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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th June 1868.

No. 219. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department :—

Passing orders on papers relative to a proposal
from the Collector of Kistna district, for
diverting the traffic from the town of Bezwada, } (Here enter 29th May 1868, No. 1,697.)
and thus improving its sanitary condition.

No. 220. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1868, No. 1,611.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. E. Bantleman.

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29th May 1868.*

No. 703.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th July 1867, No. 4,167.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 25th May 1867, No. 168.

1. I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of the Board, a letter and plan from Mr. Stuart, Head Assistant Collector, containing a proposal for diverting the traffic from the town of Bezwada. I have long felt that some such arrangement was desirable in a sanitary point of view, and now that the Road Cess has placed funds at the disposal of the Government for local purposes, I think the undertaking might be fairly taken up. The chief expense will be the bridge across the canal, and, to render the plan still more perfect, another bridge should also be constructed over the Ellore canal, but that is not so urgently needed.

2. The Board will observe the high terms in which Mr. Stuart writes of the services of Captain Smith, Mr. Forster, and the Dresser, during the late outbreak of cholera.

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector of the Kistna District, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Bezwada, 14th May 1867, No. 97.

I have the honor to forward a rough sketch of Bezwada, and to request you, if possible, to sanction the early commencement of the works proposed and marked upon it, viz. :—

1. A road from the west side of the Bezwada hill round the hill to the west end of the bridge over the Ellore canal.

2. A timber or masonry bridge over Bunder canal about a mile from the head sluice.

3. It is only by carrying out both works that Bezwada can be protected from yearly outbreaks of cholera brought by pilgrims to the Mangalagiri and other feasts; as the roads now lie, these pilgrims cannot get across the river Kistna, or from the Bunder to the Hyderabad road without passing through the town.

4. I have to report that this year, notwithstanding the most unsparing exertions, courage, and forethought on the part of Captain Smith, Executive Engineer, Mr. Forster, Inspector of Police, and also of the Dresser Manuel, 127 persons were attacked with cholera brought by the pilgrims from Mangalagiri festival, of whom 77 died.

5. I trust, therefore, that, considering that Bezwada is the crossing point of the Calcutta and Madras, and Hyderabad and Masulipatam roads, and by its position necessarily exposed to the ravages of cholera brought by pilgrims to Mangalagiri and other places, you will consider the necessity of providing some means of communication without passing through the town so great as to justify the expenditure from Local Funds for the road and bridge proposed, this being the only way, as far as I can see, in which that object can be attained.

6. There is now a choultry at Sitanagaram, opposite Bezwada, on the other side of river, and the people of Bezwada are, I believe, prepared to raise 500 Rupees towards building a choultry if the Board will give 500 Rupees from Local Funds, and a piece of land for the endowment of the choultry on this side of the river near the bridge proposed so that when pilgrims are shut out of the town they will not be altogether without shelter.

7. It is not necessary for me to suggest rewards for Mr. Forster and the Dresser, as the Superintendent of Police has proposed the promotion of the former, and a reward has been already promised on the application of Captain Smith for the latter, the people of Bezwada are also raising a subscription to present him with a testimonial.

8. I cannot conclude without remarking that the people of Bezwada owe very much to Captain Smith, who left nothing undone that could have been thought of; providing a temporary Hospital,

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visiting the patients, and encouraging them personally, providing medical attendance, securing the proper disposal of the dead, and doing all that could be done to allay the panic in the town.

9. I was myself absent on circuit, but am glad to be able to say that Captain Smith was satisfied with the conduct of the Tahsildar on the occasion.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Plan.

1. With the foregoing letter, the Collector submits a letter from the Acting Head Assistant Collector, containing the following proposals to improve the sanitary condition of the town of Bezwada :—

First.—The formation of a bridge from the west side of the Bezwada hill, round the hill to the west end of the bridge over the Ellore canal.

Second.—A timber or masonry bridge over the Bunder canal, about a mile from the head sluice.

Third.—A choultry to be built on the Bezwada side of the Kistna river near the bridge proposed.

2. The Board consider the above proposals to be very desirable, and, therefore, request the Collector to forward, as soon as possible, the necessary plans and estimates, in order that they may be laid before Government. It, however, appears to the Board that as Bezwada is on the Great Northern Trunk line, the expense of the project, save the erection of the choultry, should be met from the Imperial, or, if such exist, from the Municipal Funds.

3. The Board sanction from the Reserve of the District Road Fund the sum of 500 Rupees for the erection of the choultry, on the understanding that the people of the town will contribute the like amount. The Collector is, however, requested to state on what plan the Chuttrum is proposed to be built, and what endowment the Collector would propose for it, and what endowment the Chuttrum at Seetana-gram now possesses.

No. 703A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th May 1868, No. 3,255. Read again the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, dated 25th May 1867, No. 168, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 4th July 1867, No. 4,167.

Read also the following letter from the same officer, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Circuit Catcherry at Nizampatam, in Repalli talook, 6th March 1868, No. 79.

1. With reference to Board's Proceedings No. 4,167, dated 4th July last, on the subject of improving the sanitary condition of the town of Bezwada, I have the honor to forward herewith plans and estimates, as per margin, for the road from a point north of Quarry hill of Bezwada around the adjacent hills, with the necessary masonry works, amounting

- 1 Sketch.
- 3 Plans.
- 1 Detailed Estimate.
- 1 Abstract do.
- 1 Specification Report.

to Rupees 3,060, and request the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction

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of Government for meeting the same from the Imperial Funds, as no Municipality has been established at Bezwada. No provision is made in the estimate for a bridge over Bunder canal. I have requested the Superintending Engineer to supply the omission.

2. With respect to the choultry to be built on the Bezwada side of the Kistna river near the proposed bridge, I beg to inform the Board that the plan of the building will be forwarded shortly.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 7.—Plans and Estimates.

1. In the first letter above recorded, the Collector submitted the following proposals for directing the traffic from the town of Bezwada, and thus improving its sanitary condition :—

First.—The formation of a road from the west side of the Bezwada hill, round the hill to the west end of the bridge over the Ellore canal.

Second.—A timber or masonry bridge over the Bunder canal, about a mile from the head sluice.

Third.—A choultry to be built on the west side of the Kistna river near the bridge proposed.

2. The Board approved of the proposals, and called for the necessary plans and estimates. With the exception of the choultry, which has already been authorized* to be erected from the District Road Funds, the expense of the remaining portion of the project should be met

* Board's Proceedings dated 4th July 1867, No. 4,167. from Imperial Funds, as Bezwada is on the Great Northern Trunk line as well as on the Hyderabad and Masulipatam road.

3. With the second of the foregoing letters, the Collector forwards plans and estimates for the road from a point north of the Quarry hill of Bezwada, around the adjacent hills, amounting to Rupees 3,060. The Board resolve to submit the estimates for the sanction of Government, the cost being met from the Imperial Funds.

Transferred to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government, R. D.

9th May 1868.

ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1868, No. 1,697.

No. 704.

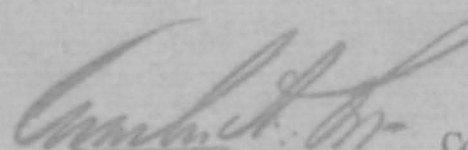
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The Government fail to perceive that the circuitous piece of road referred to in paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings of the 4th May 1868 can be considered an Imperial line of communication, as the main trunk road already exists, skirting Bezoarah on the one side and the canal on the other, and they therefore concur in the opinion originally expressed

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by the Collector and the Acting Head Assistant Collector of the Kistna District that the funds required for the road in question, as well as for the proposed bridge over the Bunder canal, should be provided from the District Road Cess collections. Under any circumstances, the consideration of the estimate of Rupees 3,060 submitted by the Board will be deferred, pending the disposal of the statements called for in Revenue Proceedings of the 18th April 1868, No. 1,031.

(True Extract.)


Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

- .. Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
- .. Accountant General.
- .. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- .. Revenue Department.

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