M.R.O. 14—13,000—27-9-24

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1834 Press Mis.

157—158

Dated 8 — 8 — 1867.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th August 1867.

No. 157. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on Board's Proceedings relating to progress of Public Works in Kurnool for 1866-67. } (Here enter 5th August 1867, No. 2,362.)

No. 158. ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1867, No. 1,834.

Miscellaneous. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 105. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd July 1867, No. 4,616.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th June 1867, No. 170 :—

1. I have the honor to report on the progress of Public Works in this district, for the official year 1866-67.

2. NEW WORKS.—*Agricultural.*—The only work undertaken under this head is a calingulah in the Nandikotkur talook, which is reported to be completed, with the exception of the shutters, flooring, and pointing work. The estimate for this work was 1,500 Rupees, of which Rupees 1,211-6-4 were spent during the year under review.

3. *Repairs.*—The estimate under this head was Rupees 20,500, of which Rupees 17,475-5-1 have been expended, and repairs to the following works carried out :—

31 Tanks, 4 Calingulahs, 5 Sluices, and 4 Channels.

4. NEW WORKS.—*Communications.*—The chief work was the road from Nundial to Chagulmurry. The allotment for it in this year was Rupees 11,893, of which Rupees 11,842-15-5 has been expended. This is a very useful road, being on the main line between this district and Cuddapah on the way to Madras. It is much used, and during the dry weather is good, but being on black cotton soil, it requires metal to make it serviceable during the wet season; for this a sanction has been granted of Rupees 44,029. I regret that it was not carried through the two largest towns in the talook, Sirwell and Alamur. It is a curious thing that, throughout the road from Kurnool to Chagulmurry, the large principal towns have been apparently shunned on purpose; for, besides the ones above mentioned, are Kalva about two miles from the road, Paniem about a mile from the road, and Nundial, itself, about four or five miles from Ayalur, the village near which the Cuddapah portion branches off.

5. Rupees 33,758-14-4 were expended in repairing the following works :— 324½ miles of road, 5 road dams, and 28 tunnels.

6. I am sorry to see that round pebbles are constantly used for road repairs. These pebbles will not bind, and only become displaced by the traffic. My query why such are used is met by the reply, what can be done with only Rupees 100 per mile, and that the roads are good enough for the traffic. This is to be regretted, for no part of India is better provided with good road material than this district, in which a fine hard black stone like whin stone, the best material in the world, abounds, and surely it would be better to make some small but really first rate repairs to the roads, than to make such repairs to a great extent as is at present the case, and the better the roads become, the better will become the conveyances used for traffic on the roads. These remarks apply particularly to the roads under the charge of Captain Hunter, R. E.

7. I have been over nearly the whole of the district, with the exception of Cumbum and Markapur, and no where have I found the road so bad as that part of the Kurnool and Cuddapah road which runs through the pass of Kalva, between about the 23rd mile-stone and Tamarazpally. The pass is, at places, very precipi-

tous, with a precipice at the side, and very seldom is there a parapet wall built for protection. The road is so bad there, just where it ought to be the best, that I hardly think it safe, for should a horse or bullock shy, or stumble, the consequences would be fatal. On the same road is another very bad bit, from about the 10th to the 12th mile-stone, near which also the parapet wall has fallen into a culvert, and so filled up the drainage, that I fear the road will breach if repairs are not quickly carried out, regarding which I shall at once write to Major Moberly.

8. NEW WORKS.—*Buildings.*—The Talook Cutcherry at Koilkuntla is the chief work under this head; it has been suspended pending the submission of a revised plan and estimate. An allotment of 2,000 Rupees was made for the current year's expenditure, of which Rupees 1,930-15-4 were laid out on the collection of materials. The estimate for this building is Rupees 7,700.

9. *Repairs.*—Six Military buildings, three Revenue, five Judicial, and one Public building have been repaired, at a cost of Rupees 1,697-12-3.

10. The Division Officers report favourably on the progress of Public Works in their talooks. The Deputy Collector of Patticonda would be glad to see more extensive repairs made to tanks, but the funds allotted would not allow any greater outlay.

11. The subjoined statement shows the amount sanctioned for each item, and the expenditure thereon.

Statement showing the amount sanctioned for Public Works and the expenditure therefrom

	Estimate.			New Works.			Repairs.			Total.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P	RS.	A.	P.
Agricultural	20,206	0	0	1,211	6	4	17,475	5	1	18,686	11	5
Communications	46,890	0	0	12,024	15	1	33,758	14	4	45,783	13	5
Buildings...	8,976	0	0	4,618	1	7	1,697	12	3	6,315	13	10

KURNOOL,
14*th June* 1867.

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Collector.

---

1. Resolved that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board do not understand why, as stated in paragraph 2, the entire estimate for repairs has not been expended, as, according to the list enclosed, there are several tanks requiring repairs, and the Deputy Collector in charge of Patticonda complains of want of funds for that very purpose.

3. The Board beg to draw the attention of Government to the Collector's remarks in paragraph 4, concerning the road from Kurnool to Chagulmurry. The avoidance of towns entails much discomfort on travellers who are obliged to resort to such places for shelter and supplies.

4. The attention of Government is also requested to the report in paragraph 6 of the bad materials (viz., round pebbles) used in the repair of the roads.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th August 1867.

5. It appears from paragraph 7, that a portion of the road from Kurnool to Cuddapah running through the pass of Kalva is in so bad a state as to be dangerous, and that, unless speedy repairs are effected, it will become worse. The Board trust that the necessary orders will be issued to the Superintending Engineer.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1867, No. 2,362.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 9.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, who will call the special attention of the Executive Officers concerned to the representations contained in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Collector's report.

2. Adverting to paragraph 4 of that report, it appears to Government that, owing to the positions of the towns of Kalva, Paniem and Nandial, the road to the Kurnool frontier at Chagulmurry could not have been taken in closer proximity to them without materially increasing its length and the cost of its construction. Major Moberly will ascertain and report at what expense the line in question can be brought within easier reach of the towns of Sirwell and Alamúr.

(True Extract.)

Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
" Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department. ✓

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Rev. 1867. Despatch
from Govt. for Augt.
No. 2103.

Proceedings in the
C. W. Despatch.

Dated 5th } Augt.
Received 6th } 1867.

No. 2362.

6

Passing orders
on Board's Report relating to
progress of Public Works
in Simcoe for 1866/67.

RECORDED.

No. 1834.

Records
8th Augt. 67

No. 157-158.