach following the edges of the back-waters, wherever the hard soil offers any inducement; but passes frequently over deep sand, and is often crossed by the numerous streams which find their way into the sea by shallow muddy channels, it would be exceedingly costly to make a good road along

Rupees 10,000 a mile besides masonry.

this line, and none but a good road would be of any use. Except pilgrims few pass

along it, nowhere (save I believe a portion from Cuddalore to Negapatam) on the coast from Ganjam to Tinnevely has any Engineer proposed to make such a road.

5. They have been marked on maps, and even dignified with a number; but there, so far as I know, the project has dropped; of this, Road No. 21 is a specimen, paragraph 14, what would have ever been the object of a road between Tuticorin and Palayacoil I do not know, it may be necessary to supply the latter place with salt when the manufacture there is abandoned; the Maddagerry river, where the road crosses it, is in wet weather a swamp upwards of a mile broad and impassable, in the dry weather the spread of water depends on the tide. I never could understand why travellers persist in passing at this point, when by going quarter of a mile up-stream, they can head the tidal flow and cross, as I did, on hard soil.

6. I cannot recall any place where any risk of losing a horse could occur between Tuticorin and Arasady. I have ridden over it myself, and empty carts constantly traverse it. A glance at the accompanying sketch will, I think, satisfy Government that the branch road is rightly laid out, unless it is proposed to expend a very large sum in making two.

7. The widening and extending of the road to Vypaur Salt platform was carried on after Mr. Clarke's visit, and is making progress. I do not think it possible to dam out the salt water at Vypaur, the situation is similar to that of Muturagunadapatnam—See my No. 653, and G. O. 2,259 of 5th August 1865. Mr. Clarke, paragraph 83, suggests another line to the Carapad (or Tuticorin) platform. I fail to see the advantage to the trader. From the centre of the town the road at present runs one mile due west and two and three-quarters south and south-east, estimated

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cost Rupees 24,000; the salt is taken, I conclude, for inland use, in which case the carter after proceeding $1 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ is 1 mile on his way home. I do not know how long the direct line across the swamp is, but I doubt if it is less than two and a half miles, the carter after going five miles will still only be in Tuticorin, he may save himself half a mile, but this would be at a cost to Government of a bridge, which Mr. Clarke values at Rupees 40,000, and two and a half miles of road probably 15,000 Rupees more.

8. I feel confident that nobody will go to Carapad except export traders, unless compelled by the closure of the pans at Arasady, a proceeding which I am glad to see that Mr. Clarke condemns.

9. An estimate for a portion of the road from Coilpatam Salt pans, amounting to Rupees 3,650, was forwarded to Government on the 17th August 1864, No. 848.
See G. O., Public Works Department, 12th September 1864, No. 2,635.

10. In No. 2,379, 2nd October 1865, paragraph 36, Government take up the subject of a road to Cooelosagarapatam, but as in paragraph 38 the retention of the manufacture at that place is considered doubtful, I beg to suggest the postponement of any estimates, one for a portion of this road was sanctioned in G. O. No. 2,163, 28th July 1864. Under the late Collector's requisitions much time was occupied in making estimates for works which were afterwards abandoned, e. g., a road to Manjencolam, now given up as a salt station, estimate for 63,000 Rupees forwarded to Government on the 17th August 1864.

No. 185. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1865, No. 3,371.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 28.

Communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to the orders in that Department, dated 2nd October 1865, No. 2,379.

(True Extract.)

Charles R. E.

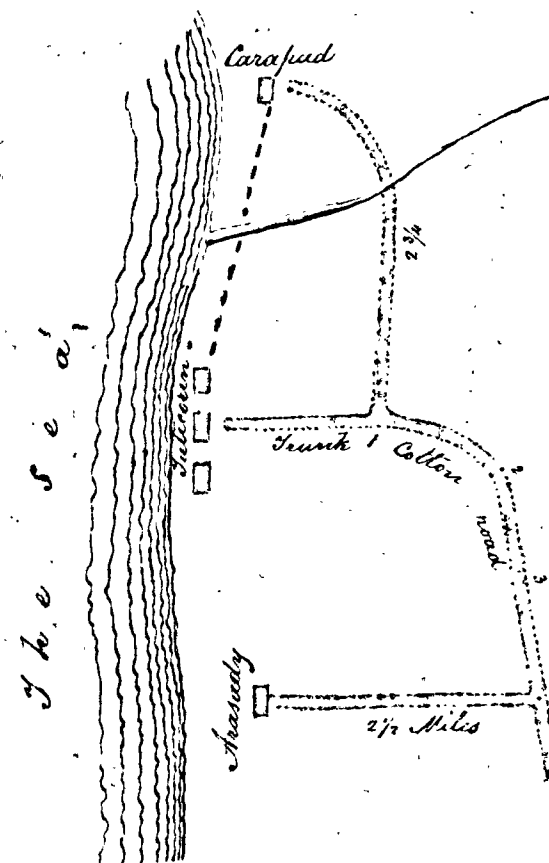
Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department, *With Sketch.*
Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Sketch of Tuticorin & the
neighbouring Pans
Tinnevely District*



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