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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th April 1868.*

No. 580. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department :—

Communicating Revenue Proceedings to the
Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, for
early report on the plan proposed by the Col-
lector of Tanjore for the formation of an
Establishment for the Executive superinten-
dence, &c., of roads in Tanjore district. } (Here enter 20th March 1868, No. 914.)

No. 581. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1868, No. 1,117.

Local Funds, No. 22.
<i>Establishments.</i>

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

For orders.

Reve. DEPARTMENT.

The Collector's proposals appear No. 703
to be very judicious, and the
charges moderate.

Dated 27th February 1868

I conclude that Government
are preparing final orders R ORDERS.

will await the letter from the Board of Revenue
the Supt. Engineer, may perhaps attempt to work two
with whom C. O. O's opinion is Tanjore District, was
on the matter, as no doubt that nothing ought to be
most other Collectors will my Mr Morris' proposal
follow Mr Morris' initiative. to me can satisfy ourselves

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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

No. 703

From Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 27th February 1868

FOR ORDERS.

Mr. Morris' plan is, no doubt, a better one, but our late attempt to work two departments in the Tanjore District, was so unsuccessful, that nothing ought to be done towards carrying Mr. Morris' proposal into execution until we can satisfy ourselves that the officer at the head of the P.W.D. of Tanjore will cordially support it. Colonel our should also be requested to state his opinion on the merits of the plan and report whether any & what members of the District P.W. Department may permanently be placed under the Collector's orders.

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Mr Morris' arrangements will not avoid
the old difficulty created by two distinct de-
partments labouring side by side on public
works while each competes with the other
for local labor and material. - This was
felt to be an almost insuperable difficulty
in 1857/58 and 1858/59.

Should we then the P.W. Dept. with the
able to spare a good man such as Mr.
Morris ought to have for Rs. 500. a month.
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W. J.

I agree with Mr Phillips that
before sanctioning Mr Morris' proposal
we should have before us the views
of the Superintending Engineer &
of the Secretary to the S. P. W.
I dare say that there will be
some difficulty in carrying out

the arrangement proposed, but
it seems clear that some
change must be made in the
present system not only in
Tanjore but in other districts, if
the Local Funds are to be effectively
utilized.

W. J.

and is likely to be always hereafter, it has been found next to impossible to expend
the whole amount sanctioned within the year.

5. In a deltaic district like Tanjore, the working season of the year is
necessarily short, being limited generally to six months, from December to May,
and as it is at this time that the Revenue Department has to perform the heaviest
part of its own duties, viz., the settlement of the Jummahbundy with the detailed
investigation of claims to remission for waste and shavi, it cannot be expected
that, with an establishment cut down to the lowest amount, this department can
undertake and properly carry out any public works whatever in addition to its own
duties.

6. Under the present system, however, the Revenue Department labors
under another serious difficulty. According to the rules now in vogue, all
plans and estimates have to be prepared by the Officers of the Public Works
Department, but it often happens that in course of carrying them out

No. 194. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th February 1868, No. 1,411.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallum, Tanjore talook, 6th November 1867, No. 213:—

1. Adverting to the great importance which the District Road Fund in this district has now assumed in consequence of the introduction of the Road Cess, I have the honor to lay before the Board, for their consideration, the urgent necessity which exists for providing an adequate agency for the executive superintendence of works to be carried out from this Fund.

2. As the Board are aware, the estimated receipts on account of this Fund for the next official year amount to Rupees 2,48,100, and the estimated expenditure also amounts to the same sum, of which no less than Rupees 2,01,852 are for works coming under the head of

	New Works.	Repairs.	Total.
1864-65 ...	54,101	1,92,408	2,46,509
1865-66 ...	76,969	1,69,688	2,46,657
1866-67 ...	81,039	1,54,934	2,35,973
Average ...	70,703	1,72,343	2,43,046

“Communication,” including new works and repairs. This sum is but little below the average expenditure on Imperial Public Works in this district for the past three years, as shewn in the margin.

3. As the bulk of the Fund consists of the Road Cess, it may be safely assumed to be as permanent as the Imperial Land Revenue itself, and an annual expenditure of about two lacs of Rupees on district roads in this district may be looked upon, therefore, as a matter of certainty; thus shewing, beyond all doubt, the desirability which exists for providing a permanent separate executive agency, in order that this large annual sum may be fully and carefully utilized.

4. Up to the present time, as the Board are aware, the execution of works sanctioned from the District Road Fund has been undertaken partly by the Revenue and partly by the Public Works Departments, the proportion undertaken by the latter being comparatively small; but the real truth has been that neither of the two departments has had the necessary time or the requisite subordinate agency for carrying out its respective quota of the work, and hence, it has happened, that even with an annual budget amounting to about one-fifth of what it is at present and is likely to be always hereafter, it has been found next to impossible to expend the whole amount sanctioned within the year.

5. In a deltaic district like Tanjore, the working season of the year is necessarily short, being limited generally to six months, from December to May, and as it is at this time that the Revenue Department has to perform the heaviest part of its own duties, viz., the settlement of the Jummahbundy with the detailed investigation of claims to remission for waste and shavi, it cannot be expected that, with an establishment cut down to the lowest amount, this department can undertake and properly carry out any public works whatever in addition to its own duties.

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Goodrich Bros.

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