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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th May 1868.*

No. 87. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Communicating Revenue Proceedings to Super-
intending Engineer, 6th Division, regarding
appropriation of funds for certain roads in
Trichinopoly, Cuddapah, and Kurnool Dis-
tricts. } (Here-enter 29th April 1868, No. 1,315.)

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1868, No. 1,225.

Local Funds, No. 2.
Civil Works.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,315.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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29th April 1868.

No. 570. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, in the Revenue Department, dated 18th April 1868, No. 1,031 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th March 1868, No. 2,232.

Read the following letters :—

From the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 25th October 1867, No. 300.

1. Adverting to paragraphs 10, 11, and 19 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August, and in continuation of my letter No. 268, dated 7th instant, I have the honor to state that the Superintending Engineer has informed me that provision has been made, in the ensuing year's Imperial Budget, for refunding the amount advanced from Local Funds on account of the road from Trichinopoly to Salem *via* Torriore.

2. With regard to the ten per cent. allowance, I beg to draw the attention of the Board to the marginal correspondence. In their Proceedings, No. 370, dated 12th February 1866, Revenue Department, the Government provisionally sanctioned an outlay of Rupees 10,000 from the District Road Fund on account of the above work for 1865-66, but the amount actually spent in that year was only Rupees 939. In calculating the ten per cent. allowance for 1865-66, the Accountant General committed an error in charging 1,000 Rupees on *this* work on account of superintendence, and we have by this mistake unfortunately lost this sum, as in the Board's Proceedings, No. 3,593, dated 12th June 1867, it was declared too late to make any adjustment.

3. A similar error was committed by the same officer in calculating the ten per cent. allowance for the last year 1866-67. I will address the Board separately on the subject.

Road along the Coleroon bank from the Lower Anicut to the road between Woodiarpollum and Jeyencondasholapoorum.

4. The Superintending Engineer states that Rupees 900 may equitably be claimed from the Imperial Treasury on account of the greater protection afforded to the river bank by the formation of the marginal road. The sum is small, but I am not prepared to dispute the grounds assigned by Captain Oakes.

5. The large road map called for in paragraph 19 is herein enclosed. On further consideration, and after consultation with the Superintending Engineer, I beg to suggest that the works, mentioned in the margin, be added to the list of Imperial works proposed by the Board, and that the road from Trichinopoly to Salem *via* Torriore be transferred to Local Funds as the Imperial Revenue can hardly be ~~used~~ with the maintenance

1. Trunk Road to Salem *via* Museri and Tottiem.
2. Do. to Caroor.
3. Do. from Trichinopoly to Trunk Road No. IX. at Chellagoody and Jeyencondasholapoorum.

Board, and that the road from Trichinopoly to Salem *via* Torriore be transferred to Local Funds as the Imperial Revenue can hardly be ~~used~~ with the maintenance

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of two different lines of communication between the same two places. My scheme compared with that of the Board's stands as follows:—

Board's scheme.

1. Trunk Road No. 8 to Madras.
2. Do. to Salem *via* Torriore.
3. Do. from Trichinopoly to Madura.
4. Do. from do. to Dindigul.
5. Do. from do. to Tanjore.

Collector's scheme.

1. Trunk Road No. 8 to Madras.
2. Do. to Salem *via* Museri and Tottiem.
3. Do. to Caroor.
4. Do. from Trichinopoly to the Trunk Road No. IX. *via* Callagoody and Jeyencondasholapoorum.
5. Do. from do. to Madura.
6. Do. from do. to Dindigul.
7. Do. from do. to Tanjore.

6. The result of my proposal would, therefore, be that the maintenance of the undermentioned roads, hitherto maintained under the head of Minor Repairs from Imperial Funds, should be transferred to Local Funds.

1. Road from Trichinopoly to Salem <i>via</i> Torriore, grant already sanctioned.— <i>Vide</i> G. O., Nos. 19 and 1,477, dated respectively 5th January and 20th May 1864	Rs. 2,200
Further grant required for the next year when the road is completed	2,000
2. Do. from do. to Combacconum	1,080
3. Do. from do. to Circarpolliem	315
4. Do. from do. to Vyaloor	180
5. Do. from do. to Poodocottah	400
6. Do. from Tirmalvady to Coelamanikiam	180
	6,355

7. I have provided for the above works in Part II. of my Local Fund Budget for the next year. The roads already completed, in progress, and proposed, would cost annually some Rupees 13,500. Thus the maintenance allowance alone would absorb nearly one-third of our available resources under that Fund, and the remaining two-thirds would, in my opinion, be necessarily required to meet the future requirements of the district.

8. In fact, it is the opinion of Captain Oakes and myself, that if a larger proportion of our District Road Fund be diverted to the repairs of roads hitherto maintained from Imperial Funds, our Railway feeders and other important district lines, now being undertaken, will be starved, and eventually will have to be completed from Imperial Funds. There will never be any difficulty, on revision of the question hereafter in transferring maintenance grants from Imperial to Local Funds, but it will not be so easy to reverse such transfers now, that the Supreme Government have declared their sanction to be necessary in each instance. Meanwhile, for a good many years to come, there will be most ample occupation in this district for every rupee that the Local Road Fund will yield.

Enclosure No. 1.—Map.

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From the same Officer, dated 7th November 1867, No. 317.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 7,063, dated 30th ultimo, I have the honor to refer them to my letters, as per margin, wherein I have expressed my opinion that the road in question should be considered as an Imperial work. Captain Oakes also is of the same opinion, and our reasons are fully explained in the concluding paragraph of my letter, No. 300.

1. The first of the foregoing letters is in reply to paragraph 19 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd August 1867, No. 5,453, reviewing the Trichinopoly Revised District Road Fund Budget for the current official year.

2. The Acting Collector states that he learns from the Superintending Engineer that provision has been made, in the ensuing year's Public Works Budget, for refunding the amounts advanced from Local Funds for the road from Trichinopoly to Salem *via* Torriore. The Board observe that the provision in that Budget is only Rupees 5,000; whereas the total amount allotted, including the actual expenditure incurred during the past two years, amounts to Rupees 11,290, as shewn in the margin. The Acting Collector is requested to report further on the matter.

3. As regards the recovery of the ten per cent. allowance charged on the amount advanced from the District Road Fund for the work above alluded to as a loan to the Imperial Funds, it is observed that the subject has been referred to the Controller of Public Works Accounts in the Board's Proceedings, dated 21st January 1868, No. 464, whose reply has just been received, and will be disposed of separately.

4. Adverting to paragraph 4 of the Collector's first letter, the Board resolve to request Government to issue orders to the Superintending Engineer of the Division, to contribute from Imperial Funds the sum of Rupees 900, which, he states, may equitably be claimed from the Imperial Treasury as grant-in-aid, in consideration of the greater security afforded to the river bank by the formation of the road along the Coleroon from the Lower Anicut to the road between Woodiarpolliam and Jeyencondasholapoorum, at an estimated cost of Rupees 10,100.

5. In paragraph 5 of the first letter, the Acting Collector suggests that the works marginally described be added to the list of Imperial roads proposed by the Board in paragraph 19 of their Proceedings above adverted to. The Board are of opinion that only the first two can be treated as Imperial lines, and that the completion and maintenance of all other lines in the district should devolve on the Road Fund, and they resolve to direct that the sum of Rupees 4,200, inadvertently provided in the ensuing year's Road Fund Budget for the maintenance of the road from Trichinopoly to the Salem

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frontier *via* Torriore, be struck out, leaving it to the Public Works Department to provide funds for it. The line to Caroor should be treated as local, as the Railway runs parallel to it.

6. The Board quite agree in the opinion expressed in the concluding paragraph of the first letter, concurred in by the Superintending Engineer, to the effect that, for a good many years to come, there will be ample occupation in the district for every rupee that the Road Fund will yield, and that if a larger proportion of this fund be diverted to the repairs of the roads maintained from Imperial Funds, the several Railway feeders and other important local lines, now being undertaken, will have to be postponed for an indefinite time.

7. The second letter above recorded is a reply to the endorsement of Government, dated 9th October 1867, on a letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, regarding the transfer of the road from Trichinopoly to join Trunk Road No. IX. *via* Callagoody, Keelapolur, and Woodiarpollum from the Imperial to the Local lines. From the above remarks, it will be seen that this road, in the Board's opinion, should be treated as an Imperial line.

Miscellaneous.

1. Paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings will be referred to the Department Public Works for disposal.

2. The Government deem it necessary to bring this constantly recurring discussion as to the chargeability of roads to Imperial or Local Funds to a definite conclusion, and therefore resolve to direct that the Superintending Engineers and Collectors of Districts shall, without delay, prepare, in communication with one another, a list for each district of all the roads, the formation, repair, or maintenance of which shall hereafter be charged to Imperial Funds, with the understanding that all other road-work must be provided for from Local Funds. It will be open to them to provide in particular cases that the road shall be put in order from Imperial Funds before transfer of charge, or to propose that a line be made from Imperial Funds and transferred to Local Funds for maintenance, but in these cases they will briefly state the reasons for their recommendations.

3. The Superintending Engineer will forward one copy of the list direct to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works. The Collector will forward a second copy to Government in the Revenue Department through the Board, who will submit it with their remarks.

4. The Superintending Engineer and the Collector will be at liberty to add at the end of their respective lists, and under a distinct heading, any recommendations in which they may fail to secure the concurrence of their colleague. The Government will finally decide what roads shall be maintained and on what terms.

(Type Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON

Secretary to Government

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No. 571. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1868, No. 1,315.

ACCOUNT, No. 47.

1. Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division, who will submit his opinion on the proposal contained in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings.

2. Adverting to paragraph 2, the Government note that a sum of Rs. 11,289 was placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division in the Proceedings of this Department of the 9th March 1868, No. 787, for the construction of the road from Trichinopoly to the Salem frontier, *via* Torriore, and they conclude that the amount has been credited to Local Funds, in repayment of the advances obtained from that source.

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings, the Government resolve to withdraw the sum of Rupees 8,166 which has been provided in Part III of the current year's Imperial Budget for the road from Trichinopoly to Caroor, and to direct that amount to be appropriated as follows:—

To Trichinopoly District.—Repair of road from Trichinopoly to Salem frontier, *via* Torriore 4,200

To Kurnool District.—Repair of road from Nundial to the Kurnool frontier near Chagalmarry.

* Includes Rs. 360 hitherto charged to Petty Establishments in Part IV of the Budget. See G. O. No. 378, dated 4th February 1868 3,650*

To Cuddapah District.—Repair of road from Kazipett to the Kurnool frontier near Chagalmarry. See G. O. No. 378, dated 4th February 1868 316

4. The Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division will submit a statement showing how he proposes to appropriate the increased† maintenance grant for the first of these lines.

5. Rupees 2,800† remain to be provided for the maintenance of the road from Kazipett to the Kurnool frontier. This amount will be allotted hereafter, and in anticipation of a supplemental assignment, the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division is authorized to incur an aggregate outlay not exceeding Rupees 3,125 on the repair of that line of communication.

6. Adverting to the Board's remarks regarding the road from Trichinopoly to the Salem frontier, *via* Torriore, the Government observe that the current year's Imperial Budget contains provision to the extent of Rupees 10,672 for the repair of the line from Trichinopoly to Salem, *via* Torriore. Under these circumstances it cannot be expected that the Imperial Public Works assignment should actually contribute towards the maintenance of another line connecting the same places by

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a different route. This matter will receive further attention, and be finally disposed of, when the lists called for in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Orders above recorded are brought under the consideration of Government.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To Captain Kennedy.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Accountant General.
.. Revenue Department.

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