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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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20th September 1867.*

No. 347. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th September 1867, No. 5,971.

Read the following papers:—

From the Acting Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 26th August 1867, No. 270.

1. In paragraph 2 of their Proceedings of the 9th April last, No. 2,242, the Board authorized the Collector to take steps for carrying into execution the measures suggested by Mr. Smith, the Salt Deputy Collector, as being necessary for the enlargement of the Madras Cotaur.

2. The Superintending Engineer was written to, and in reply to another reference on the subject, he now sends the enclosed letter* of Mr. Fraser, from which it would appear that a sum of

* Copy.

about Rupees 13,000 will be required for the work in question. The Superintending Engineer has no funds for the work, nor are there any funds under the Collector's control, no provision for this work having been made in the Budget; and as the enlargement of the platform has to be commenced on emergency, I request sanction for the necessary expenditure. As the new platform has to be constructed before the monsoon, I request permission to commence the work at once with the

unexpended amount now available from the sum† sanctioned in the Budget for the current year. The money expended

from this source will be refunded when sanction is obtained for the work now under report.

From W. FRASER, Esq., to the Acting Superintending Engineer, dated Madras, 23rd August 1867, No. 94.

1. I have this moment, 4 p.m., received your Memorandum, No. 2,511, giving cover to Mr. Smith's letter, No. 185, dated 20th instant, and the Collector's letter, No. 244, dated 21st instant, and in reply I have the honor to state that I am just now writing a specification for the work in question. The plans, estimate, &c., will be sent to you early to-morrow, but in the meantime I can tell you that the estimate for the whole work, that is, the converting into a salt platform with roads, gates, covered drain, guard-houses, &c., the piece of waste land lying on the east of Cochrane's Canal and north of the Elephant Gate bridge is 13,330 Rupees.

2. It would be no easy matter to finish this work in three weeks; but if I get the order at once to proceed with the work, I think that, beginning at the north end of the land, I could complete the platform as fast as they could cover it with salt heaps. In the present emergency I would undertake to do this; but, probably, at an excess on the estimate of from one to two thousand Rupees, as a large proportion of the earth must be carted from a great distance, and cart-owners would probably take advantage of the circumstance to raise their price.

3. I send this by the messenger who brought me your Memorandum. Mr. Smith's and Mr. Thornhill's letters are returned.

No. 2,537.

To be returned.

1. Forwarded to the Acting Collector, with reference to his letter of the 21st August 1867, No. 244.

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must be met by a redistribution of the provision for Salt works in the Revenue Budget for the current year as revised by the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

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

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The frst direction
the expenditure of 1855-56.
in the work in question
as recommended by the
B^d is in anticipation of
the submission of regular
estimated & on the distinct
understanding that the charges
must be met by any
redistribution of the
budget provision for salt
works in the Revenue budget
for the current year as
revised by the B^d.

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