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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 66. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Coimbatore, 30th September 1867, No. 102:—

1. I have the honor to address Government on the subject of the classification of roads as Imperial or District, with special reference to Proceedings of the Revenue Board relating to the Supplementary Local Fund Budgets of 1867-68, and to the compilation of the Imperial Budget of the 7th Division for 1868-69.

2. CANARA DISTRICT.—The transfers to be made from the Imperial to the Local Fund Budgets, as noted in G. O., No. 2,434 of 10th August, were unanimously agreed to. But from paragraph 7 of the Board's Proceedings, communicated to me therewith, it appears that they propose a transfer, from the Local to the Imperial List, of the road from Hosdroog to the Malabar frontier, to trace and open which to Bridle-path as a District Road, Mr. Cadell and I had concurred in entering an allotment of Rupees 2,500 in the Supplemental Budget now struck out. The present Collector, though willing that this year's allotment shall stand, is against any further expenditure of District Funds on the line, as being, in his opinion and that of the Board, the continuation of an Imperial Line from Pani-Mangalore by Vitla to Hosdroog. To which my rejoinder is, that the Imperial object in making that road was, not to facilitate the movement of troops, but to enable the rice of South Canara to reach Cannanore in the monsoon, when the local supply sometimes runs short and is with difficulty supplemented. And such object being attained by the junction of Pani-Mangalore, the head of the Mangalore river water, with Hosdroog, the head of the Cannanore water communication, I cannot recommend any further extension of the line from Imperial Funds. Moreover, the road on the Malabar side of the frontier has been in progress for some years from District Funds exclusively. The decision of Government is requested on this subject, in forming which, reference to the correspondence with G. O., No. 4,192 of 25th November 1859, Military Department, and G. O., No. 2,966 of 21st December 1859, Public Works Department, is advisable.

3. COIMBATORE DISTRICT.—In paragraph 8 of their Proceedings, printed with G. O., No. 2,111 of 9th September, the Board state their opinion "that (the Neilgherry "Roads and Western Trunk Line excepted,) the Burghoor Ghaut Road is the only "really Imperial work in the district." Again, in paragraph 17, they repeat their opinion "that the line from Collegal to Bhowany, and the West Trunk Line and "Hill Roads, are the only roads that could be regarded as Imperial, and be wholly "made and maintained from the Imperial Funds;" and they particularly observe that the line from Pothanoor to Mettapolliem should be classed as a District Road. These views are diametrically opposed to the Collector's and my own. We are of opinion that the line from Errode Railway Station, by Suttiamungalum and the Hassanoor Ghaut, to the Mysore frontier fulfils Imperial requirements even more than that under construction by the Burghoor Ghauts; that the road from Pothanoor to Mettapolliem is eminently Imperial in character; and that the only roads now on

the Imperial List, which may fairly be transferred to the District List, are as named below, *viz* :—

		Maintenance Allowance.
Coimbatore by Pulladum to Konghiem	Rupees	4,158
Darapooram to Konghiem (part of Rupees 3,564)	,,	1,584
Tripoor by Pulladum and Periaputty to Oodmulpetta	,,	3,960
Maintenance of Hill Roads	,,	1,500
Making a total deduction of	,,	11,202

from the charges against Imperial revenue.

4. Malabar District.—The Collector and myself have agreed on the roads specified in the subjoined list as those which may properly be transferred from the Imperial to the Local Fund Budget, *viz* :—

Palghaut Railway Feeder	Rupees	396
Angadypooram to Puttamby Station	,,	1,485
Tiroovengady to Purpengady Station	,,	396
Cherpulcherry to Wuttapolliem Station	,,	1,089
Tanoor Railway Feeder	,,	198
Ponany to Tiroor Railway Station	,,	990
Total		4,554

5. Mr. Ballard has, moreover, provided in next year's Local Budget for entry of the three items specified in my letter, referred to the Revenue Board for report, in G. O., No. 558 of 7th March, and aggregating Rupees 13,200, as a contribution from the amount of tolls collected on Imperial Roads towards the construction and maintenance of the bridges on those lines, and at which such tolls are collected. But from paragraph 13 of the Board's Proceedings on his Supplemental Budget of the current year, I find that they have struck out the two sums of Rupees 3,740 and Rupees 7,700, specially provided by him for the bridge repairs, alluded to in my letter above quoted, which have long been under execution as emergent works, and for which no other funds are available. And I must presume, therefore, that his provision of Rupees 13,200 in next year's Budget will be similarly nullified.

6. Considering that the bridges and ferries on Malabar Imperial Lines have been let this year for no less a sum than Rupees 35,330, I am at a loss to understand on what grounds the Board withhold a contribution of only one-third that sum towards necessary repairs of the structures on which the greater part of the gross amount is levied in tolls. Especially, as in Coimbatore Government have ruled that when tolls are levied on Imperial Roads, the cost of their repairs shall be a first charge on the collections when any addition is required to the imperial contributions; in conformity with which orders, the Board pass in the Local Budgets of that district, additional Maintenance Allowances of precisely the same nature as those they disallow in Malabar. That any practical inconvenience, either in executing or keeping accounts of works, need arise from the system of making grants for them from different funds, as alleged in paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings on the Coimbatore Supplemental Budget, I am not prepared to admit. A simple transfer

of local funds is made to my credit and the Executive Officer's account for their outlay to the Controller, without further trouble to the Board or Collectors.

7. It is desirable that final orders be passed on this subject. And I take this opportunity also of requesting that my application, for supply to Superintending Engineers, direct and in sufficient number, of copies of the Revenue Board's orders, sanctioning works to be carried out by the agency of Public Works Executives, may be disposed of at the same time.

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Referred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

7th October 1867.

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Referred to the Board of Revenue for their remarks.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

7th October 1867.

No. 67. Order thereon, 7th December 1868, No. 3,041.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

Exd. W. Cranston.

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Reporting on the classification of Roads as Imperial or District. relating the Supplemental Local Fund Budget of 1867/68 and to the compilation of the Imperial Budget for 1868/69.

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