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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2156 Press Mis.

Sec. 521

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No. 520. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th August 1866, No. 5,391.

Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 29th May 1866, No. 167:—

1. With a letter, No. 18, dated 22nd instant, the Superintending Engineer of this Division has forwarded me two Statements, the one shewing the savings on Budget allotments from Local Funds for 1865-66, the other the manner in which it is proposed to appropriate the same during the present working season, so as to "finish off at once the three lines,* "which have received the sanction of Government, or are on the scope of comple- "tion; and to carry into execution at once the works for which the estimates have "either been submitted, or are ready for submission."

Enclosures A., B., and C.
* Item No. 39
Do. ,, 40
Do. ,, 43
Local Funds Budget of 1866-67.

2. The total available balance is Rupees 19,854; before this can be appropriated it must be re-credited to Local Funds,† and the new appropriation of it receive sanction. The several works upon which it is proposed to expend the balances, I shall notice under those heads.

† Accountant General's Circular, No. 4,304, 16th January 1866.

(1). Works sanctioned, and commenced, but which, without an additional allotment, cannot be finished this year.

(2). Works approved, and entered in Budget for 1866-67, but which cannot be commenced or thoroughly completed this year without further allotment.

(3). New works, not entered in any Budget.

3. Under the first head come the following items of the Local Fund Budget for 1866-67:—

Budget Number.	Work.
39	Road from Ponnoor to Intoor,
40	Coast road from Tenali to Jagerlamoodi.
43	Road from Vellatoor to Sandole.

Under the second head are included the following items of the Local Fund Budget for 1866-67:—

Budget Number.	Work.
41	Road from Ponnoor to Sandole.
129	Minor new works below Rupees 500 each.
Page 21 of Budget	Repairs to minor roads.

Of these works, there is but one that calls for my remark, Item No. 41. An estimate amounting to Rupees 16,600 was, on the 4th November 1865, submitted, but Government, in an Order, No. 689, dated 23th February 1866, "considered it inexpedient to commence the same on account of the expense." The 1,000 Rupees which have been allotted to this work, in the Budget of the current year, may be sufficient to keep the road in repair

Superintending Engineer's letter quoted above.

doring the dry season, but for anything permanent it is useless. I have been favored with copy of a letter* addressed by Lieutenant-Colonel Smith to the Superintending Engineer, No. 13, dated 20th current, from which I learn that an estimate of 21,500 Rupees was, by Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, submitted to Government, and sanctioned for this road; but the smaller estimate of Rupees 16,600 has been since unsanctioned. The road is a section of that leading from Guntoor to Sandole on the coast road. Its importance (Enclosure D.) has been recognised, and on other sections of it a sum of Rs. 22,300 has been already expended; with the necessary funds Lieutenant Smith guarantees the completion of the road in twelve or eighteen months. An expenditure during this year of 9,000 Rupees, as proposed by the Superintending Engineer, would result in the completion probably of more than half the road. This is a permanent advantage. The expenditure of the 1,000 Rupees Budget allotment will be, in comparison, money lost. The sum necessary for the completion of the road may, probably, be met next year from savings on this year's Budget. I would, therefore, strongly recommend the sanction of the allotment, and the commencement of the work.

* Enclosure D.

4. Under the third head are the following:—

First.—Re-construction of Chintagoontapolem bridge.

Second.—Making road from Ankoomarroo lock bridge to join Hyderabad road.

For both of these works estimates have been framed, and that for the former has been sanctioned by the Collector; the estimate for the latter I have received, and herewith forward for sanction by the Board. As neither work has been provided for in this year's Budget, I presume that the allotments on account of them requires special sanction. The former item, the re-construction of Chintagoontapolem bridge, though sanctioned by the Collector, is not, in my opinion, properly debitable to Local Funds. The necessity for the bridge arose from the digging of the Buntder Navigation Canal, an Imperial work, and the construction of the bridge (at the landing stage at Buntder) ought properly to be a charge on Imperial Funds. It is very necessary that it should be re-built, but I would recommend that the allotments, if made from Local Funds, should be as a loan re-payable, previsions may perhaps be made for it from the Imperial Reserve. The Superintending Engineer's letter, No. 17, dated 23rd May 1866, D., and enclosures.

Second of the new works, the road from Ankoomarroo lock bridge to the Hyderabad road, will be a great boon to traffic southwards, *viz.* Sullapilly, during the rains. The straight road over Chintagoontapolem bridge is then an impassable swamp, and the road proposed will save a long round by Goodoor, six miles from Buntder. The estimate of Rupees 1,120 is exceedingly moderate; the length is two miles, and the road passes through very heavy swamp.

5. The enclosures of this letter are original letters, &c., and it is requested [illegible]

Enclosure No. 1, A.

From the Superintending Engineer, Second Division, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 23rd May 1866, No. 18.

Road from Masulipatam to Buntmilly	2,195
Do. from do. to Gowtaram	8,644
Do. from Guntoor to Lerapercollah, and from Dabapelly to Tenneroota	6,000

No. 280 of 2nd idem, in the Revenue Department.

1. In the Budget Estimate of Local Fund Works for 1865-66 the items, as per margin, were for works of considerable extent, for which no estimates had been prepared, and until the submission of the estimates, it was ordered in Government Order, No. 466, dated 7th February 1866, Public Works Department, that no funds should be laid out on the works concerned.

2. On 4th November 1865, I submitted to you an estimate amounting to Rupees 16,600 for the Pounoor and Sandole road, a comparatively short line, but of considerable consequence; and the Government, in Government Order, No. 689, dated 28th February 1866, considered it inexpedient to commence the same on the ground of the expense. I, therefore, considered it futile to employ the Range Officers in framing estimates for the roads above-mentioned, as I was well aware that they would cost three, five, and six times the sum refused for the Pounoor and Sandole road.

3. But you will perceive by the Statement now forwarded, that, owing to the non-expenditure of the sums entered in the Budget for these lines, and to certain unexpended balances on other works, there was a balance left of Rupees 19,854-11-3 at the end of the year. The Statement shews how I now propose to spend that sum during the current working season. I have framed it, with the view of finishing off at once the three lines which have received the sanction of Government, or are on the verge of completion, and for carrying into execution at once the works for which the estimates have either been submitted, or are ready for submission. In it I have included Rupees 8,000 for the Pounoor and Sandole road, which we can well now afford to commence, and I have also set down an item of Rupees 4,367, on account of repairs of minor roads, in order that the numerous local highways around Masulipatam, which were damaged by the hurricane, and still remain in a very dilapidated state, may be restored to their original condition. All the works I now propose have been selected so as to meet the spirit of the Government Orders, and the necessities of the District, and should you approve of them, I shall feel obliged by your forwarding the Statement for the sanction of the Board of Revenue.

Enclosures Nos. 2, B., and 3, C.—Statements.

Enclosure No. 4, D.

From the Assistant Engineer, Kistna District, to the Superintending Engineer, Second Division, dated Camp at Tarady, 23rd May 1866, No. 13.

1. I have the honor to request for information regarding the Pounoor and Sandole road.

2. An estimate for Rupees 16,600 was forwarded from this office, on 29th October last, and returned cancelled by Government Order, No. 424, dated 17th February 1866, with remarks, to the effect that sufficient funds only would be granted to keep the road passable in dry weather; this amounted last year to Rupees 800, or Rupees 50 per mile.

3. In this year's Budget I find (the amount of the estimate Rupees 21,500 inserted, which is the old estimate forwarded by Colonel Anderson,) and a grant of Rupees 1,000 for expenditure during the year. I beg to be informed, therefore, whether an estimate* for the amount can be forwarded. I would remark that this road is of considerable importance.—(*Vide* Specification Report for Chabrole and Pounoor Road, No. 35,† of 1861-62, dated 10th March 1862,) and a large sum has already been expended on it, viz., from Guntoor to Chabrole, a distance of eight miles from Vellanoor‡ to Pounoor, Rupees

* *Vide* Circular, No. 6252 C., dated 26th April 1866, and Government Order, No. 1,404, dated 7th April.

† Sanctioned by Collector on 14th May 1862.

‡ Expenditure from Chabrole to Vellanoor unknown.

12,000, in addition to which a further sum of Rupees 10,301 has been spent in building a bridge on this road over the Commanoor channel at Chabrole; this bridge was constructed simply to render the road passable when water was in the channel, that is during the irrigation or wet season; but, notwithstanding the great expense already incurred, the road is rendered useless or impassable during the wet weather, for want of proper gravelling between Ponnoor and Sandole. I admit that the estimate is heavy for so short a distance, but this cannot be helped, as the gravel has to be carted from Chabrole, (average twelve miles,) and yet this present estimate is Rupees 5,000 less than one* forwarded by Colonel Anderson, which was curiously enough sanctioned, and an allotment of Rupees 1,500 granted in last year.

* Apparently lost sight of.

In conclusion, I request that the above facts may be strongly urged on Government for consideration, and remark that if I have proper funds allotted, I will guarantee to complete the road in twelve or eighteen months.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. KRISTNA RAW, Manager,
Superintending Engineer's Office, 2nd Division.

Extract from No. 5, E.

From the Superintending Engineer, Second Division, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 23rd May 1866, No. 17.

1 Detailed Estimate.
1 Abstract do.
1 Specification Report
1 Survey Sketch.
3 Plans of Tunnels.

1. I have the honor to forward estimates and plans, as per margin, for forming an unmetalled road from Ankoomurroo lock to the Hyderabad road, amounting to Rupees 1,420.

2. This is the line which bullies, &c., are obliged to take during the rainy season, when they desire to pass from Masulipatam towards Sultapilly and all the tract of country in its neighbourhood, as the more direct roads *viz* Chintagantapollam become quite impassable owing to the accumulation of water in the swamp. At present, however, there is considerable difficulty for carts in passing from Sultanagram bridge to Ankoomurroo lock, owing to the muddy nature of the soil, and the drainage which it traverses. The present estimates provide both for making the road and the tunnels needed, and will, I believe, if sanctioned, prove a great boon to the public. Should you approve of the same, I shall feel obliged by your submitting the enclosures to the Revenue Board for their sanction. I have included the amount needed in the list† of works I proposed should be executed from the balance of monies allotted for last year, but not expended.

† My letter No. 18, dated 23rd instant.

1. In the foregoing letter the Acting Sub-Collector in charge states that, out of the allotments made in the Local Fund Budget for 1865-66, a sum of Rs. 19,854 remains unspent by the Engineer Department, and proposes to appropriate the amount for the immediate execution of certain works. For this purpose he observes that the balance should be re-credited to Local Funds. This course should of course be followed, if the whole sum placed at the disposal of the Engineer Department, in 1865-66, was written off as a charge in the accounts of that year; but, on referring to the Plus and Minus Memorandum for April 1866, the balance to the credit of the District Road Fund, at the end of that month, is found to be Rupees 28,392. The Collector is requested to state whether this balance is irrespective of the amount remaining unspent with the Engineer Department out of the sum placed at their disposal.

2. In the Statement submitted by the Superintending Engineer, Second Division, an expenditure of Rupees 19,854 is proposed. Of this, a sum of Rupees 10,301 is required to complete the allotment made for certain works in the Budget

for 1866-67, and the addition is proposed to complete those works this year. The allotment made in the Budget, for repairs to minor roads not exceeding Rupees 250, is shewn in the estimate at Rupees 3,700, while the correct sum provided is only 3,000 Rupees. The only work which calls for remark is the road from Ponnoor to Sandole. In the current year's Budget a sum of Rupees 1,000 is allotted for this work, for which an addition of 8,000 Rupees is proposed. The estimate for this work was submitted to Government, and in their Order, dated 17th February 1866, No. 424, Revenue Department, the Government declined to sanction the estimate on the ground that it is an Imperial work, and that the estimate is large, and cannot be met from the District Road Fund. The Collector states that the sum of Rupees 1,000 allotted for this work may be sufficient to keep the road in repair during the dry season, but that for anything permanent it is useless. The road is considered very important, and the Collector states that, by an expenditure of Rupees 9,000 this year, more than half of the road might be completed.

3. Two new works* not entered in the Budget are provided for in the Statement forwarded by the Superintending Engineer. The Acting Sub-Collector in charge states that the first of these was sanctioned by the Collector, but it is not mentioned under what authority this was done. Mr. Wilson also states that it is an Imperial work, and the Board are of opinion that the Superintending Engineer should apply for sanction from the Imperial Reserve. The estimate for the second work amounting to Rupees 1,420 is approved by the Board, and will be returned to the Collector with the plan. Out of Rupees 19,854 proposed by the Superintending Engineer, the sum of Rupees 1,870, which is to be met from Imperial Funds being deducted, there remains Rupees 17,984, to which the Public Works supervision being added, the total comes to Rupees 19,782. The sanction of Government will be requested for this expenditure.

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* Re-construction of Chintagoontapollem bridge	1,870
Making road from Ankoomurroo Lock Bridge to join Hyderabad road ...	1,420

4. The original enclosures received with the Collector's letter will be returned to him.

No. 521. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1866, No. 2,156.

Local Funds, No. 14.
Account.

1. The proposals submitted are sanctioned, with the exception of the road from Ponnoor to Sandole.

2. The necessary funds for the Chintagoontapollem bridge (Rupees 1,870) may be advanced from the District Road Fund, as a loan, if no allotment can be made from Imperial Funds. On this point the Superintending Engineer should address Government, separately, in the Department Public Works.

3. The Government wish to be furnished with a map shewing the District Fund Roads, completed, in progress, and contemplated.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant General.

Rd. S. T. Augustin.

The preamble, the two Acts are
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Exceptions of the Lord
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Royal Fund, and a Grant,
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