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No. 55. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th March 1866, No. 1,852 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Viruru, Atamakuru Talook, 7th March 1866, No. 58.

1. On my having,* on the first introduction of the Income Tax in 1860, suggested, for consideration, the propriety of the one per cent. levied for re-productive works being laid out in the large Zemindaries in the tracts whence the tax was raised, and brought to the notice of Government, through the Board, the cases of the Zemindaries of Vencatagiri and Kalahastri in this District, the Government† were pleased to observe that, as the collections from the source referred to were at the time so uncertain, and no instructions as to the appropriation of the funds thus raised had been received from the Government of India, they could not then pass any definite orders on my letter, and I was in the meanwhile directed to send up estimates for the work I might propose to undertake through the Chief Engineer.

2. Accordingly, after communication with the Zemindar of Vencatagiri, I brought to the favorable notice of Government, in my letter of the 27th November 1861, the wish of the Zemindar himself, and of the merchants and people of Vencatagiri, for the opening out of a road to connect the town with the Railway, near Tripati, and to enable the country to the south generally to avail themselves of the advantages of the Railway, and thus get direct and rapid communication with Madras.

3. This proposal was‡ referred by the Government to the Chief Engineer for his opinion, but the Government were still unable to pass any orders on

the subject, pending the reply of the Government of India regarding the disposal of the one per cent. Income Tax receipts.

4. The matter was thereon lost sight of for more than two years, and when I visited Vencatagiri in April 1864, I again brought before the notice of Government, the propriety of the road referred to in paragraph 2 being at once undertaken from the source referred to, and the benefits that would result from it to the

Zemindary; and the Government§ were then pleased to call on the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Division, to ascertain what steps had been taken towards the preparation of the requisite estimate, and when it might be expected.

5. After some further correspondence in 1864 and 1865, between the Superintending Engineer and myself, as to the most eligible line to be selected, it was with much pleasure that I received in January last, the requisite plans and estimates for countersignature, and Colonel Boileau, R. E., having asked me to state

* Collector's letter to Board, dated 10th August 1860, No. 130, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 29th idem, No. 3,941.

† Proceedings, Revenue Department, 15th September 1860, No. 1,606.

‡ Proceedings Public Works Department, (Public,) dated 31st December 1861, No. 2,436.

§ Proceedings Public Works Department, 6th May 1864, No. 1,311.

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any special arguments that could be brought forward in favor of the construction of this line, in view to its early sanction, I observed* that no arguments appeared requisite, "for the Government have already recognized the equity of the measure, and that it has been so long delayed is in itself the strongest argument that can be adduced, for allowing no further delay," and I expressed a hope that the Government would be "but too glad to receive the estimates, and find them-

* Collector's letter to Superintending Engineer, Fourth Division, dated 17th January 1866, No. 19.

† Note.—Erroneously written "three" years in the original.

selves in a position to order the immediate execution of what they admitted the equity of upwards of four† "years ago."

6. The Government having, however, in their Proceedings‡ in the Public Works Department, dated 12th ultimo, No. 518, while approving of the estimates aforesaid, observed that they have been unable to provide for them in the out-going Budget, as there is no prospect of funds being available for the work during the ensuing year, and deferred its execution to a more favorable time, I have the honor to report the circumstances of the case for the consideration of the Board.

‡ Enclosed for the Board's perusal, and requested to be returned.

7. The Zemindar has paid a fair quota of the Income Tax compared, I believe, with other of his position, and the propriety of the funds for re-productive works raised by the levy of the tax being laid out in those tracts whence the money was obtained, being much of the nature of a debt under any circumstances, in this case is a recognized debt. The Government have all along recognized the claim. The Zemindar has been led to anticipate its early liquidation; and should what has passed appear to the Board in this light, I earnestly hope that the Board will be pleased to request the favor of a re-consideration, and suggest that the requisite funds should be provided by a transfer if necessary. There is probably not a single item in the works to be executed in the coming year, to which the requirements of this case would be applied with equal force.

8. I much regret that in the matter of pound funds also, the Zemindar's claims have been neglected. The collections from pound funds are considerable in a Zemindary of upwards of 2,000 square miles; and as yet, the surplus has been laid out in making roads in the Ryotwar Talooks. I have had, however, an account made out, and propose to put the Zemindary on an even footing in this respect as soon as possible.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—G. O., 12th February 1866, No. 518.

Submitted for the consideration of Government, with the Board's recommendation that if possible, the requisite funds be provided from the final assignment of the one per cent. Income Tax, which the Board believe has yet to be made. The Board await the Collector's further report as regards the surplus Cattle Trespass Funds collected in the Estate.

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No. 56.

ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1866, No. 801.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st December 1861.*

No. 450. Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Nellore, 27th November 1861, No. 48 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Orders of Government under date the 15th September 1860, Revenue Department, No. 1,606, I have the honor to report that the one per cent. Income Tax on the Venkatagiri Zamindári in this District amounts to Rupees 4,868-4-1.

2. On the 12th ultimo, I suggested to the Zamindár that this money might with advantage be laid out in connecting the Zamindári in the south with Trunk Road No. 6, by a cross road from the town of Venkatagiri to Naidupetta, and in the north by a road from Darisi to Podile, another large town of this Zamindári, through which the Kambam and Kottapatnam Cotton road passes.

3. In his reply, translation of which I do myself the honor to submit, the Zamindár states that he would prefer the Zamindári in the south being brought in communication with the Railway, by a road from Venkatagiri to Karakambadi, near Tripati.

4. The Zamindár forwards a Petition from the merchants of Venkatagiri to the same effect, translation of which I also enclose.

5. And fully agreeing in the propriety of the suggestion made by the Zamindár, who deserves credit for readily appreciating the advantages to be derived from Railways, I beg to recommend the project for the favorable consideration of Government.

6. In the Order of Government above quoted, I was directed to send up through the Chief Engineer, estimates for the work I might propose to undertake. As it turns out, however, the first portion of the work, if approved, must be estimated for, and sent up from North Arcot. And under these circumstances, I trust that the requisite instructions may be issued to the District Engineer of that District to prepare the estimates for so much of the proposed line as lies in that District, arranging the same with reference to its continuance to Venkatagiri, and in communication with the District Engineer of this District.

7. Pending the completion of the said Railway line in the south, I do not propose to take any further steps regarding the Podile and Darisi road in the north.

No. 451.. ORDER THEREON, 31st December 1861, No. 2,436.

The Collector's letter will be referred to the Chief Engineer for his opinion; but the Government are unable to pass any orders on the subject until the Government of India reply to the letter addressed to them regarding the disposal of the one per cent. Income Tax receipts.

11th October 1861, No. 1,967.

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

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th May 1864.*

No. 134. Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vencatagherry, 12th April 1864, No. 20:—

SIR,

* Proceedings of Government. 1. Some time ago the Government were pleased to accede* to the request of the Zemindar of this place, that such portion of the 1 per cent. Income Tax as should be allotted for his Zemindary, should be laid out in constructing a road from Vencatagherry to the Railway.

2. The road would not only be good for the Zemindari, but a good feeder for the Railway.

3. And, on arriving here this morning, I was sorry to find no progress had yet been accomplished in respect to this road, as regards actual construction.

4. The greater part of the road to be made, lying in North Arcot, the construction of the road was entrusted to the Public Works Department of that

† Proceedings of Government. District.† I therefore do myself the honor to solicit further orders from Government on the subject, as, apparently the whole question has been lost sight of, and no provision, as far as I can see, having been made for it in the Budget of 1864-65, without the assistance of Government the coming year will see us at its close in the same unsatisfactory state we are in at present.

P. S.—The Government Proceedings referred to have been unfortunately mislaid, and cannot therefore be specified. The search for them is the cause of the delay in the despatch of this letter.

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1864, No. 1,311.

1. The Government observe that in Proceedings dated 31st December 1861, No. 2,436, they referred for the opinion of the Chief Engineer, a letter from the Collector of Nellore on the subject of the construction of a road from Vencatagherry to Kurcumbaddy.

2. In the papers† noted in the margin an Estimate for the proposed road was promised to be submitted by the late District Engineer North Arcot, but it has not yet been received.

† Endorsement of Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, No. 493, 28th November 1862.
Do. do. No. 506, dated 10th December 1862.
Do. do. „ 514, „ 16th „ „
The Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, will be requested to ascertain what steps have been taken in the matter, and when the Estimate may be expected.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
Do. do. 4th Division.
Collector of Nellore.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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12th February 1866.*

No. 289. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Madras, 31st January 1866, No. 3,918:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Nellore, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Nellore, 17th January 1866, No. 19.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3,415, dated 3rd instant, and return countersigned with much pleasure the estimate amount-

ing to Rupees 21,400, for the road from,
Bangarupett* to Yarepett (on the Tripatty
and Kalastry road) therewith forwarded.

(Signed) A. J. M. BOILEAU, Colonel, R. E.

2. As regards any special arguments to be brought forward in favor of the construction of this line, I have the honor to state that any arguments appear unnecessary, for the Government have already recognized the equity of the measure and that it has been so long delayed is in itself the strongest argument that can be adduced for allowing no further delay. The Government will, I have no doubt, be but too glad to receive the estimates, and find themselves in a position to order the immediate execution of what they admitted the equity of upwards of three years ago.

1. Submitted to Government, together with a survey and estimate Rupees 21,400, with reference to G. O. Nos. 2,436, 31st December 1861, and No. 1,311, 6th May 1864, and with a request that the

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amount may be sanctioned for execution in 1866-67.

2. The character of the road to be formed is fully detailed in the accompanying report.

3. The full amount, Rupees 21,400, has been entered in the Budget of 1866-67.
(Signed) A. J. M. BOILEAU, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

No. 290. ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1866, No. 518.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 34.

The Government approve of the estimate, amounting to Rupees 21,400, which is submitted with the foregoing papers for the construction of a road from Bangarupett to Yarepett in the Nellore District, but as they have been unable to include the estimate in the out-going Budget, and as there is no prospect of funds being available for the work during the ensuing year, its execution must be deferred to a more favorable time.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with two Enclosures.

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" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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