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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1223 Press Mis.

Dated 23. 5. 1866.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*23rd May* 1866.

No. 409. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Communicating a report from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, on the roads which should for the future be regarded as salt roads, in Tanjore District, and forwarding estimates received from that Officer for the Vadapathi and Thenpathi platforms and for that at Adrampatam. } (Here enter 16th May 1866, No. 1,569.)

No. 410. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1866, No. 1,223.

Separate Revenue, No. 20.
*Salt.*

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to G. O. of this Department quoted in the margin of the foregoing Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

(Sgned) J. GROSE,
*Under Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,569.

Ixd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,*
*16th May* 1866.

No. 411. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 30th April 1866, No. 2,290 :—

No. 2,391, dated 17th August 1865.

1. I have the honor to reply to the Order of Government noted marginally.

2. With reference to the changes in the Salt Depôts proposed by Mr. Clarke, I called upon the Collector to inform me what roads should for the future be regarded as Salt roads, and whether if those roads were put into good order the requisition of Government regarding the restoration of the Salt roads might be regarded as complied with, and he informs me that the following roads should for the future be regarded as Salt roads :—

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| Not numbered. | (1.) Road from Kattumavadi Salt Depôt to the point where the road from Aroontanghi to Ayepatam branches off. |
| No. 32. | (2.) From Mayaveram to Cavaripatam. |
| No. 42. | (3.) From Tiruvengaud to junction of roads Nos. 28 and 32, five miles. |
| No. 44. | (4.) From Tiruvengaud to Neidavassel five miles, and $11\frac{1}{4}$ miles of approaches* to the Salt Depôts from the main roads. |
| * 14. | |

† Paragraph 1 of letter No. 304 from Collector to Revenue Board of 16th September 1865.

For No. 1 a new line is being constructed at a cost of Rupees 5,090† under G. O. No. 514, dated 12th February 1866; Rupees 375 have been provided from Local Funds for No. 2 during 1865-66; and Rupees 200 for No. 4. Estimates for thoroughly repairing these roads will shortly be submitted. The fourteen approaches, consisting of $11\frac{1}{4}$ miles in the aggregate, are repaired annually from the allotment for repairs of Salt works by the Salt Deputy Collector, and nothing further is required for them.

‡ No. 24.

Paragraphs 8 to 16.

2. The road‡ to which Mr. Clarke specially refers in his report is that along the coast from Muttupetta to Meenbesel, a distance of 38 miles. As he states this cannot be called a road, and it would be extremely difficult to make it passable at all seasons. The country south of Rajah's Chuttrum is low and flat, and the drainage instead of being concentrated and passing to the sea by well defined channels, flows all over the country, here and there a deeper stream being formed owing to breaches in the Shrotrium tanks in the neighbourhood. In wet weather the line of road becomes a succession of quick sands, and it is dangerous to traverse it after a heavy shower of rain. Were a road formed along this line, it would have to consist of an almost continuous succession of Irish bridges, and for these bridges stone would have to be procured from Ceylon at no trifling cost. Many of the minor Salt Depôts scattered along this line have been done away with, and the road is not even entered in Mr. Morris' list of Salt roads; from the depôts which do exist, the Salt roads at once strike inland, viz., from Kattumavadi and Arasanagheri, the latter it is believed is about to be abolished. For the Tambika-

nalavankotai and Adrampatam Divisions a portion of Road No. 24 is useful, as it connects them with Muttupetta and with the roads striking inland to Manargoody and Puttukotta; the portion of the road between Muttupetta and Rajah's Chuttrum is more capable of being reformed than that south of Rajah's Chuttrum, and Rupees 4,520 is now being laid out upon it.

3. The estimates called for in paragraph 3 have been submitted and sanctioned. Estimates for the Vadapathi and Thenpathi platforms and for that at Adrampatam are enclosed. With regard to the combined gateways and Salt Cutcherries, orders have already been issued.

Rupees 1,800
,, 1,115
,, 1,690
No. 578, 17th February.

4. In the Salt Budget of 1866-67 provision is made for the Vadapathi and Adrampatam platforms under the head of New Works, and Rupees 600 is provided under the head of Repairs for Thenpathi; the Salt Deputy Collector, however, states that the first four items in the repair list may be devoted to the improvement of the Thenpathi platform, making Rupees 1,120 in all, this will cover the estimate of Rupees 1,115 for Thenpathi, and must be transferred to New Works. The Rupees 490 required for Vadapathi and Thenpathi in excess of the Budget allotment may be supplied from the Rupees 610 provided for embanking the Nasuniyaur, as provision has been made for that work under the head of Repairs during 1865-66.

No. 58, Rupees 2,500
,, 51 ,, 500
,, 400
,, 600
,, 100
,, 20
Rupees 1,120

No. 62.

No. 412. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1866, No. 1,569.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 52.

This report will be communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to Proceedings No. 2,391, dated 17th August 1865, and the estimates referred to in paragraph 3 will be forwarded to that Department in continuation of G. O.* No. 723, dated 3rd March 1866.

* *Vide* G. O. Revenue Department, No. 708, dated 23rd March 1866.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Revenue Department.
,, Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Revenue 1866. Sept.
Nº. 1446.

Proceedings of the
Madras Govt. in the
P. W. Department.

Recd 16 May 66.
Read 18 May 66.

Nº. 1569.

Communicating a
report from the Supt.
Sugr. & Dr. on the loads
which should for the
future be regarded as
Salt roads in Tanjore
& also forwarding Sketch
marks Detail from
that office for the Vada
-pathi & Then pathi flag-
-formg part of that at Adra-
-pattam.

Nº 1223. 25 May
With order

Nº. 1223.

Communicated to the
Board of Revr. with reference
to G. O. of this Department,
quoted in the margin of the
foregoing proceedings.

To
14 Copies The Board of Revr. 23 May 66.
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