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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th August 1866.*

No. 351. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd August 1866, No. 5,308 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Point Calimere, Tirapundi Taluq, 12th July 1866, No. 174.

1. As directed in the Board's Standing Circular, No. LXXXV., dated 16th November 1865, I have the honor to submit my annual report on the progress made in improving the salt roads in this District during the past official year 1865-66. My experience in Tanjore is so brief, and my personal knowledge consequently so restricted, that I cannot submit as full a report as I could wish. It has, I regret to say, been, as the Board are aware, a most unfavorable season for road-making; in fact, it could not well have been worse; the ground was baked to the consistency of bricks; there was no rain to enable us to give the roads coatings of sand; the cholera broke out; and in the south the works could not be completed owing to the dearth of laborers who had temporarily emigrated to spots where there was not such an absence of food and water.

2. The following four roads, exclusive of fourteen approaches which constitute 11½ miles in the aggregate, are under the charge of the Salt Department—
Vide Board's Proceedings, dated 9th May 1866 :—

Main Roads.	Distance in miles.	Maintenance allowance.	From what Fund.
No. 22, from Avadaiyarsovil to Manamelkudi ...	12	rs. 360	Discretionary allowance. District Road Fund.
" 32, " Mayaveram to Kaveripatam ...	15	375	
" 42, " Tiruvengad to junction of roads Nos. 32 and 28 ...	5	100	
" 44, " Tiruvengad to Neldavassal ...	5	200	

Of these roads the repair of Nos. 22 and 32, which was commenced in 1864-65, has alone been completed, during the year under report, at the cost of Rupees 298-8-8 and 235-10-6, respectively. Road No. 42 is a mere track, and the small maintenance allowance being insufficient for putting it into proper order, no outlay was incurred thereon during the past year. Road No. 44 was only repaired in the latter part of the year 1864-65. The three roads, viz., Nos. 32, 42, and 44, however, require thorough repair before they can be entirely taken charge of by the Salt Department. Estimates for these works, I believe, are* under preparation by the Public Works Department.

* *Vide* the last clause of paragraph 1 of the Superintending Engineer's letter, dated 30th April 1866, No. 2,290, in Government Order, No. 1,569, dated 16th May 1866.

3. In addition to the four roads above enumerated, provision was made in the Supplemental Budget of the Local Funds for improving the following five other communications of an Imperial nature, and the Government were pleased to sanction their execution on condition of the amount spent being reimbursed to the Local Fund from the Imperial Funds in the subsequent year.—*Vide* Government Order, 27th October 1865, No. 2,635. With the exception of the first-named work in the list, the others were all undertaken by Mr. Ricketts, the Salt Deputy

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Collector, whose former experience in the Department Public Works should now stand him in good stead :—

Roads.	Amount pro- vided in the Budget.	Amount of the actual estimate.
	RS.	RS.
I. Road No. 15, from Combaconum to Adrampatam up to Needamungalam	1,500	1,500
II. " from Roads Nos. 32 and 44 to the Nedavassal Depôts...	3,630	3,630
III. " from Kattumavadi Salt Depot to the point where the road from Arandangi to Ayipatam branches off ...	6,855	6,130
IV. " from Arasanagari to Kunnargudi up to Gopanendal limits	2,000	1,550
V. " from Adrampatam to Chetubava in the road from Muttupettai to Minbessal	4,200	4,520

I. *Road from Combaconum to Nedamungalam, Rupees 1,500.*—Road No. 15 was undertaken by the Public Works Department, and the work has been completed. The actual expenditure amounted to Rupees 1,485-13-6.

II. *Road from Roads Nos. 32 and 44 to the Nedavassal Depot, Rupees 3,630.*—The execution of the sanctioned estimate for this road was put in hand on the 13th February 1866, and has been completed. The Executive Engineer in charge of the Range, who examined the work, reports on the creditable manner in which it was performed.

III. *Road from the Kattumavadi Salt Depot to the point where the road from Arandangi to Ayipatam branches off, Rupees 6,130.*—The amount of the actual estimate for this road exceeded that provided in the Budget by Rupees 275. The work was commenced on the 22nd December 1865, and notwithstanding the vigorous measures taken for completing it within the year, the actual expenditure amounted only to Rupees 910-6-2. The satisfactory progress of the work was greatly impeded by the very unfavorable character of the season, as also owing to the scarcity of labor caused by the breaking out of the cholera among the coolies.

IV. *Road from Kunnargudi to Arasanagari, Rupees 1,550.*—The actual estimate for this road amounted to Rupees 1,350, or Rupees 450 less than the sum provided in the Budget. The work was commenced in February 1866, but the actual expenditure, up to 30th April, amounted to only Rupees 431-12-4. The progress of the work was unavoidably delayed owing to a series of disputes having arisen among certain villagers as to the line the road should take. These disputes are now under investigation, and when they are disposed of, the work will be vigorously pushed on to completion.

V. *Road from Adrampatam to Sedubava in the road from Muttupettai to Minbessal, Rupees 4,520.*—The estimate for this road was received only in the latter part of March last, and had unavoidably to be postponed for the current year, owing mainly to the adverse nature of the season, and scarcity of labor in that part of the District.

5. The Board will thus observe that of the five roads above noticed, two have been completed, two have been partially finished, and one has not even

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been commenced. I purpose including the unexpended portions of these estimates in the Supplemental Budget of Local Funds about to be submitted, and obtaining sanction for spending them on the several works during the current year. I trust that as there will thus be no more necessity for framing new estimates, Mr. Ricketts will take advantage of the opportunities offered by rain-fall and complete the works off-hand, whenever sufficient moisture permits of satisfactory progress being made.

6. The station of Ayipatam has been closed, and Road No. 22 may, therefore, be expunged from the list of salt roads, and the operations having been concentrated in Kattumavadi, the line which is now being improved from the latter station may be substituted for road No. 22. Indeed, this has already been arranged, as the Board will observe from the Superintending Engineer's letter, dated 30th April 1866, No. 2,290, embodied in Government Order, No. 1,569, dated 16th May 1866.—*Vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 4th June 1866.

7. Of the fourteen approaches from the main roads to the salt depôts, those noted in the margin only were repaired during the year under report. The allowance for the approach to the Chendrapadi depôt was not laid out owing to the proposed transfer of the station to the north bank of the Nandalar. No outlay was likewise made on the approaches in the Tambikanallavankottai and Arasanagari Divisions, as their allowances were struck off by the Board from the Budget.—*Vide* their Proceedings, dated 11th October 1865, No. 6,435.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to paragraph 53 of their Proceedings in the Revenue Department, 2nd October 1865, No. 2,379.

2. It is satisfactory to find that so much has been done notwithstanding the hindrances arising from the very unfavorable state of the season, and the emigration of the people. It is of importance, however, that the unrepaired roads and approaches should be completed as early as practicable.

No. 352. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1866, No. 2,030.

Seal of the Revenue, No. 18.
Salt.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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No. 2106.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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No. 5,308.

Submitting with remarks, letter from Officiating Collector of Tanjore reporting on progress made in improving salt road during 1865-66.

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