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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd February 1866.*

No. 50. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th January 1866, No. 290.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 9th December 1865, No. 408 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 20th November 1865, No. 2,926, communicated in the Board's Proceedings of the 2nd instant, in which I am requested to report whether the Railway feeders from Singiputty and Alakudi may not at once be taken in hand from Local Funds in preference to the salt roads.

2. As regards the feeder from Singiputty, I beg to refer the Board to a letter from Mr. Cadell to Lieutenant Lindsay, Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 4th September 1863, No. 856, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, Financial Railway Department, dated 16th November 1863, from which they will see that there would be but little advantage gained at the present time, by connecting the Boodalore station by a road with Singiputty.

3. With respect to the feeder from Alakudi to Vallam, I have the honor to remark, that the estimates for the same amount to Rupees 27,800, and that this road cannot be made use of till a large river has been bridged, which has a bed so deep and sandy, that loaded bandies cannot cross it either in the dry or wet weather. I have not the estimate for this bridge in my office, but I know that it is more than the whole sum which I propose to spend on the salt road. I think, therefore that it would be better to lay out the money as I have suggested, than to spend it on a work which could not be completed, and therefore, would be of no practical use.

1. Communicated for the information of Government with reference to their Order quoted.

2. The Board consider that Mr. Morris shews good reason for abiding by his first proposal.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1866, No. 291.

Local Funds, No. 3.
Civil Works.

1. The Government concur with the Board, and the three roads specially mentioned in paragraph 3 of Mr. Morris' letter to the Board dated 31st August last, No. 276, as well as such of the works mentioned generally in paragraph 4 of the same letter, as may be *Imperial*, may be proceeded with, the actual outlay being reimbursed to the District Road Fund out of the Public Works assignment of next year.

2. The Superintending Engineer will be requested (through the Public Works Department) to report whether a much less expensive road would not suffice between Vellum and Alakudi. The Collector states that the road alone, as now planned, will cost 27,000 Rupees, and will be useless without a bridge which will cost a still larger sum. The Government cannot think of devoting more than a year's income to making a road three miles long.

3. The practicability of making a good but moderately expensive road north from Boodalore station should at once be ascertained, and estimates prepared.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th January 1866.

Read the following letter from G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 9th December 1865, No. 403:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, dated 20th November 1865, No. 2,923, communicated in the Board's Proceedings of the 2nd instant, in which I am requested to report whether the Railway feeders from Singiputty and Alakkudi may not at once be taken in hand from Local Funds in preference to the salt roads.

2. As regards the feeder from Singiputty, I beg to refer the Board to a letter from Mr. Cudell to Lieutenant Lindsay, Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 4th September 1863, No. 856, recorded in the Proceedings of Government, Financial Railway Department, dated 16th November 1863, from which they will see that there would be but little advantage gained at the present time, by connecting the Boodalore station by a road with Singiputty.

3. With respect to the feeder from Alagudito Vallam, I have the honor to remark, that the estimates for the same amount to Rupees 27,800, and that this road cannot be made use of till a large river has been bridged, which has a bed so deep and sandy, that loaded handies cannot cross it either in the dry or wet weather. I have not the estimate for this bridge in my office, but I know that it is more than the whole sum which I propose to spend on the salt roads. I think, therefore, that it would be better to lay out the money as I have suggested, than to spend it on a work which could not be completed, and, therefore, would be of no practical use.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to G. L. Morris, Esq., Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. J. Wright.

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