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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th August 1867.

No. 133. Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Cocanada, 29th July 1867, No. 11 :—

1. It may be in the recollection of Government that, when Sir Charles Trevelyan's plan of deepening and widening the Cocanada river was proposed and sanctioned, a part of the plan was to have a road-way of forty feet in width running along each bank of the river, to facilitate access to quays and warehouses on its edge. This road-way has been now formed on the north side of the river for some distance, by filling up, behind the revetment, with silt taken from the bed of the river the hollow that there existed; but no road, properly so-called, was ever formed. What now does duty as such is, in this rainy weather, a deep porridge of mud, difficult to be traversed on foot or horseback, all but impassable for wheeled carriages.

2. Now that such can be used in Cocanada, on other roads, the community are anxious that this probability should extend to the one river-side road too. In evidence of this I forward, for consideration of Government, a petition this day received, and signed by all the Europeans and Natives of note in the place. The road referred to is now within Municipal limits. To level and gravel it, by which alone it can be rendered available for wheeled traffic, would entail a heavy cost on the Municipal funds, heavier indeed than they can well now bear with so many other urgent calls on them, such as money for drainage, new market place, &c. I would, therefore, ask whether Government are inclined to contribute to this object, which is indeed nothing else than the completion of an unfinished Government project.

3. Perhaps it might be done from the Port Fund, at the credit of which there is now a large balance;* and with reference to Government Order of 15th June 1867, No. 1,806, Public Works Department, I should think it would be, because in all probability the funds for the execution of the very necessary project therein referred to must come from this source. Hoping for an early and favorable reply.

* Rupees 27,161.

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1867, No. 1,822.

Miscellaneous.

It will be considered in the Marine Department whether any Port Funds can be appropriated for the work in question. Meanwhile, the Collector will report from what source the cost of the work already performed was met, and whether the Local Funds received any contribution from the sale proceeds of lands within the Municipal limits, which can be properly assigned towards the completion of this work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of the Godavery District.
,, the Marine Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

To
The Municipal Commissioners
Cocanada.

Gentlemen,

We the undersigned, merchants and inhabitants of Cocanada, beg respectfully to draw your attention to the road extending from the bridge to the B. I. S. N. Company's Godowns on the North river-bank, the condition of which, we beg to submit, is such as to render it at all times difficult of passage for vehicles and in rainy weather nearly impassable even for foot-passengers.

The prominence of the situation, and the amount of traffic between the godowns and the river which must necessarily pass over it, as also the several residences which adjoin, would seem, in our humble opinion, to point to this road as one of sufficient importance to justify the application of funds for placing and maintaining it in thorough repair.

We trust you will, as we venture to hope, be sure of giving us the advisability of this improvement respectfully beg that you will take into consideration the means for carrying it out with as little delay as possible.

We have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your obedient Servants

Cocanada
22nd July 1867

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Dated 29 July 1867
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